



CHAMBER WOMEN'S GIFT

The Women's Division of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce, which focuses its extensive philanthropic efforts to raise funds to support Alliance area organizations dedicated to the needs of woman and children, proved that point once again when Karen Locke presented a check for \$2,000 to Jim Greiner, treasurer of the Alliance Community Pantry, to buy food for the Pantry.



TIP CLUB DONATION:



Once again our pantry is one of the beneficiaries of the work of the Wednesday Tip Club. As they have in the past, the members made a generous donation this Wednesday morning of nearly 200 pounds of canned and boxed food for our clients.

The Tip Club, a networking group of business people connected to the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce, meets every week for breakfast to help each other out by sharing leads to grow their businesses and to improve the community.

Members of the Tip Club at this morning's meeting were, from left, Jack Weber, Carl Ammons, Frank Minear, Carrie Robson, Karen Perone, Julie Lee, Amy-Beth Williamson, Teresa Lins and Stacie Bacorn.

A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR MANY

The pantry can be a very positive experience for those who receive food, for our volunteers, and for those who support our mission of ending hunger in our community. And one is never too young to learn the lessons.

Another example last week was when Sarah MacLennan delivered 42 pounds of food to the pantry that was collected at her son Augustus's second birthday party. Friends that she and her husband Ryan had invited were asked to bring food for the pantry rather than presents for Augustus. What a gift and what a positive lesson for all involved.

We thank everyone for your generosity.



POTATO DONATION

Volunteers from Christ United Methodist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church of Perry Heights, Perry Helping Perry and the Society of Saint Andrew (a gleaning ministry) met to bag up 3,000 pounds of potatoes donated by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) in Wooster. On Dec. 9, 1,500 pounds went to our Pantry.



GIFTS FROM MOUNT



Mount Union's faculty and staff held their annual Christmas party and was kind enough to collect gifts of food for our pantry. Physical plant employees dropped off a nice variety and a generous donation. Thank you all!

PCC AIRFOILS OF MINERVA DONATIONS

Support for our pantry comes from many places and this month was another example. PCC Airfoils of Minerva conducted a competition among departments to see who could collect the most food to donate. Josh Mueller's department was tops, and among the beneficiaries was our pantry as we received 800 pounds of canned food on November 30th. They also donated to pantries in Minerva, Malvern and Carrollton.

We thank PCC Airfoils' employees in Minerva who manufacture airfoil blades and vanes used on airline engines and industrial gas turbine applications.



APPLES FOR EVERYONE!

What we pick up from the Akron-Canton Foodbank, thanks to Leigh Mainwaring's food ordering skills, and the variety of food donated by businesses, schools and individuals has helped us to provide a nice variety of food for our clients.

One thing we've always had plenty of this fall, thanks to the Arrowhead Orchard in Paris, are apples! Since late September, our volunteer Glenn Rupp (pictured here with Arrowhead owner Kevin Miller) has gone down every week or so and brought back apples to us at no cost. At first, Glenn brought back a couple of bushels, but since then we have received eight huge bins from Arrowhead, each equivalent to 20 bushels or about 2,000 apples per bin.

Our volunteers work out of the bins and pack the apples -- a dozen to a bag, shown off here by Joe Cullum -- to give to any client who wants them. Thank you Arrowhead!



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