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### CAMPUS PANTRY

Less than two months into the school year, the Raiders Cove is making a difference for many Mount Union students. The facility, which started as a food pantry, first opened in the fall of 2019 by two student AmeriCorps members, and it continues to be overseen by four AmeriCorps students, seen here -- Julia Polyak, Justin Sturgill, Hayley Maher and Jon Starek. Raiders Cove, located on the north end of King Hall, now also offers help with clothing, hygiene products, as well as food and other items.

Many people in Alliance might be surprised to learn that even on Mount Union’s campus, there is sometimes a need for a food pantry. A survey conducted two years ago indicated 43 percent of students said they struggled to buy groceries, and 31 percent of students indicated they skip meals because they do not have money for food. The need was obvious. Since classes started in August, they have had 98 different students register and select food, and have made 189 visits.



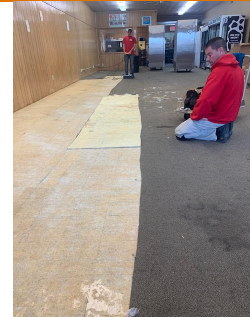
They operate thanks to donations of food and clothing. The clothes they have, both professional and casual styles, are sold for a couple of dollars and money made is used to buy food through the Alliance Community Pantry. We deliver it to them. Stephen Dages, University Chaplain and ACP board member is involved.

Last year they also started a Grab-and-Go snack initiative, which has been popular, where students can help themselves to snacks put out in locations around campus.

### More Durable Flooring Installed



Due to a grant, new flooring was installed in October in our shopping room. We have found with our heavy traffic, that our floor is not an area suitable for carpet, which takes a beating and is impossible to keep clean. Brian Hoopes and Jonah Thomas of Elite Flooring and Countertops took up the carpet and replaced it with Luxury Vinyl Tile, one of the most durable flooring options available.



## SUSTAINABILITY STUDENTS VISIT PANTRY

With October being Sustainability Month on the Mount Union campus, Jamie Greiner, Mount's sustainability and campus outreach manager, decided to offer students two local experiences. The themes of the of the month,



based on two of the UN Sustainability Development Goals, are "No Poverty" and "No Hunger" and, to see how the issues are being addressed in Alliance, the students visited our Community Pantry and the new Habitat for Humanity Restore.



### Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

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Giving the students a tour of the Pantry, which will mark its 11th year next month, were day team leaders Jim Greiner and Jim Perone and board VP Mike Patterson.

## WINDOWS REPLACED TO ADD WARMTHS AND LOWER BILLS DURING WINTER

A crew from Bonfert Glass Co. replaced all the glass and doors in the front of the pantry with dual pane insulated windows. The window project was a decision by the board in an effort to make volunteering at the pantry more comfortable, especially as the cold weather season approaches. It will also lessen utility bills.



The four-man crew from

Bonfert that replaced all the framing, doors and glass included Ron Kridler, Josh Burkett, Jon Hathaway and Roy Starcher.



Like all home and business owners, we recognize the need to take care of our home with windows and flooring as it is needed.