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### PANTRY SURVEY

We've always thought it was important to stay in touch with our clients. Covid forced us to deliver food to our friends outside and to instill social distancing. Though a little more difficult, we have continued to deliver food for clients to pick up outside the pantry doors.

This change inspired one of our new pantry board members, Kim Cully, to conduct casual interviews with clients, as she is seen doing here talking with Tashia.

Her questions include:

- Do you feel you get a sufficient amount of food / or too much?
- Are there any foods you wish you could get or get more of?
- Do you get any foods that you just don't want or don't use?

So far, the vast majority of clients feel very grateful for the pantry, and Kim is having fun talking to the clients and letting them know we're glad they use the pantry.

More details will be available soon.

# FUTURES FEST

We took an opportunity to spread the word about our pantry Thursday evening, Oct. 24, by setting up a table in the Alliance High School gymnasium for what they call Futures Fest, an annual event with a goal of ensuring that all Aviators are prepared for life, college, and career.

Pantry board members Bruce Helsel and Jan Horning passed out information about our pantry along with others who manned tables representing area businesses and colleges. The Futures Fest, originally called the College and Career Fair, has been going on nine years and is for both students and parents.

Students from all grade levels were invited.





### ELKS SUPPORT

As they have since we opened in November, 2010, the Alliance Elks Club continues to support our pantry. Last month Jeffrey Summer, Elks Exalted Ruler, right, presented a \$2,000 check to pantry treasurer Jim Greiner and pantry secretary Jim Perone. On the left is John Mann, Elks Esteemed Leading Knight.

The wide range of community support we receive enables us to live up to our motto: "Working within the community to end hunger."

## BIRTHDAY TREATS



In the next few weeks, 20 of our clients will be treated to a birthday surprise thanks to the members of Alliance Girl Scout Troop 60365. Members of the troop made what they call Birthday Boxes which include everything it takes to make a birthday cake --

cake mix, lemon lime soda, frosting, and even candles and some balloons.

Delivering the boxes Monday were Scout leaders Kasie Hartzell and her daughters Gwen and Topanga, and Nikki Miller and her daughter Stella.



They also made some boxes for Clothed In Righteousness, the Homeless Outreach Ministry located on Main Street.





#### Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 9am-4pm

First Christian Church will once again be holding their annual Sleigh Bell Lane Craft Show and will be collecting non perishable items from vendors and shoppers benefitting the Alliance Food Pantry.

Sleigh Bell Lane First Christian Church 1141 Beech St. Alliance Free Admission and Parking Lunch Available for Purchase

#### FROM ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY BOARD

Betsy Brown, Pat Gates, Jim Greiner- Treas., Bruce Helsel- Pres., Jan Horning, Kim Cully, Missy Miller, Tim Morrison, Mike Patterson- VP, Jim Perone - Sec., Glenn Rupp, Cindy Magda, Chris Schade, Beth Simbro, Marge Simmons, Cathy Torma, John Whitehair

