



Alliance Community Pantry

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PARADE TRADITION

Since our pantry opened in 2010, one joyful annual tradition has been that First Christian Church has designed and built a float to be part of the Carnation Festival Grand Parade to promote and to collect food for our Alliance Community Pantry.

That tradition continued this year, with “Wild About Jesus” being the theme of this year’s float with a definite creative jungle setting. Designing and working on the float were Kennedy and Don Wojtowicz, Lisa Everett, Bill Miller, Sandy Strub and Tony and Sherrie DiDonato.

Float walkers collected 17 lbs of canned food along the parade route, along with over \$960 cash donations for the Alliance Food Pantry.

Thank you First Christian Church for your continued support and work!



TASK FORCE SUPPORT

Thanks to the Stark County Hunger Task Force and the Stark Federal Credit Union, our pantry received a welcome boost of support Saturday, Aug. 17. They got together in the morning and held a shredding day at Stark Federal on Sawburg Avenue, asking people who had paper and documents to shred for food or cash donations. In the end, 77 pounds of food was collected by our pantry volunteers and \$400 will be distributed to the Task Force’s network of pantries.

Helping out all morning were our pantry board members, Glenn Rupp, Jim Perone, Kim Cully and

Mike Patterson, along with several dedicated Stark Federal employees.

The event was organized by the Task Force executive director Stephanie Sweany, who was on the scene all morning. Events such as this certainly supports the Task Force’s mission of fighting hunger in Stark County by providing financial, logistic, strategic, and food support to their network of local food pantries.



SKOGSGARD EGGS

In addition to the great support we have from businesses, schools, churches, clubs and other organizations to assist us in serving our clients, we at the pantry also get much support from freelancers, people who just show up and bring us food to hand out.

One such person is Renae Skoog, who, along with her husband Erik, operate a 40-acre farm in Atwater. They have chickens that lay eggs which she often delivers to our pantry when they have more than they can sell.

The Skogsgard Farm (which means Forest Farm in Swedish) has 20 or so free range chickens that supplies them with eggs that are hand gathered. The Skoogs bought the farm three years ago after moving to Ohio from Utah and have taken on the challenge of upgrading the farm and eventually restoring the large barn originally built in the mid-1800s.

In addition to raising chickens, Renae says eventually they will add turkeys and also likes the idea of raising mangalitsa pigs which are not factory-farmed hogs, but are typically raised out of doors or are free to roam.



We thank the Skoogs and others who support our mission.



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