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Meijer Campaign
Second Success in 2015

The Meijer Simply Give campaign held from November 2015 to January 2, 2016 earned the Food Pantry $29,420 from donations and matching Meijer funds. This was the second time during 2015 that the Alliance was able to benefit from the generosity of Meijer and its customers. The funds earned are issued in Meijer credits and used to purchase needed fresh, canned, frozen, and packaged items for the Pantry. In addition, nutritious snacks and drinks are purchased for the after school and summer Zone 231 programs.

Join Our Hunger Walk 2016 Team!

Spend your Memorial Day with us and walk, run, skip, or stroll around the Ohio River! Now is the time to lace up your shoes and hit the pavement for a tremendous cause! Join the Mt. Healthy Alliance team on Monday, May 30th for the 13th annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run! This year's race starts bright and early at 9AM. Last year, our team raised over $1600. This year, our team goal is $2,000—this would cover two months of purchases from the FreeStore Foodbank. With each step you are taking you are directly impacting lives of those in our community. Spend your Memorial Day with us and walk, run, skip, or stroll around the Ohio River! Register now and take a stand against hunger! One step at a time, one dollar at a time, together we can fight hunger right here in Mt Healthy.

Curves of Finneytown Continues Annual Support

Curves of Finneytown conducted its food and cash fund-raising for both S0UL Ministries and the Alliance Food pantries. Members were encouraged to make food or cash donations during the month of March. The Alliance thanks owner Pat Welti for her continued support.
The Mt. Healthy Alliance Youth program, ZONE 231, will sponsor its third summer program from May 31 - August 12. The 10 week program is open to approximately 30 area children. It will run Monday through Friday from 11 A.M. - 3 P.M. Lunch will be provided each day.

Youth will participate in a variety of activities including gardening, field trips, crafts, swimming, and community service. Last year’s trips included bowling, a Reds game, and the Cincinnati Zoo. Donations are welcome to sponsor a child. Volunteers are needed either for the entire day or from 1-3. Call Pastor Zack at 513-546-9146 or Director Williams at 513-259-3228.

Volunteer Spotlight
The Zone would like to salute Ms. Marlene from Trinity Lutheran Church. She has quickly become the kids’ favorite craft person. Ms. Marlene volunteers every week on Tuesdays and brings great crafts to do with the children coming after school. “This is the highlight of my week,” claims Ms. Marlene. The children think so too.

DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry provides an opportunity for area students to volunteer in the community and earn service hours required for high school graduation. A number of students from Mt. Healthy High School have been faithful volunteers all year. They have come in on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays and on their days off and willingly stocked, bagged, or shopped with clients. Spring break brought many students from Roger Bacon High School who were finishing their service hours or completing their Capstone senior projects. “We are pleased to help these students and hope that they will continue giving back to their communities in the future,” commented Director Kathy Lorenz.

Roger Bacon helps out while having fun!
**Director’s Corner**

**Spaulding Grant Benefits Pantry**

The Spaulding Foundation of Cincinnati has awarded a $10,000 grant to the Alliance to be used to purchase food for the Food Pantry. The Spaulding Foundation is a nonprofit organization in the local area which distributes funds to area nonprofits such as Tender Mercies, American Red Cross, Stepping Stones. The Pantry passed a stringent vetting process in order to receive this generous grant for which we are very grateful.

**Faith Lutheran Church**

Faith Lutheran Church (8265 Winton Rd.) has donated $5000 to the Alliance for the Food Pantry through a special grant from the church. It was secured through the efforts of Anita Day, a church member and supporter of the Pantry. The Alliance is thankful for these benefactors. These gifts are just the beginning of what God has in store for the Alliance.

Additionally, if you are aware of grant opportunities, please contact Dr. Williams at director@mthealthyalliance.org or 513-259-3228

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**Pantry Report**

The annual report was presented to the Board by Director Kathy Lorenz. In 2015 the total number of families served was 6254. The value of food distributed was over $500,000. Generous financial donations and donations of food from many sources made this possible. In addition, a total of 1043 individual volunteers gave over 13,000 hours of their time to make the Pantry run smoothly.

The first three months of 2016 continue as busy as ever. Clients in January totaled 509; February 464; and March 475. Senior boxes were distributed and/or delivered each month. Donations continue from many sources. “We are fortunate to be able to provide even more selections and variety especially in meat and produce,” commented Lorenz. “Many volunteers and donors make this all possible.”

The Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Society whose members operate within the Pantry, assisted with utility help, furniture vouchers, and clothing vouchers. Each month a limited number of bus tokens are available for those in need of transportation to school, work, or medical appointments.

The Alliance Pantry will participate in the annual Hunger Walk and is looking for participants.

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*Dedicated volunteers*
**DONATIONS WELCOME**

**PANTRY NEEDS**

The Panty is always in need of canned vegetables, fruit, protein such as meat, fish, beans, peanut butter. Also in demand are cereal and pastas.

Clients appreciate personal items that we do not purchase: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, laundry or dish products.

We also have shelves for donated magazines, adult books, and children's books.

**ZONE 231**

The program is always in need of healthy snacks, juice, and bottled water.

Books, games, video games, movies, crafts supplies, paper, crayons, pencils are always needed.

**Support the**

Mt Healthy Alliance Food Pantry

3rd week of each month

Mon-Sat 6am to 3pm

Thurs 6am to 8pm

at

**SWEETHEART CAFE**

We’ll earn 10% of sales when you present this flyer at

9894 Colerain Avenue (in Hobby Lobby Plaza)

*Flyer must accompany check donation*

Please do not share the flyer with other guests at the restaurant

**VOLUNTEERS**

Needed to provide academic and positive social support to the students of our after-school and summer program

Bob Evans coupons may now be used at the locations below:

- 9970 Colerain Avenue
- 5245 North Bend Road
- 8270 Winton Road
- Winton Road, Cincinnati Mills

Coupons available through member churches.