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Working to end hunger in our community.

AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOOD BANK

FOODBANK EXPANSION

A year from now, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank will open its new Stark County campus in downtown Canton which will better serve pantries south of Akron. Representatives from area pantries got a peek at the plans and a look at the



**KATHY KRAMER
MIKE PATTERSON**

early construction in June, and were invited to sign a beam that will be part of the facility.

Board president Kathy Kramer and vice president Mike Patterson attended in the event which was hosted by Dan Flowers, president and CEO of the Foodbank. They also were given an overview of plans for the new \$8 million facility by Colleen Benson, director of strategic planning.



**DAN FLOWERS,
FOODBANK CEO**

The Canton facility, located at 1365 Cherry Ave. NE, is expected to open in July 2021. During this same time the Foodbank facility in Akron also will be undergoing a \$3.5 million remodeling.

THURSDAY TEAM CONTINUES TO SERVE FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

During this time of COVID-19, the Pantry temporarily will be closed on Thursdays beginning July 1, but the great team of Thursday volunteers still will be doing their part to serve our clients.

Team leader Cathy Brogan huddled with her crew and they will continue to come in on Thursday mornings to make and fill boxes with canned and staple food in preparation for the following week. Before leaving they also clean.

Members of the Thursday team are, from left, Cathy Torma, Frank Frasier, Laurie Brodzinski, Joe Cullum, Deb Martin, Jim Perone, Barb Carpenter, Brenda Floyd and Cathv Brogan.



NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS IN JULY



Tonya Owens

The current COVID-19 pandemic has forced many changes on the way we live, from our personal relationships to the way businesses, government, churches, clubs, organizations, and non-profits operate. Our Pantry is no exception.

With the care and health of our volunteers in mind, beginning in July, our Pantry temporarily will be closed on Thursdays. No other days will be affected.

We still will be open our regular hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will return to our normal four-days-a-week schedule as soon as possible. When the pantry originally opened, it was only opened three days a week. We have, over the 10 years, changed many components to make shopping better for clients and volunteers.

Since March 16, clients, rather than being able to shop for what they want, have had their food delivered outside for them to load into their car.



Volunteer Klaus Weber prepares bagged food for distribution.

That was one major change made for everyone's safety to maintain a healthy social distancing. The pantry also was forced to limit the number of volunteers at any one time, and all are required to wear masks and gloves. The new procedures with curbside service protects both clients and volunteers. Volunteers are also used on days when the pantry isn't opened to pack boxes, organize for distribution and work in the warehouse.

So the pantry will serve our clients three days a week -- Mondays and Wednesdays 4-7 pm, and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

As we celebrate the freedoms of the nation in which we live this month, whether with family or social distancing with friends, let's also share our gratitude for all the "essential" workers AND volunteers who continue to work to put food on our tables. We thank all the volunteers who continue to join the fight against hunger in our city.

