

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

2017 YEAR-END REPORT

“I was hungry and you fed me...”

Having begun in 1982 this was the 35th year of operation for the Christian Food Pantry! Financial support from the seven sponsoring churches and the community was down from what was given last year. Note: expenditures were up from last year. The Postal food drive was a tremendous help!

The pantry greatly appreciates the generosity of the First United Methodist Church for providing the space in the Asbury Center for the pantry operations. The co-operation given by The Shop ladies is greatly valued! An extra thank you goes to the contacts of the participating congregations for providing help and information ‘where needed.’

We are most thankful for our 30+ dedicated volunteers. **They are our greatest asset!** Five or six volunteers work every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to noon or later – depending on how many clients were served that day. Many extra hours are spent shopping, picking up donations, sorting food, stocking shelves and ‘housekeeping’ as well as compiling reports, keeping records and paying bills. Personal notes are sent to organizations and individuals outside the sponsoring congregations who donate money or food.

During the summer school vacation 241 Kid’s Kits of extra food were given to clients with children who are on free or reduced lunch fees when school is in session. These were well received by the families.

Once again the Valparaiso community ‘came through’ to help their neighbors in our area. Many food items were collected by the postal workers in May. Community schools responded with various food drives throughout the school year. Sixty-five dinner menu items were given for Easter. Ninety-two Thanksgiving baskets including turkeys donated by a local doctor were given out. Eight-one Christmas baskets were given out with the help of \$500 given by the Valparaiso FOP.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Total families served:	2,972	averaging 248 per month
Individuals provided for:	6,470	averaging 539 per month

SUMMARY

Balance	01/01/17	\$27,237.57
Receipts		44,367.80
Expenditures		<u>37,638.74</u>
Balance	12/31/17	\$33,966.63

INCOME

Sponsoring churches

First Christian Church (DOC)	\$14,364.65
First Presbyterian Church	2,275.00
First United Methodist Church	10,695.53
Living Hope Community Church	125.00
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	125.05
St. Paul's Catholic Church	1,470.00
Trinity Lutheran Church	6,203.54

Community	<u>9,109.03</u>
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<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	\$44,367.80
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EXPENDITURES

Aldi's	\$36,714.52
Beef Mart	44.99
Strack and VanTil	15.95
Target	28.11
Town and Country	721.41
Wal-Mart	<u>113.76</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	\$37,638.74

COMMUNITY MONETARY DONATIONS

Busy Bee Auto Repair	\$ 100.00
Church World Service	304.03
CSI	188.00
Dunes Leatherneck Detachment Marine Corp League	1,200.00
ESO Joyce Wargo Reading Club	330.00
Gratz Opus 118	6.00
GWRRA IN 2	75.00
International Union of Operating Engineers	50.00
Lunch Bunch Extension Club	50.00
Memorial Day Concert	28.00
Philips Ace Hardware	250.00
Pines Village Residence Council	562.00
Shorewood Forest Philanthropic Community	500.00
Valparaiso Elks BPOE #500	500.00
Valparaiso FOP	500.00
Anonymous	295.00
Individuals	<u>4,171.00</u>
<u>TOTAL COMMUNITY DONATIONS</u>	\$9,109.03

COMMUNITY FOOD DONATIONS

Aldi Foods
Boy Scout Troop 6
Centier Bank
Christ Lutheran Church
ESO Joyce Wargo Book Club
First Christian Church (DOC)
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Liberty Bible Church
Living Hope Community Church
Lunch Bunch Economics Club
Memorial Day Concert – Ninth Annual
Northview Elementary School
Northview Kiwanis Kids
Palko Distributing Company
Porterfield Family Chiropractors
Postal Workers Food Drive
Precision Towing
Royal Neighbors
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Paul's Catholic Church
Strack and VanTil
Trinity Lutheran Church
Valparaiso Parks Department
Westville Correction Agency

Various meats purchased at the Porter County Fair were donated to the pantry.

SUMMARY

The balance at the end of the year seems sizable. However, the largest donations are received during the holiday season, so it is fortunate that there is money so see us through the leaner times – especially in late winter and during the summer months. If donations go down special requests are sometimes needed.

A special note of appreciation and thank you must be included for the office managers, local missions leaders and contacts in the sponsoring congregations who receive, respond to and spread the information about the news, needs and services of the Christian Food Pantry. Our job would be much more difficult without you!

Co-directors: Nan Steeves – founder
Sharon Crowder
Anne Egolf