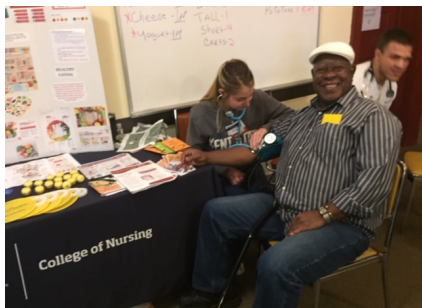




## From University to Middle School, the Pantry Receives Support



As they do every semester, Kent State nursing students in Pam Rafferty Semon's

Community Health class, serve the pantry and our clients in many ways.

They've been volunteering all semester, and in May, the students helped clients shop and worked in the waiting room performing blood pressure and oximeter screenings, educating clients on diabetes, obesity, exercise and healthy food choices, and risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

The students used an information poster, multiple handouts, and also had a jar which showed a year's worth of tar which illustrated the effects of smoking.

Alliance Middle School students Chloe Fagan, seen here, and her friend Chris Carpenter, worked on a community project to help us serve our clients.



They volunteered one evening and brought in 248 pounds of canned food they had collected by placing collection boxes around town.

The Pantry was recently informed that next year we will receive Community Block Grant funding from the city to resurface the pantry roof. Hats off to Jody Koenigseker and Kathy Kramer for submitting this CDBG grant.

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAKES ANNUAL COLLECTION

The annual collection drive by CUMC's Christian Outreach Committee, headed by Jane Helwig, delivered 397 items to the pantry. Included were: toilet paper, boxed dinners, soap, cans of tuna, laundry detergent, body wash, and miscellaneous items. Many of these are items the pantry doesn't regularly carry and they are much appreciated.

Jane thanked the Rev. John Partridge, who helped deliver the items, Lynn Goldbrick and Dolores Lawrence (seen on the right) for their help with the annual project.

And the Pantry thanks the entire church congregation for their generosity.



### New Freezer Will Increase Offerings

The Pantry Board is constantly looking for ways to improve our service to our clients, and recently had the opportunity to significantly impact our quality of offerings. The Pantry now has a new walk-in freezer that was installed this spring by Brent Kuntzman and Mike Simmons of White Refrigeration.



Due to our ability to get more meat and other frozen items lately, and the age of our current walk-in, the Pantry board of directors approved the freezer purchase at the recommendation of our warehouse volunteers.

Purchases such as this, to help us better serve our clients, are made possible because of the

continued support we receive from across the entire community.

On a personal note, I worked a shopping shift in mid-May and I have never seen such an array of food offered. In addition to key staples of eggs, milk, chicken nuggets, apples, oranges, peanut butter, and sugar, the meat offered was amazing, both in quality and quantity. (Barb)

Hats off to both our food orderer, Leigh Mainwaring, and our warehouse crew for the work they do to keep our shelves stocked.

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**HEALTH KITS FOR WOMEN:** Thanks to University of Mount Union students, our female clients are getting help with their and children's health. Coordinated by the Regula Center, Mount students prepared 200 women's health kits containing washcloths, soap, toothpaste, a comb and female hygiene products; and 200 kits for babies with washcloths, socks, diapers, etc.

Abigail Matsushima and Destanee O'Neil delivered the items to the Pantry. We thank the Regula Center and all Mount Union students for their continued support.