



CARNATION PARADE FLOAT COLLECTING FOR PANTRY

As they have since we opened 16 years ago, First Christian Church once again had a float in the Carnation Festival Parade with a goal of collecting food and cash donations for the Alliance Community Pantry.

Tony and Sherrie DiDonato designed and created the float themselves this year and Pastor Steve Smythers pulled the float. First Christian folks walked beside the float collecting donations and food items along the route.

In past years, parade goers have been very generous and this year First Christian collected \$865 and 63 pounds of food.

The pantry is indebted to all the churches, organizations, businesses and individuals in town for their continued support.



SURPRISE \$10,000 FOR MEAT, PROTEIN



We were beyond thrilled in August to announce that through the Greater Alliance Foundation's Give Alliance 365 program, our Alliance Community Pantry received \$10,000 toward purchasing meat and protein!

Heidi McClung, executive director of the Greater Alliance Foundation got to surprise Jim Perone, our Pantry's board president, who answered a few questions about the Pantry during an interview that was posted on the Foundation's and our Facebook page!

Please join us in thanking the Foundation for their continued support of the work we do.

CONNECTING WITH MOUNT UNION STUDENTS

Our Pantry manager Debbie Skubiak, and our board secretary Chris Schade hung out on the Mount Union campus for a couple hours Friday, Aug. 28, afternoon meeting Mount Union students and introducing them to our Pantry.

The event organized by Abby Schroeder, director of the Regula Center, was to introduce students to the many opportunities available to them through community engagement, service, volunteering, internships, and civic involvement

throughout the academic year.

It was also a great opportunity for us to raise awareness about our Pantry and to recruit volunteers, promote ways to service, and to just start connecting with the students.

Debbie and Chris weren't terribly busy but they did have a few students stop to show interest in volunteering. We have always appreciated and valued our close relationship with Mount Union.



POP-UP PANTRY WAS A HIT

It was another super busy day at Glamorgan Castle on Wednesday, Aug. 26, as Akron-Canton Food Bank made its final Pop-Up Pantry stop for the summer. More than 170 Alliance area residence lined up to get food today which means well more than 500 people picked up food in the three months the pop-up pantry was held.

Todd Schlereth coordinated the event for the food bank, and Kristy Woodford once again organized the loyal volunteers from Alliance schools, and even had her husband Matt, daughter Kelly, and granddaughter Shia helping out.

Alliance school personnel covered the Pop-Up Pantry the first two months, but since school is now in session, volunteers from Alliance Community Pantry were needed. Eager to help out were Debbie Skubiak, pantry manager, and Rich Burden, Sebastian Schubert, Missy Miller, Jan Horning and Kim Cully.

It was just one more way we could serve the community, and we give great thanks to school personnel who made it work this summer.



SHREDDING EVENT FIGHTS HUNGER

It was a busy day at the Stark County Federal Credit Union as the Stark County Hunger Task Force once again held it's annual shredding day which collected food and donations for our Alliance Community Pantry.

It was busy nonstop for nearly three hours as people dropped off their old paperwork to be shredded, and freely made food and financial donations that will support our Pantry. In the three-plus hours it was held, \$683 and more than 65 pounds of food were collected

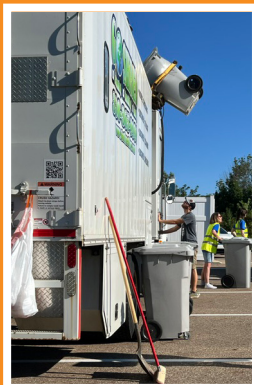
Theresa Donato from the Task Force board of directors, coordinated the event, and loyal, friendly employees of the Federal Credit Union helped out all morning gathering documents to be shredded from people driving through. Go Shred, a secure document shredding company of New Philadelphia, did the shredding.

Alliance Pantry members

Jim Perone and Mike

Patterson were there to accept the donated food.

Events such as this certainly helps support the Task Force's mission of fighting hunger in Stark County by providing financial, logistic, strategic, and food support to their network of local pantries.



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