



ROYAL CONTRIBUTION

The Alliance Carnation Queen candidates continued a 12-year tradition in June as they donated food to the Alliance Community Pantry as part of a friendly competition. The 14 candidates who participated donated 2,955 pounds of food. Since they started the tradition in 2011, queen candidates have contributed a total of 36,361 pounds of food.



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SPREADING THE WORD

Our Alliance Community Pantry was privileged to be one of the participants in the Alliance YWCA's 2023 Health & Wellness Fair held June 3, afternoon at The Alliance Commons. Board members Beth Canfield-Simbro and Mike Patterson were there to distribute updated information about the Pantry.

Among the other agencies participating in the YWCA Health Fair were the Alliance and Stark County Health Departments, Live Well Stark County, Help Me Grow Home Visiting Stark County, Coleman Services, Men's Challenge, Alliance Pregnancy Center, Ohio State University Extension, Stark Parks, Beacon Charitable Pharmacy, YWCA Career & Fashion Boutique, Rodman Public Library, Alliance Rape Crisis, Community Legal Aid, Community Building Partnership, and CommQuest Services.



VOLUNTEER HONORED

One of our loyal Wednesday volunteers, Tierney Bratten, was recently featured in The Review as a Robertson Kitchen & Bath Teacher of the Month. Tierney teaches Life Skills for grade six through eight at Marlinton Middle School. She said the best part of her job is, "I get to have every student in the building each year. I love to watch how each student grows and changes throughout the three years that I have them."

She said one of her hidden talents is to volunteer at the Pantry as well as for the Marlinton Alumni Association and the Carnation Festival Queen pageant. Her son, Bo, also often volunteers at the Pantry.

Congratulations Tierney and thank you!



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BIG LOTS JOINS TEAM



The support we receive from businesses, schools, churches, service clubs, organizations, other non-profits, and the entire community, makes it possible for us to continue to live up to our motto, "Working within the community to end hunger."

Recently, we've added one more asset. **Big Lots** on West State Street contacted us and now, every week, we will be picking up all of their groceries that are no longer needed after they rotate and restock their shelves.



Judi Brush, a former day manager at the pantry, and her husband, Kelly, have agreed to pick up the food each week, as they did with the help of pantry board member Glenn Rupp, and they delivered more than 400 pounds of boxed, packaged and canned food to the pantry.



Coordinating to pickup at Big Lots was assistant manager Cindy Book. We and our clients thank you!