

**Alliance Community Pantry**  
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Working to end hunger in our community.

AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOOD BANK

## IN THE NEWS

Our pantry will be in the news in April when the "It's My Alliance" magazine comes out with its spring edition. Reporter Shalleen Mayes, along with Heidi McClung of the Greater Alliance Foundation, interviewed Debbie Skubiak, our pantry manager to learn about the pantry.

According to Heidi, the article in the magazine published by Bruce Leone will focus on local non-profits and how they may be supported by the Foundation's Give Alliance 365 program. It offers anyone an affordable way to have a positive impact on local non-profits and help with special community projects that can change lives.



## WHAT DO OUR STATISTICS SAY ABOUT THE NEED?

A comparison of the last four years tells us many things our volunteers are aware of - our client numbers are down; the number of households we serve is down, the number of individuals we serve is down, and the number of new clients is down. What does this mean? Is there still a need for the pantry?

**In 2021:**

- \* We served 1,192 households and 3,507 individuals in those households.
- \* 7,418 times people were given food.
- \* We had almost 100,000 pounds of food donated by our business and community.
- \* We distributed over 602,031 pounds of food to clients.
- \* The pantry was opened 149 days.
- \* Clients received 81.15 pounds of food on average per visit.

While we don't pretend to know why our numbers are down, we know we are still serving people in need.

ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY BOARD MEMBERS - 2022



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Members of the 2022 Alliance Community Pantry Board are, front from left, Mike Patterson, Marty Magdalenz, Ivory Lyons, Pat Gates, Bruce Helsel and Stephen Degas. Standing are, from left, Beth Simbro, Betty Rush, Jan Horning, Betsy Brown, Kathy Kramer, Marge Simmons and Jim Greiner. Not pictured are Missy Miller and Glenn Rupp.

**READY TO PACK:** We are in good shape for packing food for our clients for the next two or three months. McElroy Packaging of Orrville delivered 2,000 more 12x12x10-inch boxes in February which were moved into the pantry by volunteer Joe Cullum.



To serve our clients during the Covid pandemic we have been forced to pack up food to take to clients outside rather than have them shop inside. Having boxes is a necessity and Tuesday was our ninth delivery of boxes by McElroy since June 2020.