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Looking back at 2018 and forward to 2019

Kathy Kramer assumed the Presidency of the ACP at the annual meeting in January. Outgoing President Jody Koenigseker thanked the Board for their support during her two year presidency and will remain as part of the Board. New board members are Pat Gates and Jan Horning. At the January meeting the board reviewed statistics (see article below) and various events scheduled.



Members of the Alliance Community Pantry board of trustees are, front row from left, Carol Henry, Betsy Brown, Kathy Kramer, Marcia Domino, Jody Koenigseker and Jan Horning. In the back, from left, are Bob Shaffer, Pantry Manager David Floyd, Jim Greiner, Glenn Rupp, Gary Wagner, Kyle Woodrow, Joe Cullum, Mike Patterson, John Whitehair and Pat Gates. Not pictured are Sonya Wood and Betty Rush.

At our January meeting the statistics from 2018 were reviewed. Interesting stats!

Individual Households Using Pantry	2,181 individuals
Total People in Those Households	7,228
Total Visits to Pantry	15,904 visits
First Time Clients	447
Food Distributed	1,184,417 pounds
Donated in Local Food Drives	38,243 pounds. (local churches, Mount Union, scouts, etc.)
Donated by Local Businesses	45,243 pounds. (Aldi's, Panera, Giant Eagle, Kathy's Creations, Starbucks)
Total Volunteer Hours	20,000+ hours of volunteer time
Total number of Volunteers	200+ total # volunteers

Major Facilities Upgrades in 2018 - Used truck; new electric hand jack; permanent benches, defibrillator, and electrical upgrades to the facility.

We continue to meet the needs of our community in a meaningful way.

IMPACTING INDIVIDUALS IN AN IMPORTANT WAY

Sometimes we learn the pantry's impact much later. Recently I spoke to a church giving a powerpoint of updates and statistics about the pantry. Afterward a young man approached and sat down. He said, "I'm so glad you're spreading the word. That was me a few months ago." I must have looked confused and he continued.

"I was destitute. I had nothing and nowhere to turn. For several weeks what I had to eat came from visiting the pantry. Thank you!"

I was moved and surprised as he looked confident, and if the world were great to him. But it was a powerful reminder that we don't know what is happening in another person's life until we are open to meeting their needs. Know that when you make a donation to the pantry, you might be helping someone have enough cash to get gas, or have enough money to pay bills, or even feed someone who wouldn't eat that day without you. You never know until you meet their needs.
(Barb)

Remember that when Alliance City Schools are closed for snow or cold, the pantry is also closed.

- Alliance Community Pantry Board Members**
- Betsy Brown
 - Joe Cullum
 - Marcia Domino
 - Dave Floyd
 - Pat Gates, Secretary
 - Jim Greiner, Treasurer
 - Carol Henry
 - Jan Horning
 - Jody Koenigseker, Past Pres.
 - Kathy Kramer, President
 - Mike Patterson, VP
 - Glenn Rupp
 - Betty Rush
 - Bob Shaffer
 - Gary Wagner,
 - John Whitehair
 - Sonya Wood

SERVING ON MLK DAY

Sixteen University of Mount Union students, including the entire women's volleyball team, braved the freezing cold and snow and arrived at the pantry on MLK Day to give it a good cleaning.



The students were part of the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, coordinated by Mount's Regula Center for Public Service, in which nearly 550 students spread out all over town to work on projects with more than 20 non-profits.

The students, as they do every year, gave the pantry a deep cleaning in the screening and shopping rooms and the warehouse. Doing the work were Madelin DiBease, Abby VanHorssen, Carly Stepic, Megan Donegan, Bethany Matuska, Alison Guerini, Morgan Boswell, Marlee Peck, Maria Ellesin, Alaina Kelley, Rachel Hawk, Kristen Powell, Chase Flick, Renee Antonelli, Taylor Orlando and Alex Duffy.

Three of our loyal volunteers head up and supervise the cleaning crews that arrive almost monthly during the year. They are Jane Helwig, Judi Brush and Corrine Hirvela and all have been volunteers at the pantry for years. Jane and Judi were Day managers and Corrine, a former board member, works the front desk on Mondays. We thank them and the many groups who help us keep the pantry clean and inviting.

