MEIJER FUNDRAISER

Simply Give Campaign

The Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry has been selected as the recipient of the Simply Give campaign sponsored by the Stone Creek Meijer store located on Colerain Avenue. The program begins on March 29 and ends May 11. During this time Meijer will match, in kind, each $10 donation. For two days, April 17 and 18 the donation will be doubled.

Special donation cards will be available through the Mt. Healthy Alliance member churches and at the Food Pantry. They will also be available at Stone Creek Meijer at 3711 Stonecreek Blvd.

It's really very simple:
1. Take a donation card
2. Present it at check out
3. Your bill will reflect your $10 donation
4. Meijer matches your donation
5. At the end of the campaign, the pantry will receive a store credit equal to the total amount—to be used for Pantry food purchases.

HUNGER WALK

The Annual Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk will be held on Memorial Day, May 25. The Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry team has a goal of $3000, the average of one month’s purchases for the Pantry. Joining or making a donation is easy. Go to: www.cincinnatihungerwalk.org.

Click on “teams” in the menu bar at the top. Click on Mt. Healthy Alliance Inc. The Team page will open. To join, click Join Team* and follow instructions to register. Click Make a Donation.

To make a donation but not walk, click the name of one of the team members. This will open the member’s personal page. Click Make a donation and follow instructions.

For questions, contact Karen Gerrety at 513-529-9503.
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**ZONE 231**

**MONDAY/WEDNESDAY GRADES 5+**  
**TUESDAY/THURSDAY GRADES K–4**  
**FRIDAY—ALL GRADES**

It has been a wild winter here at Zone 231! We have thawed out and are now Springing into action. We are beginning a program with the Mt. Healthy Police Department to have an officer come by once a week to establish a ongoing relationship with the kids in our community. We will be attending the pancake/easter egg hunt at the Mt. Healthy Methodist church this Saturday. I am looking forward to finding more eggs than the kids!!!

To let you know about our impact, I was called one night to talk to a child who refused to do his chores and was extremely rude to his mother. After talking for ten minutes, he agreed to do them without hassle. I am pleased to report the parent was so impressed that she stops in to Zone 231 to see what we are about and has agreed to donate her time this summer. Our summer funfest planning is almost complete. Lots of trips and tons of fun in the name of Christ will be had. If you or your church would consider sponsoring a young person this summer, it would be greatly appreciated. Sponsorships are $150 for a child or $250 for a sibling duo. As always we invite you to stop in and say a prayer with or for us. In true Zone kid fashion TURN UP !!!!

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**CURVES SUPPORTS FOOD DRIVE**

The Finneytown CURVES is once again supporting the Pantry during its annual participation in the Curves Food Drive. The club, located on Winton Road in Finneytown encourages members to form teams and compete in a Penny War to raise money and to bring in needed supplies for Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry and Soul Ministries. This year’s food drive is dedicated to Gail Fredensborg, an active Pantry volunteer and Curves member, who passed away last June.

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**DONATIONS OF NEEDED AND APPRECIATED**

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**Director Departing Alliance**

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Board President Roxanne Reed will bring her administrative expertise to act as interim Executive Director while Pastor Larry Dempsey will assume Board President duties on an interim basis. The Board would like to thank Kathryn for a job “well done” and to wish her well in her new position.

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**Thank you!**
Mr. Healthy Christian Church has been a leader in area of Christian service for over 175 years. Founded in 1839 by David Burnet, it met in the Free Meeting House until a church building was constructed in 1849. Over its history, it has been a model of global ministry and missionary efforts for the Disciple of Christ churches. Throughout the year, the congregation supports dinners at Trinity Lutheran Church and at City Gospel Mission. It sponsors a local children at the Zone 231 summer program and collects funds to purchase supplies for students at South Elementary School. At Christmas, the members support Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree Christmas Program.

Today, the Church basement houses the Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry, which the church congregation supports with cash contributions, food donations, and volunteers.

PANTRY REPORT

The pantry continues to be busy each month. In January, the pantry served 532 families and in February 377 families. 123 Senior boxes were distributed and/or delivered. The estimated value of food for these two months was approximately $50,000. The Pantry continues to be blessed with generous donors and supporters and volunteers.

Other avenues of assistance came from the food drive at Brentwood Kroger and the Bob Evans monthly fund raisers. The spring Feinstein challenge will be replaced by the Meijer Simply Give campaign. Additional info on page 1.

NEW ADDITIONS AT THE PANTRY

With increased donations of meat and frozen foods, it became imperative to replace aging freezers. The Pantry was able to purchase three chest freezers with a grant from the Free-store. These units are in addition to the three upright freezers in the office and the walk-in refrigerator unit acquired last year.

“They make a big difference in handling our supplies and give us extra capacity for larger donations. In the long run, our CLIENTS are the beneficiaries,” says Pantry Director, Kathy Lorenz.

In Remembrance

Helen K. Waldman passed away on March 16, 2015 in Ashland, Ohio at the age of 99 years. Helen was one of the founders of the Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry which began in 2007. Services were held at Paul R. Young Funeral Home on March 30.

Volunteers welcome at both the Pantry and the Zone

Call Kathy or Zack
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.

Thank you in advance.

Sweetheart Café
Community Fundraiser Event
Friends, Food, and Fundraising
To Support
Mt Healthy Alliance Inc. Food Pantry
3rd week of each month
Mon–Sat 6am to 3pm
Thurs 6am to 8pm

We’ll earn 10% of sales when you present this flyer at the Sweetheart Cafe
9894 Colerain Avenue (in Hobby Lobby Plaza)
*Flyer must accompany check donation*
Funds raised will count toward Feinstein Challenge (March and April)
Please do not share the flyer with other guests at the restaurant

Bob Evans coupons may now be used at the Bob Evans on Colerain Avenue AND at 5245 North Bend Road 45247.
We are grateful for the support of both stores.

A total of $760 was earned in the first three months of this year.
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HOSTS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Faith Lutheran Church at 8265 Winton Road will be hosting two community events.

Saturday April 18: Free Community Dinner 5-6 P.M.
Doors open 4:45 P.M.

First Fridays
Free Family Dinner and Movie Nights in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 P.M  Doors open at 5:50 P.M.
You are invited to enjoy a casual dinner followed by a family-friendly movie. Popcorn and candy available to support youth programs.
April 3, May 1, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

New Health Program

Horizon Home Health Care will now be offering health screenings at the Pantry once a month on the third Monday of the month during normal Pantry hours. They will provide complimentary blood pressure screenings, glucose screens, and visual foot checks.

They will also be able to assist clients in accessing medical care they might need such as physicians, medications, psychiatric and nursing care, connecting them with possible community resources of which they are not aware.

This program will be in addition to the program now available on the third Tuesday of the month.