

CHARLESTON AREA CHURCHES

FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

"for I was hungry and You gave me food; I was thirsty and You gave me drink; I was a stranger and You took me in." Matthew 25:35
Hours M-W-F 1:30-4:00 & Th 5:30-7:00



FEBRUARY 2022

January was a good month at the pantry. Client numbers were up some days, and new families came in for services. The new shelving has been completed and installed, providing room to spread out. New cushioned floor mats have been purchased and placed between stacks of supplies.

The pantry received a grant through the Regional Office of Education to help purchase non food supplies that help homeless students remain in school. The supplies purchased included deodorant, toothbrushes, tooth paste, bar soap, and feminine hygiene products. These supplies will help homeless students maintain cleanliness to feel good about themselves as they navigate school.

The pantry deals with a small amount of homeless guest on a regular basis. It is a sad situation that there are homeless students in our school district, and any way to lessen their burden is helpful. Of course being homeless only adds to food insecurity. Pantry volunteers are grateful they can be a some assistance to these guest and students.

Todd has applied for a grant to purchase a new van, and we are waiting on that. The old van still runs well, but it has rusted out along the bottom and we want to replace it.

Since there was not a January newsletter published for our website the 2021 year end numbers are include in this month's letter.

January 2022 NUMBERS

NUMBER SERVED – Households -209

Individuals – 659 Meals – 5,931

DONATED FOOD – In Pounds

Eastern IL Foodbank – 1,849 USDA – 7,138

Ruler Foods – 866 WalMart – 3,159

2021 STATISTICS

NUMBER SERVED – Households – 2,173

Individuals – 6,947 Meals – 62,523

DONATED FOOD (in pounds)

Individuals: 3,086 Business/Agencies: 3,787

Churches: 831 Schools: 1,226

Ruler Foods: 19,117 WalMart: 87,201

USDA: 72,418 Eastern IL Foodbank: 23,260

TOTAL FOOD DONATED: 211,926

Not all donated food gets weighed, so this is only a portion of what was given.

INCOME

GRANTS:

United Way: \$3,750.00

Emergency Food & Shelter: \$8,896.00

E. IL Foodbank Shelving: \$3,255.00

MONETARY DONATIONS: Individuals,

Businesses, Organizations, Churches,

Honors, and Memorials: \$132,613.34

This amount accounts for 89% of the pantry's income.

TOTAL INCOME: \$148,514.34

EXPENSES

FOOD - \$31,424.81

NON-FOOD - \$4,814.14

OTHER EXPENSES

OPERATIONS/RENT: \$8,220.39

SUPPLIES; \$375.16

VEHICLE EXPENSE: \$3,284.71

OTHER: \$130,134.15

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$160,988.33

The other expense includes money spent on the building addition. When the amount for just the pantry expenses are figured it shows that 44% of money received is spent on the purchase of food.

Non food items are the personal hygiene items given to the guest.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2021!

