



A SIX YEAR OLD IDEA THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

When Alliance High School senior Matthew Eversdyke was in the sixth grade, he came up with a great idea to help his church, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, support the Alliance Community Pantry. “Why not make cookies and sell them to make money to buy milk for the pantry”? he said.

That brilliant idea took off and has grown to new heights every year, according to church secretary Jackie Wellman, who delivered the first 55 gallons of milk with help from pantry volunteer Joe Cullum. And there is more milk on the way. In all, the church sold 95 dozen cookies, and along with donations, raised \$417. That will buy 210 gallons of milk which will be delivered over three weeks.



Thank you Matthew and thank you Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

Concrete Pad Replaced

As an all-volunteer organization, our goal is to make the pantry a fulfilling, comfortable and welcoming place to work. One of the ways to do that is to provide good working conditions.

A much-needed replacement of the concrete pad leading to our loading dock was completed in August. A crew from Ellis Concrete took up the old concrete and replaced it with a fresh 6-inch layer. This will make it more convenient for our warehouse volunteers to receive and unload food to serve our clients.



Delivery - One More Step to Serve Our Clients

Since mid-April the pantry has gone beyond taking food out to cars. Thanks to the United Way of Summit County, which received a grant, the pantry has been serving about 80 clients with food delivered by DoorDash to their homes.

It started when a hotline was set up by United Way for people needing food. They just had to call 211 and United Way would arrange through the pantry to have food boxed up and delivered to anyone unable to leave home.



"A couple of weeks into the changes at the pantry, I realized that we had not seen many of our elderly clients," said Carol Henry, who organized the program for the pantry. "When I was contacted by Jill Oldham at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and Denise Thomas of United Way of Summit County, asking if we wanted to deliver to our clients, I realized this was the answer I was looking for."

Seeing the need for the program, Monday night manager Debbie Skubiak then contacted many of the pantry's former clients living in the Alliance Towers, and Abbington and Hart Apartments who they hadn't seen. The pantry now prepares food for 20 clients a week with two boxes of food assembled by the Monday crew and delivered on Tuesday. The Tuesday team helps the DoorDash drivers load the food for delivery. Residents in need of food deliveries may call the United Way hotline at 211 or the pantry at 330-680-8130 to get information.

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Pantry Flowers Bloom as a Welcome to our Clients



When the pandemic closed many facilities and our leadership was determining how to serve clients, some of our volunteers could no longer work. One such volunteer, Mary Jo Bourne, suggested that she would plant and care for flowers in the pots out front. So, all summer, Mary Jo and her husband Bruce, have carried water and kept the flowers blooming. Everyone volunteers in their own way. Thanks Mary Jo and Bruce!

