



FOUNDATION GIFT

Our Tuesday morning crew had a wonderful visit from officials of the Greater Alliance Foundation where they stopped in to learn more about our pantry, meet our volunteers, and deliver a \$10,000 check complements of their Give Alliance 365 campaign.

Heidi McClung, executive director of the Foundation, was here along with Trista Todd, director of marketing and development, who filmed pantry operations and interviewed Jim Perone, president of the Pantry board, and Jim Greiner, board treasurer and Tuesday's day manager at the pantry.

The much-needed gift will enable our pantry to purchase more meat for our growing client base.



GRANT PUT TO GOOD USE

Making great use of part of a recent \$10,000 grant we received from the Alliance Foundation, pantry manager Debbie Skubiak went shopping at Giant Eagle Sept. 5 for food items much appreciated by our clients that aren't always available from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. She, along with and Tom Liggett came home and unloaded at the pantry 200 cans of tuna and 200 cans of chicken.



MORE MEAT



We continue to make good use of a \$10,000 grant to buy meat we recently received from the Alliance Foundation as longtime volunteer Glenn Rupp made his second trip to A&S Meats this week and came back with more than 400 pounds of ground beef in 1-pound frozen

packs. He's seen here with A&S employee Jean Maria packing the boxes of hamburger into the back of his SUV.

Last month Glenn first picked up \$2,500 pounds of ground beef from A&S, and Debbie Skubiak recently got 400 cans of chicken and tuna from Giant Eagle.

CHICKEN SUPPLY



We've been buying meat from A & S Meats since they opened and have developed a nice relationship with them. That paid off early this week when they called our pantry manager Debbie Skubiak to let us know they had received a lot of boneless and skinless chicken breasts they would sell for a great price.

Debbie accepted their offer, and Debbie and Jim Menegay picked up 1,200 pounds of chicken packed in 30 boxes in 10-pound bags. The chicken had to be repacked in smaller bags to be distributed and helping Debbie do that, were pantry volunteers Diane Bell, Cathy Bixler, Keith Best, and Justin, Bobbie and Terra Lashley.



GUARDIANS HONOR OUR PANTRY

Meijer's commitment and support of hunger relief efforts in the communities they serve was recognized during the Saturday, Sept, 27th Cleveland Guardians game vs. the Texas Rangers.



Our Alliance Community Pantry, represented on the field between innings by treasurer Jim Greiner, seen on the left, was recognized along with Stephanie Sweany of the Stark County Task Force and Paul Lewis board president of the St. Gabriel Food Bank. Also on the field were the directors of area Meijer stores including Sarah Fisher of Alliance.

Meijer opened here in May of 2024, and from the beginning our Pantry has benefitted from their

Simply Give program. Since the program started in 2008, Meijer Simply Give has donated \$100 million to our more than 600 food pantry partners in their six-state footprint. Meijer is grateful to their customers, team members and communities for what they've accomplished together and look forward to future commitment and collaboration to address food insecurity.

The Guardians won the game 3-2 and are in the playoffs!



THANK YOU MEIJER

We should all thank the Meijer store in Alliance for their continued support of our pantry and for helping us live up to our motto, "Working within the community to end hunger."

Since June 29 we've once again benefitted from their Simply Give program where all a customer has to do is grab a \$10 Simply Give donation card as they check out and all collected goes to our pantry. On top of that two dates were double match days where Meijer doubles the day's donations.

As a result, we will receive \$2,500 in food-only gift cards.

Gifts such as this helps us greatly provide to our clients a wider selection of food which is not available at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

Since Meijer started its Simply Give program in 2008, they have donated an incredible \$100 million to help alleviate hunger in the Midwest.



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