

SPRING 2023

# The Way Station



## FOOD PANTRY FOCUS

Now more than ever we are seeing households that are uncertain of having or unable to acquire enough food to meet the needs of all their family members. This is because they have insufficient money or other resources for food. Last year, 10.2% of U.S. households were *food insecure*, in Columbiana County where **our two food pantries** are located that number is 14.3%. With your help, last year we distributed close to **60,000 meals** to families in 3 states and 9 different counties! We are one of only a few pantries that will distribute food to families outside of the communities we are located in!

## WHO WE SERVE

Those we serve are very diverse. **Senior citizens** who will only take what they absolutely need, **families** who are experiencing a temporary set back and **individuals** with costly healthcare needs leaving very little in their budget to feed their families. We are humbled by their joy in things like paper products or peanut butter and cereal.

## FRESH SOLUTIONS

Our pantries have never been able to regularly provide fresh dairy products like cheese, eggs & milk, but thanks to donations by local dairy farmers *Nathaniel & Renee Guy* plus the *Dairy Boosters* of Columbiana County that is now possible. We were also awarded grants by *TJ MAXX* in Calcutta and *Salem Regional Medical Center* so that we can ensure our pantries have fresh fruits, vegetables and other necessary perishable items all year long.

## CHANGES IN 2023

We have been so fortunate to partner with Second Harvest food bank in securing food at deep discounted prices due to many local and national grants given on our behalf. However, because of an increase in fuel prices and driver shortages, they are forced to make changes in their delivery agreements. Usually we pay a nominal fee of just \$20 per month, per location to have our food delivered. **That rate is now increasing** to a per pound calculation which will average \$225 per month, per location. We are confident with your **continued prayers and support** that we will be able to continue our mission of helping those in need during this food crisis.



East Liverpool pantry volunteers from Northside Church as well as other members of the community helping out during distribution the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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