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Alliance Community Pantry
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Working to end hunger in our community.
FOOD BANK

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

For the second year in a row, Alliance Drain & Plumbing will team up with our Alliance Community Pantry to help support local families this holiday season.

Through Thanksgiving, they will be collecting non-perishable food items, with ham being the exception. Supporters can give donated items directly to their service technician during their appointment, or stop by and see Madison at their office at 12371 Iowa Ave. NE, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As a thank you for donations, the company will be giving tickets for every item donated to be entered two drawings where two winners will receive $100 gift cards.

They are hoping to top last year's record of 310 pounds of food.



FEEDING THOSE IN NEED

The Meijer Store at Alliance makes it easy this holiday season to support the people in need of food. Through Dec. 26, all a customer has to do is grab a Meijer Simply Give $10 donation card when checking out, and Meijer will match it and $20 will go to the Alliance Community Pantry.

Meijer has been supporting our Pantry since they opened May 2024 through their Simply Give program, and it has greatly benefited our Pantry to be able to provide the food our customers need. All donations will be converted into Meijer food-only gift cards to help us stock our shelves with food that may not be available from the Akron-Canton Foodbank.

They have also designated Saturday, Dec. 12 as double match day. For every $10 Simply Give card purchased on that date, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of $20, bringing the total to $30 for a single customer purchase going to the Pantry.

Our pantry, located at 215 E. Market St., is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and we've been welcoming more than 1,200 visitors a month.





BIRTHDAY SURPRISES

Our pantry had a surprise donation this Wednesday when 9-year-old Altcen Dush delivered 24 birthday cake kits from her Girl Scout Troop 60382. It was the first gift from the troop that meets every other Monday at Alliance Elementary School, and one that will be fun to share with our clients.

MORMON CHURCH GIFT



Back in the spring, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints continued to support our pantry with a $15,000 grant to be used to purchase items not always available at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. That would mean non-food items.

The grant, overseen by our Pantry Manager Debbie Skubiak, was used to purchase a wide range of cleaning supplies including soap, detergent, and other hygiene products, which our clients greatly appreciated, but couldn't always receive.

Earlier, some of what had been purchased had been picked up, but on Oct. 23, pantry volunteers Bruce Helsel and Glenn Rupp drove up to the Mormon facility in Brecksville to pick up the rest of the products. They are seen here, unloading the cleaning supplies at our pantry.

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





MORE MOUNT HELPERS

As she does every semester, Dr. Beth Canfield-Simbro brings her Mount Union health department students down to introduce them to our Pantry and all the work we do in the community to help feed people.

One October morning, 12 of her freshmen students from her FYS 100 women's health class came down and cleaned, packed and sorted food, and worked with and learned about the Pantry from board president Jim Perone. The students worked a little over an hour. Exposing them to the pantry often encourages students to volunteer during their time at Mount Union.

The students helping out today were Sauveur Auguste, Alayna Braham, Gabby Cook, Mackenzie Hall, Ava Kouri, Grace Langford, Miranda Lumley, Maria Morgan, Norman Randolph, Allyson Takacs, Aubrey Weber, and Bailey Weirich.









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