



ELKS SUPPORT



As they have since we opened the Pantry in November 2010, the Alliance Elks Club has always supported us and this year is no exception. John Mann, exalted ruler of the BPOE No. 467, stopped at our Pantry and visited Joan Gecina, our Wednesday manager, and handed her a \$2,000 check from the Elks National Foundation. Once again, thank you Elks!

MOUNT UNION'S DAY OF SERVICE

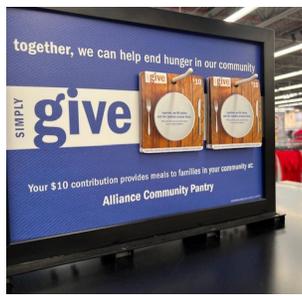


Once again, Mount Union students lived up to the tradition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service as 13 members of Delta Sigma Tau spent the morning of Jan. 19 at our pantry cleaning, sorting, packing, and even shoveling snow.

Under direction of pantry leaders Jim Perone, Debbie Skubiak and Terra Lashley, the sorority sisters worked with enthusiasm for more than two hours. We thank you!



MEIJER'S SUPPORT



The Meijer store in Alliance has made it easy for everyone in the area to support our Alliance Community Pantry. Once again, we are participants in their Simply Give program in which Meijer urges customers to grab a Simply Give gift card as they check out, and donate \$10 to the Pantry.

The Simply Give program will continue to support our Pantry through March 28, and two special dates have been designated as Double Match Days when for every \$10 donated by a customer Meijer will match that with a \$20 donation for the Pantry. Those dates are March 7 and March 21.

Thank you Meijer and thank you everyone who continues to support our Pantry.

Last year we gave out 1,160,073 pounds of food to 2,086 different clients who visited our pantry 14,767 times.

STEADFAST VOLUNTEERS

In an effort to continue to serve the community in these cold weather days, our Pantry board of directors decided Jan. 26 to relax our normal policy of being closed anytime Alliance City Schools are closed for weather.

With near zero temperatures in the forecast the entire week, we made the decision to open up no matter what the school decided. Our volunteers knew it was the right thing to do because both on Tuesday and Wednesday our volunteer crews were out in full force! Our drivers even made a run to the Akron-Canton Foodbank and brought back 10,800 pounds of food.

On Tuesday we served 34 families, but Wednesday's team, pictured here, served 90 families as the word finally got out.

We praise our volunteers who are always committed to our mission of "Working within the community to end hunger."



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