

Quarterly Newsletter

PICKERINGTON
FOOD PANTRY



QUARTER 2 2026



A Pantry Recap + What's Ahead:

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year! We have had a busy second quarter between community events, food drives, and an increase in clients coming to the Pantry.

As always, without our donors and partners, we simply could not operate. Thank you! Whether you have provided monetary donations, food, or volunteered your time, we are grateful and appreciative of your support!

During the month of May we dispersed Senior Baskets to our Senior clients ages 60 and older. They received bags with 8 different items specific to Senior needs. This year, we gave out 64 bags!

In collaboration with Toll Gate Middle School, we participated in "Crunch for a Cause". In total, the school collected 840 lbs of cereal for the Pantry! Congratulations to the winning class that collected the most cereal, Mrs. Vankannel's room!

We are gearing up for our first Craft & Vendor Show on July 18th from 9-2 at Pickerington North High School. Stop by to shop from our 33 vendors and grab a bite to eat from the food trucks!

This time of year we shift into the holiday mindset as we prepare for our annual Holiday Meal Distribution event in November, where we provide enough meals for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are already starting to collect the following items: cranberry sauce, canned pie mixes, jars of gravy, canned corn, mashed potatoes, and stuffing.

A new program this year to the Pantry is "Toy Drive Food Stockings". The Pantry will be providing Stockings with healthy snacks to the children recipients of the Violet Township Fire Department Toy Drive.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our pantry relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this quarter's newsletter!

Kaylie Fellers
Executive Director

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Q2: PANTRY STATS & DONATIONS

Through your generous donations and support, the Pickerington Food Pantry was able to provide **42,210 meals to 2,822 people** from April 1st - June 30th 2026

DONATIONS

From food drives to drop ins, the Pickerington community donated 8,948 lbs of food and toiletries from April 1st - June 30th 2026. The Pickerington Food Pantry also received 23,053 lbs of donated food items from local grocery stores.

A big THANK YOU to our donors who make this possible!

Upcoming Pantry Closures:

- July 4th
- September 5th
- September 19th



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



ROSS GRIDLEY



UMI PATEL

We're featuring Ross, a long time Back Room Volunteer!
Ross's favorite thing about the Food Pantry is spending time with the other volunteers.
If you've ever stopped by on a Thursday, you've likely had the pleasure of meeting Ross!
He helps collect and organize donations as they come in and leaves our Back Room area clean and sparkling.
Thank you for your dedication to the Food Pantry Ross!

We're featuring Umi, a volunteer who has been with us for over 7 years.
You can find her volunteering in multiple roles, from organizing produce boxes and incoming donations in the back room to helping clients shop.
Umi's favorite thing about the Pantry is the people and learning about their stories.
She wants the community to know about how special our clients are and all the different circumstances that bring them to the Pantry.
Throughout the year, Umi and her family also cook and deliver meals to different homeless communities.
Umi is truly one of a kind and we are blessed to have her as a volunteer!

PANTRY AWARDS



Tina (second from right) pictured with Meijer Executives, Client Hours Supervisor Diane Hare, and Executive Director Kaylie Fellers.



Kaylie Fellers (right) pictured with husband Ian Fellers at the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Awards Event.

Tina Anderson was nominated for Meijers Hunger Relief Hero and won!

This past winter, Meijer reached out to more than 900 organizations seeking Hunger Relief Hero nominations to recognize outstanding volunteers. The

Pickerington Food Pantry proudly nominated volunteer Tina Anderson, and she won!

Meijer presented the Pantry with a \$5,000 donation, and Tina received a beautiful plaque and prize in recognition of her dedication and service.

Congratulations, Tina, and thank you for all that you do for the Pickerington Food Pantry! We are so grateful for your heart, hard work, and commitment to our community.

A huge thank you to Meijer as well for their generous contribution and for recognizing such an incredible volunteer.

The Food Pantry's Executive Director, Kaylie Fellers, was honored with the Emerging ATHENA Award.

The Emerging ATHENA Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate professional excellence, give back to their communities, and actively mentor and support women in reaching their full leadership potential.

Kaylie was recognized for the many initiatives she has implemented at the Pantry to better serve the Pickerington community, expand programs, and increase the Pantry's capacity to assist more local families in need.

When asked what it meant to win the award, Kaylie stated "I hope it makes our clients proud".

We are incredibly proud of Kaylie and grateful for her leadership, compassion, and dedication to serving our community every day. Congratulations, Kaylie, on this well-deserved honor!

RECIPES:

'Provincial Tomatoes'

Submitted by Volunteer Janet Reale

Ingredients:

2 large tomatoes, cut into ¼ inch slices
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
¼ cup grated Asiago cheese
¼ cup dry bread crumbs
2 tablespoons dried parsley

Directions:

Preheat oven broiler.
Place tomatoes slices singularly on a baking sheet/dish and season with salt and pepper, then drizzle with olive oil.
In a bowl mix together the bread crumbs, cheeses and parsley.
Sprinkle mixture over tomatoes.
Drizzle more olive oil as needed.
Broil for 5 minutes or until the top is golden.

'Pasta Salad'

Submitted by Executive Director Kaylie Fellers

Ingredients:

1, 6 oz container of Feta cheese
1 box of tri color pasta
1 bundle of celery
1 cucumber
1 container of cherry tomatoes
1 bottle of Italian dressing

Directions:

Add pasta to boiling water. Once pasta is cooked, remove from water and let cool.
Chop 2-3 stalks of celery in to small pieces.
Slice the cucumber and quarter the pieces.
Halve the cherry tomatoes.
Add the celery, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, and feta with the pasta.
Stirring the pasta mixture, add in the Italian dressing. Refrigerate and enjoy!

'Green Beans & Corn Side Dish'

Submitted by Executive Director Kaylie Fellers

Ingredients:

2 cans green beans
1 can corn
4 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh herbs of choice (parsley, basil, thyme, etc.)

Directions:

In a sauce pan on medium heat, add the cans of green beans and corn. Do not drain.
Stir to mix.
Add the 4 tablespoons of butter.
Add in salt and pepper.
Once the butter is melted among the green beans and corn, finely chop the herbs and add them to the pan.
Once evenly mixed, they can be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



With 33 vendors and 3 food trucks, don't miss our
Craft & Vendor Show on July 18th!

A huge thank you to our sponsors, Competitive
Edge HR, The Don Shaffer Team at Howard
Hanna, and Fairfield Federal.



Join us July 11th at the Picktown
Palooza entry gates. Bring a non-
perishable item for donation!
For Volunteer Sign- Ups, email
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Thank you for your support!

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PICKERINGTON FOOD PANTRY



Thanksgiving & Christmas

HOLIDAY MEAL BASKETS

■ A GIFT OF GIVING ■



Scan the QR code
or mail checks to:

Pickerington Food Pantry
70 Cross St. Suite B
Pickerington, OH 43147

*Let's Give a Little Joy to the Families in Need
of Food to Celebrate the Holiday Seasons*

Accepting
Donations
Through

**SATURDAY
November 07**

Drop-off Donations:

-Instant Mashed Potatoes
-Stuffing
-Cranberry sauce

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
**Thursdays &
Saturdays**

-Jars of Gravy
-Canned Pumpkin
-Canned Sweet Potatoes

Due to a generous donation, we are not collecting canned green beans

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