



DONATIONS DIFFER; BUT ALL HELP!

The financial support we need to keep operating has kept pace, and our regular food donations have continued, so we are very lucky. But, as always, some new donations have come in from some surprising places.



An unexpected donation occurred when one generous resident brought us hundreds of dollars of food her family purchased with the federal stimulus check they received for their children. What a wonderful way to “pass it forward.”

For weeks, we've received 180 gallons of milk **each week** from Borden Dairy through the FarmLink Program.

See the article on our new dairy storage on the back page. We love being able to offer this staple to our clients, especially now with kids being home, too.

Later in July, Gordon Food Service delivered 3,000 pounds of donated pork and chicken, seen being delivered above.

And finally, one mother donated dozens of servings of fruit and fruit juice products her kids have been getting in their free school lunches.



Every little bit helps, and with the tremendous dedication of our loyal volunteers, we continue to prepack bags and boxes with dairy, meats, vegetables, and staples to help feed those who need it.

New "COW" Cooler Donated by Ohio Dairy Farmers

The Alliance Community Pantry has been awarded a dairy cooler as part of the American Dairy Association Mideast milk cooler grant program. The program, funded by Ohio dairy farmers, provides local food pantries with a refrigeration unit to help store milk and dairy foods at proper temperatures.

Frank Berkett III and Stan Palmer from Hills Supply nominated Alliance Community Pantry to receive the milk cooler to help increase the availability of fresh, delicious dairy foods for their customers. Our thanks to them!

Palmer said, "I have worked in the Dairy Industry all my career, from MMI, to Ecolab, and now at Hills Supply. As a small show of support to my home community food pantry, my wife Mira and I want to help them fill a need for a new milk cooler and we will make sure the new cooler gets filled the first time with fresh wholesome milk as our contribution to this cause."

In Ohio, one in seven people struggle with hunger and milk is one of the most requested items for food banks.

"Ohio dairy farmers understand how important it is to get nutritious dairy foods into the hands of people who need them most, especially now at a time when food insecurity is high," said Scott Higgins, CEO of American Dairy Association Mideast. "Our milk cooler program ensures dairy foods maintain peak freshness while increasing dairy's availability to families in the community."



Jody Koenigseker shown with new cooler

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Wednesday Evening Crew

The 4 to 7 pm Wednesday team at the pantry was a little light a few weeks ago, but all that was needed was to put out the word and the volunteers came through. Joan Gecina's Wednesday team has the extremes in experience -- from the original pantry organizer who has been at it for 10 years, Dave Puterbaugh, to several volunteers brand new to the pantry.

They are, from left, Joan Gecina in front, newcomers Linda and Richard Mitchen, Dave Puterbaugh, Deborah Wilkes, Jordan Anderson, Patricia Sacha, Mark French and Trudy Hutzig. Thank you all!

