

Alliance Community Pantry
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Our Heroes - The Faces behind the Masks



2020 will be the year we'll all remember with at least one iconic symbol - the mask. There are as many as creativity and convenience will allow, and our wonderful volunteers display them as they continue, even in the face of this pandemic, to keep the pantry open and running. These are our unsung heroes, the screeners, truck drivers, warehouse workers, loaders, office workers, and our data folk. They have all stepped up, put on their masks, washed their hands many, many times and filled trunks and back seats with pounds and pounds of groceries. We salute them!



Box Donations Are Vital

To speed up service to our clients in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, small teams of volunteers are pre-packing boxes of canned, packaged and boxed food when the pantry is closed. Pictured putting several boxes together here are Herb Spear and Jeff Graffice. Also packing was Leigh Mainwaring.



In addition to the box with a variety of food, clients receive meat, produce, refrigerated items and bread, and pre-packing the box will speed up service.

To make that

system work we need boxes - more than 300 boxes a week! For that we thank Jason and Camryn Mitchell of Combi Packaging Systems of North Canton who are donating boxes for us to pack up food, and we thank them for their support during this unusual time. The Pantry Board continues to find ways to serve our community in spite of the crises.



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WHERE'S THE BEEF?

The amazing support we get to serve our clients comes from many sources -- cash gifts; grants; special collections from schools, businesses, clubs and



organizations; and people just stopping by to give us something. That happened recently when Susie Berstler of Minerva donated 58 pounds of ground beef. We thank Susie and everyone who supports the pantry!

EGGS! EGGS! EGGS!

When the need arises, somebody will come through -- or in the case of our pantry, many people!

We received 500 dozen eggs from the Akron-Canton Foodbank that were carefully packed in layers in several large boxes. A quality food product, but to distribute to our clients we needed egg cartons to repackage them. Within a couple days we had enough cartons to fill our current needs.



Volunteers Jody Koenigseker, Patricia Sacha, who brought in a huge stack of cartons, and Debbie Skubiak, are shown here filling cartons for distribution. We the word goes out of a need, it is filled almost immediately. We thank you!

NATIONAL GUARD DELIVERS FOOD FROM THE FOODBANK



National Guard Unit Delivers and Unpacks over 8,000 Pounds of Food

In these challenging days of dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, the Ohio National Guard has stepped in to help us feed those in need. Six National Guard members and three trucks were deployed to our Pantry to deliver the food that had been ordered from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. The pantry's warehouse crew was there waiting and 8,400 pounds of food was unloaded.

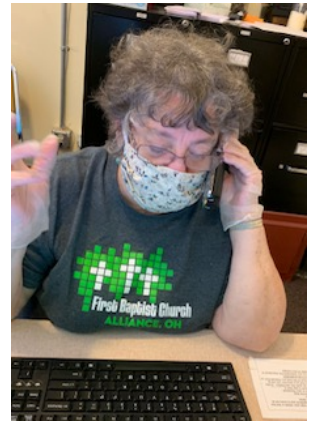


The Guard unit from Stow, under the command of Sgt. Trista Warford, has been delivering food for the Foodbank since March 23. Shelly Hinton, vice president of the Foodbank expressed her gratitude since many of their volunteers were unable to work during the pandemic. "We hope to continue to deploy the Guard through this pandemic," she said. "It's been a challenging time for many of our Foodbank partners."

Our Pantry is the third largest pantry in the Foodbank network and Hinton said, "we thank you for filling a critical need." Since we started delivering food to the cars and social distancing we have served hundreds of members of our community.



A Few More Shots of Life at the Pantry - 2020



Polen Meats Donate Again

Thanks to Brad and Nancy Polen, we have additional meat for our clients. Polen Meats of East Canton donated 422 pounds of ground beef and 75 pounds of chorizo, a spicy Spanish pork sausage, recently. This isn't the first time the Polens have donated meat, and we are grateful for their continued support.

