



MIKE'S EFFORTS FOR THE PANTRY COVER THE SPECTRUM

For those of you who are Facebook Friends of the Pantry, you were treated to a feature early in June during which Mike Patterson, Facebook liaison, highlighted each of the shifts at the pantry. That means he attended every session, warehouse stocking, truckers, office crew, board meeting, operations meeting, and on and on. He also noted all the behind the scenes volunteers - food orderer, grant writer, facilities workers, etc.



Dave Puterbaugh, one of the founders, remembered how worried founders were about having enough volunteers and he was inspired to count all the names in Mike's Facebook entries - 155! Every week 155 people volunteer their time - almost exactly the same number as when the pantry opened 9 years ago.

One unsung hero among all these volunteers is Mike Patterson. He is the Vice President in charge of operations, but he does so much more. Mike was on the original crew who structured the by-laws and founded the pantry so he's been involved for 10 years. Always humbly underplaying his role, Mike is a face known to all the teams as he troubleshoots problem that crop up. He also takes photos for our newsletter and Facebook pages. Mike chairs the Operations Committee, helps schedule various groups who volunteer for pantry cleaning, speaks to groups about the pantry, picks up breads and foods from Panera and Aldi's, and whatever else anyone needs at the moment. In short, he gives his all and the pantry benefits every day.



HIGHLIGHTING 10 YEARS OF PANTRY SERVICE. ~ Thanks Mike!

BUCKEYE GIRLS STATERS SERVE WHILE STUDYING

As they've done the past eight years, 18 of the nearly 900 Buckeye Girls State students visiting the University of Mount Union in June and their advisors, participated in local civic service by giving the pantry a good deep cleaning.



The girls donated over 4,000 pounds of food when they arrived on campus. They also made a cash donation of \$330. Jody Koenigseker, past president

of the pantry board, accepted the check from Vicky Buck, director of BGS, and Karen Peel, director of music and recreation.

Girls State has been a great supporter of the pantry and we look forward to seeing them again next June.



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SCREENERS PREPARE FOR YEARLY REGISTRATION CHECK IN JULY

All of the screeners, under the guidance of Carol Henry, assembled in late June to discuss the registration process and hear of any changes this year. When arriving at the pantry, clients will have to provide a photo ID, preferably a drivers license, and a proof of residence, by showing any piece of official mail delivered to their current address. Clients will be required by the state to report any changes in household such as address, phone number, or members of the household. They also will be asked to provide additional information such as race, any disabilities, and if they receive food stamps. Proxies -- those who pick up food for another client -- must bring his or her own ID, plus the client's ID and proof of residence.

Volunteers who help screen our clients include Karen McKnight, Jo VanFossen, Karen Stifler, Sue Butler, Jan Puterbaugh, Carol Henry, Carol Kovich, Margaret Wise, Jan Horning, Debbie Skubiak and Pat Gates. Covering the front desk every day are Corrine Hirvela, Tommie Carter, Joe Cummings and Sue Butler.



Carol Henry gives updates to the screeners.