



### AKRON-CANTON CEO VISITS PANTRY

Dan Flowers, CEO of the Akron-Canton Foodbank, made a welcome visit to our pantry to meet our many loyal volunteers and receive an update on the work we are doing to serve our community. This was Flower's first visit to our pantry since Covid forced us to change the way we serve our clients -- originally we were set up like a little grocery store as a choice pantry, and now we pack up food and deliver it to clients who pull up in their cars.

We've always had a close relationship with the Foodbank since before the pantry opened, thanks to David Puterbaugh who first came up with the idea of one-day food giveaways which led to the pantry. From those early days the pantry was developed and opened in November, 2010.



Flowers, who is celebrating his 20th year with the Foodbank this year, got a detailed tour of the pantry and

information from many of our pantry leaders. He met with Bruce Helsel, board president; Jim Greiner, Tuesday day manager and pantry treasurer; Jim Perone, board secretary; Cathy Torma, office manager; Joe Cullum, Monday and Tuesday warehouse coordinator; Pat Gates, volunteer coordinator; and several of our Tuesday volunteers. His visit was coordinated by Mike Patterson, head of Operations.



It was a quality visit and everyone appreciated Flower's extremely positive comments about our operation, and we feel our relationship with the Foodbank was strengthened.

## CAR SHOW BENEFITS PANTRY

Visitors can always find something fun to do at Funtimes Fun Park just west of Alliance on Route 62, and one Saturday in July, all that fun was for a good cause. *The Polished Metal Cruisin for a Cause Car Show*, organized by Sandy and Doug Foor, was held to benefit our Pantry. Sandy and Payton Reed, pictured here, brought in \$300 and 60 pounds of canned goods, pasta, and tooth brushes to help out our clients.



It was a busy night, and Sandy and Payton even stayed to volunteer to help -- we opened at 4 p.m. and by 5:30 p.m. had served 80 families.

### Alliance Community Pantry Board

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- Pat Gates
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- Beth Simbro
- Marge Simmons
- Cathy Torma
- John Whitehair

### INFORMATION U-PDATE FROM JULY OPERATIONS MEETIN G

- From July 20-23
  - Carnation Queen candidates donated 2,955 pounds of food
  - Best Buy Friday pickups included 400 pounds of food
  - Aldi's donated 750 gallons of milk.
- \* We have been selected to participate in the "Six for 60 Endowmen t Fund Challenge" with an opportunity to win \$10,000 of seed money to establish an Organization Endowment Fund with the Stark Community Foundation. To win, all we have to do is have enough people vote for us from July 10 through August 10. Voters can visit [www.starkcf.org/vote](http://www.starkcf.org/vote) to vote.
- In June we started packing up our food at the Foodbank in Akron rather than Canton in hopes of getting more free market, and everyone agrees that the trucks have been much fuller since switching.

