



## JAPANESE VISITORS

Our Pantry was a busy and exciting place the morning of March 19 as 12 Japanese students from Hiroshima Jogakuin Junior & Senior High School came in from 9 a.m. to noon working with our regular volunteers to serve our clients. They did a fabulous job!

The students were here all that week visiting the University of Mount Union, as they have for the past 12 years, and one of their many activities during the week is always to volunteer at the Pantry. The girls worked hard sorting and repacking oranges and apples and a variety of packaged food, and preparing and filling the baskets to be delivered outside to our clients.

The students were chaperoned by Jogakuin teachers Florence Smith, who has made several trips to Mount Union, and first-time visitor Yukiko Hamaoka.

The students' visit also made the news. The Alliance Review reporter Ben Duer came in to cover the event and interviewed students and staff and took pictures for a story.

Also, John Taggart, owner and director of Straggat Media Network, stopped in to film and interview students and pantry leaders for a segment that may be posted on the pantry's Facebook page.



## NICE TEAMWORK

The Wednesday Tip Club meets every week at Bel Air Care Center, and one week the tip club members and Bel Air employees all teamed up to collect cereal for our Pantry. In the end they collected and delivered to the pantry 129 boxes of cereal! Thank you all for working together for our clients





# VOLUNTEERS HELP IN MANY WAYS

One of the great things about our volunteers is that they are always willing to help our clients beyond just providing them with food. One of our prime examples is Judy Douglas who has been a volunteer since we opened the pantry more than 13 years ago.

Judy, who recently had to take some time off to recuperate from knee surgery, used her time and talents to continue to serve our clients. A talented knitter, Judy decided to make scarves which will be given out to our clients. So far she has made 27 scarves. She is back working at the pantry on Mondays as a screener, but she is planning to keep making scarves.



# SUPPORT FROM AHS

The support we get from volunteers from all segments of the community is vital for us to continue to serve our clients. One group we certainly appreciate are students from the IDMH Class at Alliance High School who come in every Tuesday morning to help us sort and repack food that has been dropped off or picked up for us to pass out.

One day their teacher Diana Conway, seen on the left, brought in students Deegan Carlie, Marrison Fotheringham, John Valencia and Michael McGrath to help with a variety of chores at our pantry. A different group is brought in every week and we thank them all.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Alpha Phi Omega Presents  
**Light Up the Lakes**  
April 5, 2024 7-9pm in the Giese Lobby  
(Corner of W Simpson St and S Union Ave)

**All are invited to bring a  
canned food item or a \$3  
donation to float a candle  
on the campus lakes in  
memory of a loved one.**

All proceeds benefit the Alliance  
Community Food Pantry

**ECLIPSE**  
April 8, 2024

**WE  
WILL BE  
OPEN  
APRIL 8!**

2024

Don't forget to bring your eclipse glasses along if you plan on picking up your groceries that day and don't want to miss the big event!

## FROM ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY BOARD

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