

PANTRY ON TV

In January Spectrum Channel 1033 visited the pantry, and host Kyle Schwarz interviewed our new manager, Debbie Skubiak. The interview, filmed by AHS media arts graduate Merisa Howell, was shown during January on Alliance High School's educational access channel. The interview took place in the warehouse section of the pantry so that viewers could see the inner workings of the pantry.



Left: Merisa Howell. Right: Debbie Skubiak, pantry manager and Kyle



PANTRY STATISTICS

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Different number of households served – | 1,827 | 2,003 | 2,181 |
| Number of individuals served in those households - | - 5,718 | 6,528 | 5,718 |
| Total number of visits – | 11,516 (34,880 house | chold members) |) |
| | | 15,403 | 15,904 |
| Number of new clients | 394 | 415 | 447 |
| Total pounds of food from Foodbank – | 823,226 | 1,073,162 | 1,105,112 |
| Pounds of food donated – | 65,756 | 28,967 | 38,062 |
| Pounds of extra food purchased – | 4,285 | | |
| Pounds of food collected locally (Aldi, Panera, etc.) | 36,147 | 42,570 | |
| Total pounds distributed to clients in 2020 | 929,414 | 1,115,732 | 1,184,417 |
| Spent on food | \$78,860 | \$69,265 | \$74,616 |
| Number of trips to the food bank – | 83 | 93 | 96 |
| Number of days the pantry was open – | 178 | 196 | 201 |

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE BENEFITS PANTRY AND COMMUNITY

Thanks to Abby Honaker Schroeder and the University of Mount Union's Regula Center, the pantry received a much



needed deep cleaning on January 18, as five Mount students and two staff members took part in the MLK Day of Service. Our pantry was one of 13 non-profit organizations that benefited from the annual event.

While our regular volunteers always work to keep the pantry clean, Mount Union groups often come and volunteer

to do the extra scrubbing, but that has not been

possible since March because of the Covid-19 pandemic. They also





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packed boxes for Tuesday's DoorDash delivery to clients who can't, because of weather or health, get out

Volunteering were Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity members Allison Hrovat, Joseph Haas, Hayley Maher, Kaylee Adkins and Jacob Buttar, along with Jessica Baum and Patty Kuhn, staff members in the office of development. We thank you all so much!

Additional Notes from 2020

Even with being closed two weeks due to Covid, over 20,000 volunteer hours were donated (includes both documented hours in the pantry and behind the scenes workers such as: board and planning meetings, troubleshooting and maintenance, photographer, picking up donations, newsletter creator, Facebook, web site, president, meetings of exec board, etc.)

Major upgrades for the pantry in 2020:

- ** Three new freezers.
- ** New roof for pantry
- ** On the Spot Cleaners cleaned carpet

- ** New loading dock
- ** Six new grocery carts
- ** Air purifier