



BIRTHDAY TREATS

We had a wonderful donation Monday from American Heritage Girls, a Christian Girl Scout group from Randolph, as four of their members stopped by and donated \$372.91 and 60 packages of birthday cake ingredients.

The troop has 35 members and is led by Darlene Grimm. Delivering the gifts were members Izzy Cantwell, Renae Burtz, Clara Burtz, and Elyse Burtz, and they got to the pantry thanks to their driver Chris Cantrell.

Thank you girls for the wonderful surprise!



SPREADING THE WORD



Since our pantry opened in November 2010, we have always attributed much of our success to the wide range of support we receive throughout the community. One thing that has promoted that has been our willingness to always welcome those who want to visit our pantry.

One of those groups who visited this week was Girl Scout Troop 60365 from Alliance and Marlington, pictured here with pantry manager Debbie Skubiak, on the left. Troop leaders are Kasie Hartzell and Amie Frankhauser, with some of the members, Stella, Gwen, Ashton, Hadley, and Naomi.

During their visit they learned the pantry's success can be attributed to two things: talented and dedicated volunteers and tremendous support from around the community.

That balance has enabled us to provide the following statistics during 2025:

- ** TOTAL pounds given out – 1,160,073
- ** Different households served – 2,086
- ** Different individuals served – 6,570
- ** Total number of visits – 14,767
- ** Total number of days open – 147

FAMILY SUPPORT

The support we receive to help provide food to those in need comes from a wide range of sources. Among those who consistently help us are local businesses, clubs and organizations, schools, financial institutions, individuals, and even families and friends of volunteers.

That was the case today as Simon Soehrlen delivered 147 pounds of pork from one of the pigs raised on his family farm. He's pictured here with Jim Perone, pantry board president. Simon's father, Dave, is a cousin of Joe Cullum, a long-time volunteer at the pantry. The family farm south of Canton primarily raises beef cattle.

A senior at Fairless High School, the donation was Simon's National Honor Society service project. Simon's donation of meat to the pantry from an entire pig was also something his brother, Dan, had done last year.

We value the connections we have throughout the community.



MOUNT STUDENTS WELCOMED!

As she does every semester, Mount Union professor Beth Simbro will be introducing her students to our Pantry by sending them down to learn about our operation and spend time cleaning and doing whatever work we need done. Her first trip was with students in her health education class. As always, they did a great job.

Welcoming the students and telling them about the Pantry was board member Pat Gates. More of Dr. Simbro's students will be coming down three more times this semester. We certainly value the relationship we have with Mount Union and its students!



MORE MOUNT UNION HELP



Mount Union professor Beth Simbro's nutrition class spent time giving our pantry a good cleaning and ordering, and the rest of the students in her class picked up where they left off. Ten students did a great job sweeping, vacuuming, organizing food items, and scrubbing and polishing anything that needed it.

Jim Perone, president of the pantry board, directed the students. During March and April students in Beth's poverty class will be stopping in on two Fridays to clean and help keep things in good order.

Mount students have been a valuable asset to the pantry since we opened 16 years ago.



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