



## NEW PANTRY CURTAINS

When our volunteers and those in need of food showed up at our Pantry on Monday, April 13, they found a refreshing new look to the place, thanks to longtime volunteers Gary and Sally Hoover.

The Hoovers purchased and donated new curtains for the Pantry and on Wednesday, April 8, they were hung with the help of the Wednesday crew led by day manager Joan Gecina. Pictured here with Gary and Sally on the left and Joan in the center, are Lu and Ed Daum.

Before hanging the new curtains, all the windows were washed inside and out by volunteer Russ Haidet.



We are grateful for the many ways our volunteers are always serving those in need.



## MEMORABLE EVENING

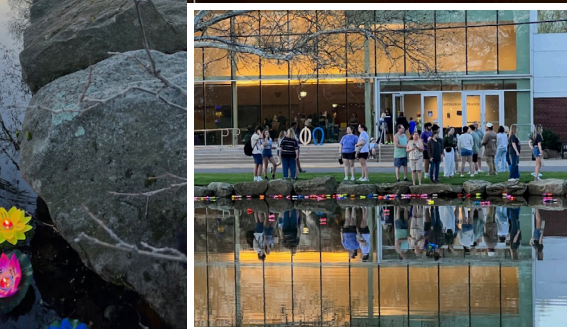
A beautiful spring evening welcomed a wonderful crowd to the Mount Union Lakes as they came to remember and honor those who have passed.

The annual Light Up the Lakes event that started in 2013 is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega who every year invite people to donate a canned food item or \$3 to receive a candle in memory of a loved one to float on the campus lakes. Raffle and 50/50 tickets also were sold.

It was another successful year as 425 pounds of food was collected and more than \$1,500 was donated.

With two years postponed because of the Covid pandemic, this was the 12th year for the event which this year was organized by Alexa Titus, vice president of APO.

As always, all proceeds and collected food will be donated to our Alliance Community Pantry. We appreciate APO members for the many ways they support our pantry.



# TURKEYS DONATED



As we sail through another year of operation, we at the Alliance Pantry are constantly indebted to the wide range of support we've gotten since we started serving the community more than 16 years ago. April 17 was another great example when an anonymous donor stopped at the pantry and donated 16 turkeys weighing 190 pounds.

Our thanks goes out to all those individuals, businesses, clubs, schools, and non-profit organizations, who have helped us provide food for the members of our community who are in need.

# FOUNDATION HONORS ALL VOLUNTEERS

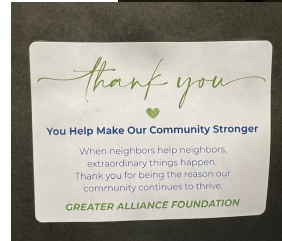
In April, the Greater Alliance Foundation, in honor of National Volunteer Month, partnered with the leadership from the Alliance Community Pantry to honor our team of volunteers who give so much to help our community.

As a 100% volunteer-run organization, our pantry's impact is a powerful reminder that real change happens when people show up for one another.

To honor all our volunteers, the Foundation put together thank you packages for all volunteers with a kind message of thanks for what we do.

From stocking shelves to welcoming neighbors with dignity and care, these volunteers are the heartbeat of the Pantry, quietly and consistently making a difference every single day.

We're grateful for their service, inspired by their commitment, and proud to celebrate the role they play in strengthening our community.



# FOODBANK SITE VISIT



Amanda Salmons, programs coordinator for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, stopped at our pantry this month for her annual inspection, and we passed with flying colors. Her overall site visit assessment was 97 percent!

Among those meeting with Amanda, seen here, were Cathy Torma, office manager; Jan Horning, data coordinator; Jim Greiner, treasurer; and Jim Perone, board president.

Amanda checked out all the operations of the Pantry including the documents we are required to maintain – Ohio Food Programs Manual, temperature logs, pest control, invoices, monthly reports, civil rights checklists, signature logs, eligibility letters, and proxy forms.

In a followup e-mail message to us, Amanda said: "Thank you for sharing your morning with me yesterday for the site visit! As always, it's a pleasure to see the great work your pantry does and your commitment to serving your community well."

Our Pantry certainly values and appreciates all the connections we have with the Foodbank.



# THANKS TO MORMON CHURCH



Once again, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints has greatly supported

the work of our pantry, this time with a \$15,000 grant to use to purchase items not always available at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

Overseen by our pantry manager Debbie Skubiak, \$3,000 of the grant was used recently to purchase a wide range of cleaning supplies, soap, detergent, and hygiene products for our clients.

Bruce Helsel and Glenn Rupp, pictured here unloading the supplies, picked up the donated products in Brecksville.

We are thankful to the Latter-Day Saints for their continued support.

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