



### INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO PANTRY VOLUNTEERING AT RAIDERFEST

In addition to University of Mount Union student groups, the pantry was one of several community organizations and churches that took part in Mount's annual Raiderfest where students, new and experienced, learned about activities at school and in the community.

Kathy Kramer and Mike Patterson talked to students looking for service and volunteer opportunities, told them about how they can help out at the pantry, and passed out information about the pantry.

We always appreciate the help we get from students, and value our close relationship with the university.

Go Raiders!



### Community Shows Support During Carnation Festival Parade

"Many Hands Doing God's Work," was the theme of this year's First Christian Church float, and the Carnation Festival Grand Parade certainly lived up to that message.

Because of the support of the church and the amazing generosity of the parade-goers, the pantry will purchase more than 22,200 pounds of food for our clients from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Since the food we purchase from the Foodbank works out to be about 7-cents per pound, that's what the \$1,554.38 collected along the parade route can buy. We also collected a huge amount of food.



As they do every year, the church built a float for the pantry with church members and pantry volunteers walking along collecting non-perishable food and cash donations from the crowd. Based on a formula used by the Foodbank, Saturday's collection could provide more than 18,000 meals. This is another example of our loving and caring community. **We all thank you!**

## GRATITUDE ABOUNDS

In this newsletter, we regularly express gratitude for the many ways people choose to help the pantry. We are continuously awed by the depth of support from our local donors and volunteers — not just by how much money and how many hours they give—but also by the unusual ways they find to make donations, sometimes just when we need them most. From “milk and cookies,” to “Turkey Bowling,” to birthday gift donations, to memorials - our community doesn’t forget those in need. In this season of harvest and bounty we are especially grateful for the variety of fresh produce we can offer our clients.

### Another Local Business Supports the Pantry

For the second time this year, **Polen Meats** of Canton has come through with a very generous donation to help maintain our meat supply. The locally owned full-service meat market on Trump Road processed 203 one-pound packages of ground beef that came from a half a beef purchased by the pantry. Polen Meats ground and packaged the beef at no cost.

Betsy Cornell picked up and delivered the beef. It was packaged and boxed by volunteers Peggy Lashley and Jay Palmer to store for pantry use.



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## 10 YEAR OLD DONATES BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO PANTRY

The pantry receives support from all ages and in many ways. On July 4, Samuel Hays, who was turning 10, decided in lieu of gifts for his birthday party he would ask the kids to bring a donation for the pantry instead.

Samuel, who is in fifth grade at Northside Intermediate School, delivered more than 30 pounds of food and a \$5 donation from the friends who attended his party.

Samuel got the idea from the Kern family, friends of the Hays, who have donated to the food pantry in the past in lieu of birthday gifts. Samuel is the son of Jay and Rachel Hays who also have daughters, Reese, 8, and Molly, 5. Thank you Samuel, and happy birthday!

