



WELL DESERVED HONOR AWARDED LONG TIME PANTRY VOLUNTEER

One of our loyal and valued long-time volunteers received well-earned recognition on March 1st. Leigh Mainwaring received the Mary Regula Award for Community Service at the annual Regula Center meeting at the Alliance Country Club. This is the first year for that award. Leigh, who volunteers her time in many organizations across the community, has been the person who has ordered food for our pantry from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank since the early days of the pantry.

Leigh’s role as the food orderer requires many hours of attention to the Akron-Canton Foodbank website as food is added to our purchasing options in real time and available on a first-order first served basis. Leigh’s constant surveillance helps us obtain the best food for our clients. She has done this for over ten years.

Mount Union's Regula Center, directed by Abby Honaker Schroeder, is where many opportunities originate to allow students to get involved in the community, to prepare them for careers in public service, and to learn about the importance of civic engagement.



YWCA STAFF TOUR PANTRY



A goal of the pantry staff and board has always been to make certain everyone in our community who serves people in need is fully aware of our pantry offerings. The staff of the YWCA received a tour from warehouse volunteer Joe Cullum and VP Mike Patterson and others from the warehouse crew. In the past, Chamber members, the United Way and other groups have visited.

LUNCH AND LEARN

In March we had an opportunity to spread the word to high school students about the history and impact of The Alliance Community Pantry. Board member Mike Patterson spent time at Alliance High School meeting students in the library, discussing how the pantry was started and how it works. He shared statistics of community members who have been served over the pantry's 11 year history.

The monthly "Lunch & Learn" program was started at the beginning of the year by librarian Jenni-Jo Kinser. It allows students to learn more about various components of their community.

In January students learned about the Alliance YMCA and in February they heard all about the Carnation Queen's Pageant.



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CHEESE DONATED - PROTEIN ALWAYS WELCOME

GLORIOUS CHEESE: Thanks to Biery Cheese, we have a wide selection of cheese for our clients. Pantry manager Debbie Skubiak has been in touch with the Louisville cheese manufacturer and they donated 50 boxes and 310 pounds of cheese.



It was picked up by pantry volunteers Glenn Rupp and John Whitehair.

Thank you ,Biery Cheese!

