



## KIWANIS DONATES 4H PORK

### A civic meeting spawns good for the community

Thanks to a Kiwanis Club program in June, our Pantry received 150 pounds of pork in October. The program also was a huge benefit for a Stark Country 4H member.

Five members of the 4H royal court from the Stark Country Fair appeared at the June 16, Kiwanis meeting to share their experiences in 4H. During their visit, the 4Hers heard how the Kiwanis Club supported the pantry every month by selecting a different product they could collect and donate. In July it was to be cereal. Hearing that, the 4Hers returned in July and with them brought 400 boxes of cereal to add to the Kiwanis Club's donation. To thank the 4Hers, the Kiwanis Club purchased a hog from one of the 4Hers and donated the pork to the our Pantry. The hog was butchered by Polen Meats.

That sale was completed in October when Lynda Slack, president of the Kiwanis Club, along with members Pat Gates, president of the Pantry board, and Mike Patterson, Pantry board VP, presented East Canton seventh-grader Abbigale Cattrell a check for \$3,000 for the 292-pound market hog she raised. (below)

For Abbigale, a member of the Farmers, Fitters & Critters 4H Club for five years with more experience raising lambs, this

was the first year she raised a hog. She also has raised one cow, which she said was not as much fun.



Abbigale, who has grown up on her parents' 84-acre Triple JJ Farm along with five brothers and sisters, was Ohio 4H Runner-up in the Junior Miss USA national competition. She is the daughter of Latisha and Jonathan Camp.

### ARROWHEAD DONATES APPLES TO THE PANTRY

Our clients have had a good supply of apples this fall, thanks to Arrowhead Orchard. Earlier this fall, we met Peter, Arrowhead's manager, and told him about the pantry. Since then, pantry volunteer Glenn Rupp has gone weekly to bring back bushels of apples.



Glenn, seen here right, met Arrowhead's new owner Kevin Miller, on the left, and together they loaded apples for the pantry.

Thank you Arrowhead and all businesses and individuals who support our clients.

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### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Pantry volunteers were recognized and thanked when the board honored them at a dinner organized and cooked by board member Kathy Kramer. The event was a way to thank our volunteers for their unwavering commitment to continue to serve our community, even during the many months of the pandemic. About 35 volunteers attended the dinner at Union Avenue United Methodist Church.



Board President Pat Gates welcomed the volunteers who had an opportunity to meet others who might work different shifts.

She praised the work they did and had everyone introduce themselves.

Dave Puterbaugh, who was the guiding force for the pantry, reviewed the history and evolution of the pantry which was inspired by a Kiwanis Club program about hunger in Alliance. After five or six years of offering monthly food-giveaways, the pantry opened Nov. 15, 2010.

Mike Patterson, board VP, praised the volunteers for their dedication and willingness to adapt to what's needed to continue to serve. He also shared some statistics. During the last four-and-a-half years, the pantry has been open 824 days, 55,806 clients have picked up food at the pantry, and we have given away 4,268,155 pounds of food!



As an organization with no paid staff, it's our volunteers and the support we get from the community that make it happen.