



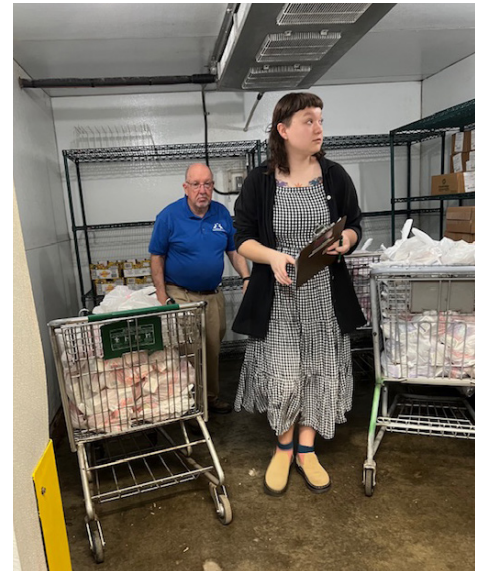
## ANNUAL INSPECTION

Once again, our Alliance Community Pantry passed the annual inspection by the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank with flying colors. This year's inspection was conducted by Amanda Salmons, Programs Coordinator for the Foodbank, and at the end of her visit on a Tuesday morning our compliance score was 97 percent.

Among the things she checked on were paperwork compliance, USDA and Ohio required guidelines, FreshTrak score, and our storage practices for both dry products and refrigerated and frozen food.

Among the people helping her were our office manager Cathy Torma, treasurer Jim Greiner, board president Jim Perone, driver and versatile volunteer Paul Domino, and head of operations Mike Patterson.

A graduate of Green High School and Oberlin College, Amanda just started working at the foodbank last year.





## STAMP OUT HUNGER

As they've done in past years, the Alliance Post Office once again collected food from customers all over town to be given to those in need. On Saturday, May 10, letter carriers collected food donations from homes along their routes, and on Monday, May 12, the food was divided and delivered to our Alliance Community Pantry and the Salvation Army.

Our pantry received 1,879 pounds of food which was delivered by postal worker Robert Brick and handled by pantry volunteers Wayne Percy and Doug Brion. Helping out Saturday to collect the food were Jim Menegay, Keith Best, Sebastian Schubert, and pantry manager Debbie Skubiak.

We thank the post office and all those who donated.



## AHS VOLUNTEERS VALUED

As an all-volunteer, organization, we at the Pantry rely on having help from many sources to continue to serve those in our community. Over the years, we've been lucky enough to get some young volunteers from Alliance High School classes taught by intervention

specialists Stephanie Barr and Lucinda Owens, with help from aides Diana Conway and Jen Strong.

The AHS students come in every Tuesday morning for a couple of hours and do a great job sorting and repacking food that comes in, working to organize products in the warehouse, packing carts with food to be unpacked into the cars of our clients, or anything else that needs to be done.

With the school year ending, this past week was the last Tuesday we'll be seeing members of the class, but Kinslee Puckett, Jai Lynn Liller, Katie Thompson and Marissa Fotheringham helped out and did a great job. We thank you!

We'll be looking forward to welcoming some students back in September.



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