



HISTORIC DONATION

In December, a truck arrived from Salt Lake City, Utah, carrying 38,672 pounds of food and cleaning supplies that were shared equally with the pantry, Michael's World, and the Spirit of Faith Christian Center led by the Rev. Raymont Johnson.



For the second time -- the first being Nov. 5, 2021 -- food was distributed to local non-profits selected by Alliance native Lionel Grimes who was one of the Black 14 football players kicked off the University of Wyoming football team in 1969 for trying to protest treatment they received the previous year when they played Brigham Young University. More than 50 years later, the Black 14 continue to advocate for racial equality by providing food and



educational opportunities to underserved communities. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which changed its policy in 1978, has joined the effort, forming a partnership with the Black 14 to help distribute more than one million pounds of food across the country, including donations to pantries in Grimes' hometown of Alliance.

The 53-foot truck, driven by Aaron Main, arrived and the unloading and distribution of the cartons of food and supplies began. Pantry warehouse volunteer Joe Cullum coordinated the operation with plenty of help from other pantry volunteers, including Glenn Rupp, Bruce Helsel, Jim Greiner, Jim Perone and Terra Lashley. Several members of the Mormon Church and volunteers from Raymont's church also helped sort the boxes. Pantry manager Debbie Skubiak organized the delivery and was in communication with those involved before the truck's arrival.



AMERICAN LEGION POST #166 SUPPORT

Alliance's American Legion Post 166 has always been a strong supporter of our pantry and this year is no exception. Ted Pace, commander of Post 166, stopped at the pantry one December morning to present a \$1,000 check to pantry treasurer Jim Greiner. We thank you!



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MLK DAY OF SERVICE

As they do every year, Mount Union students arrived at the pantry on the MLK Day of Service to do whatever is needed to keep the pantry clean, organized, and ready to serve our clients. The annual MLK Day event is sponsored by the Regula Center. This event sent 318 Mount students all over town to help non-profits in any way needed.



The pantry had seven members of the ATO fraternity at the pantry and pantry manager Debbie Skubiak said, "The guys were so helpful. They were amazing!" Debbie and day manager Jim Perone kept the students busy cleaning, preparing boxes for



DoorDash deliveries, and organizing the warehouse and packing area.

Those who helped were Kody Arntz, Peyton Hines, Billy Hreha, Chance Coultrip, Austin Barker, Travis DuBois, and Marco Marroquin.

PANTRY HONORED

Our Alliance Community Pantry was among those honored Sunday, Jan. 15, at the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Day Celebration Program at Second Baptist Church.



The pantry, represented by pantry manager Debbie Skubiak, was among those to receive the prestigious Icon Award. Recipients, pictured here from left, are Andre'Marie Green, Debbie Skubiak, Lisa Mallard, and Pastors Brenda and Raymont Johnson of the Spirit of Faith Christian Center.

According to the program, the Icon Award is given annually to groups or individuals who have gone beyond the norm, who have reached the status of extraordinary achievements, and those who have made contributions to the community through leadership, loyalty, and endurance for the betterment of others.