



Alliance Community Pantry
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Working to end hunger in our community.

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ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY CELEBRATES 12 YEARS



Seated from left: Jim Greiner, Bruce Helsel, Tim Morrison, Ivory Lyons, Jm Perone, Mike Patterson, and Glenn Rupp. Standing from left are: Jan Horning, Beth Simbro, Missy Miller, Pat Gates, Cathy Torma, Kathy Kramer, Betsy Brown, and Betty Rush. Not pictures are: Robin Geiselman, Marge Simmons and Mary Magdalenz .

November 15th we celebrated our 12th Anniversary. The Pantry opened November 15, 2010, and since then has been an all-volunteer, non-profit organization with the motto:

“Working within the community to end hunger.”

Through the years we have received amazing support from the community - from businesses, churches, schools, service clubs, and of course, individuals. We have never had a fund raiser and yet, we have been able to donate millions of pounds of food with in the city.

But it’s our volunteers who make it work. It takes about 50 volunteers a week with a wide range of talents to keep the pantry open both morning and evening. We would not be able to operate without them. Our volunteers are flexible. In the last three years, due to Covid, the pantry has transitioned from a store-like venue where clients choose what they want, to car delivery of canned food, fresh produce, meat, baked goods and dairy. Our volunteers have made it work and they care about the people they serve.

MOUNT UNION STUDENTS CONTINUE HALLOWEEN TRADITION

Six Mount Union organizations collected 2,670 pounds of food from a wide array of neighborhoods which was delivered to the Alliance Community Pantry.

This Halloween tradition is organized by the Regula Center under the direction of Abby Schroeder. Mount's Greek



organizations and clubs are assigned to different area neighborhoods around the campus where members leave door hangers a few days before Halloween letting neighbors know they'll be collecting food donations on trick-or-treat night. The 11-year tradition has brought in more than 40,000 pounds of food for the pantry.



Omega with 801 pounds

of food collected, followed by Sigma Alpha Epsilon with 549 pounds. In addition to the 2,670 pounds collected, students delivered 297 pounds of food that was collected a during Greek Week.



During the holidays we like to be able to offer a wide variety of foods so that families have what they like as well as what they need. The pantry is grateful for this mission that allows us to offer clients a larger selection.

Thanks again Abby and students.

- Alliance Community Pantry Board**
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 - Pat Gates- Pres.
 - Robin Geiselman
 - Jim Greiner- Treas.
 - Bruce Helsel- President Elect
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 - Missy Miller
 - Tim Morrison
 - Mike Patterson- VP
 - Jim Perone
 - Glenn Rupp
 - Betty Rush
 - Beth Simbro
 - Marge Simmons
 - Cathy Torma



Marlington Charater Counts Students Donate to Pantry

The Character Counts students at Marlington High School collected 60 pounds of personal care products for our clients. Donations of this kind are always welcome since our policy is just to spend money on food, and our clients appreciate the variety.

Thank you Mount Union!



AHS NHS Donates Food for the Holidays

As they do every year prior to the holidays, Alliance High School's National Honor Society conducted an impressive food drive which provided a wider selection of food for our clients over Thanksgiving. Several boxes of donated food were picked up by pantry volunteers Glenn Rupp and Bruce Helsel.

The NHS students, under the direction of advisor Candace Worrell, collected and donated 1,642 cans and boxes of food. The pantry thanks AHS's NHS students, and our clients are thankful .



Mount Students Work at the Pantry



We have always had a great relationship with Mount Union Union, with staff and professors serving on our board, Greek organizations and clubs collecting and donating food, and students willing to help clean, pack, or do whatever is needed. One recent example was that Beth Simbro brought seven students from her nutrition class to work at the pantry.

The students got a big jump on what Monday's crew would have faced. One group packed more than 30 boxes of canned and dry food that will be delivered by DoorDash on Tuesday, and another



group sorted and repacked nearly a gaylord of the 2,670 pounds of food that had been collected by Mount students on Halloween.



Among the students helping out were Courtney Kenworthy, Allyson

Tweedy, Sarah Conley, Nick Wardrop, Joe Procop and Kelsie Glass. Helping direct the students were board members Jim Greiner and Mike Patterson, in addition to Professor Simbro.



TURKEYS ARE THE BIRD OF THE HOUR

Many of our clients with families of four or more went home last week a Thanksgiving turkey thanks to two local businesses

Wally Armour Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram continued a Thanksgiving tradition they started since the pantry opened 12 years ago, and donated 50 turkeys to give out to our clients.



As they did last year, Alliance Coins and Jewelry delivered 100 turkeys. "We try to help everybody in every way we can," said owner Jerry Petros last year. Seen here delivering the turkeys before the pantry opened were Nick Winkler, Jeff Rice and Bob Burris.



Pantry volunteers helping organize the turkeys to be able to give them out right away were Jim Greiner, Joe Cullum, Paul Domino and Bill Sol.

We thank those who always help everybody in every way we can.



With gratitude for all you do for the community of Alliance all year!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!