Donor Breakfast

The annual Donor Breakfast was held on Saturday, May 2, hosted at the Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church. Board members, donors, staff, volunteers, and Zone 231 participants all shared food and fellowship. Speakers shared their experiences at the Pantry and at the Zone.

Meijer Campaign: a Huge Success

The spring “Simply Give” Campaign sponsored by Meijer Stores netted a total of $30,770 from donors and matched funds from Meijer. The extra funds allow the pantry to purchase needed supplies such as dairy items and canned goods. “Meijer has been an awesome partner and we thank them for their support of the Mt. Healthy Alliance,” says Director Kathy Lorenz. “We look forward to working with them in the future.”

Search for New Director

The Board of the Mt. Healthy Alliance is in the process of interviewing applicants for the position of Executive Director. This a part-time position that oversees both Pantry and Zone operations. The job was previously held by Kathryn Roosa, who has taken a full-time position in the Butler County court system.

NEW PANTRY HOURS

The Pantry began new hours in August to accommodate a new delivery schedule from Wal-Mart. The biggest change is on Monday with minor changes on other days. “Hopefully, the new schedule will work well for volunteers and clients,” stated Joyce Lech, Assistant Director.

- **Monday**: 11-1
- **Tuesday**: 5-7
- **Thursday**: 9-12
- **Saturday**: 9-12
MEMBER NEWS

Mt. Healthy United Methodist

The Methodist “church ladies” were busy this summer cooking up meals for children who attended the Zone Summer program. They covered the last two weeks of lunch after the program at South Elementary School ended.

They also conducted a summer Science Camp one summer week. Their Saturday pancake breakfasts are also popular in the community - held once a month.

On August 16, the church hosted a jazz concert to bring the community together and to benefit the Alliance.

Thanks to Sharon Heim and her fellow volunteers.

Community Life Church

Northview Wesleyan Church officially changed its name to Community Life Church in July. They kicked off their change by throwing a huge neighborhood block party every evening for an entire week. Hundreds attended.

“We hope to build positive relationships in the community,” stated Sandy Metz, wife of pastor Dan Metz. Two teen mission groups from Indiana volunteered time and energy to make it possible, passing out 4000 flyers in the neighborhood.

In addition the mission groups assisted with deliveries at the Pantry.

DINNERS AND BRUNCHES

St. Paul United Church of Christ:
Tuesday Evenings 5:00-6:30
Members also pick up pizzas each week from Little Caesar.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Highview Christian Church
Monthly Saturday morning brunches -TBA

ST. STEPHEN’S EPISCOPAL- CLOSED

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church held its final service on Sunday, July 12.

The congregation has been a strong supporter of the Mt. Healthy Alliance from the start. Former pastor, Rev. David Bailey, served as Board President; many parishioners have assisted at the Pantry.

A declining and aging membership was the main reason for closing the church. Alliance representative Nancy McCarthy feels that former St. Stephen members will continue to support the Alliance.
**Volunteer Spotlight**

Mattie Maddox, Produce Manager

Since spring, the Pantry has had its own “produce manager”. Volunteer Mattie Maddox began volunteering one evening a week with her daughter. Before long she had taken over the back area of the pantry, organizing the large variety of produce from Wal-Mart and other donors. Mattie has a lifetime of experience in food and food preparation. She attractively organizes and arranges fruits and vegetables, gives advice on how to prepare/serve many of them, identifies unusual items, and passes out recipes from her own files. Clients know to expect extra produce from the back table and the ever-present bananas needed “to make your smoothies.”

Director Kathy Lorenz compliments Mattie, claiming, “I don’t know what the Pantry would do without her. I hope Jungle Jim doesn’t learn about her or we might lose her.”

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**Pantry Report**

The summer months were busy at the Pantry. Hungry children at home for the summer can put a big strain on grocery budgets. Fortunately, the shelves at the Pantry were full thanks to the generosity of area businesses and donors. There were many meat and produce choices, in addition to extra items such as pizza, lunchmeats, and other protein sources.

The proceeds from the Meijer “Simply Give” program allowed for needed purchases. Produce from many area gardens (see related article) added to the healthy food the Pantry was able to provide. In June, July and August an average of 500 families were served each month. The approximate value of the food distributed in three months was over $100,000.

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**From the Community**

The Pantry was the beneficiary of produce donations from generous area gardeners. The Community Garden added vegetables. Individuals blessed us with the excess from their own gardens. These included Steve Taylor whose lemon cucumbers were the talk of the produce corner; Joe Jungkunz; and Kelly and Evie, the young farmers on Elizabeth Street. Thank you all so much!!!!!
The summer program sponsored by the Mt. Healthy Alliance at Zone 231 ran 10 weeks from June 1 through August 14. The program was organized by Zone Director Zack Whittle, assisted by Miss Ivy and other summer volunteers.

The group of about 30 children arrived at 11 a.m., organized for the afternoon, and then went to lunch at South Elementary School. Afternoon activities included trips to the pool, cleaning up around town, bowling, and field trips.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of area groups and individuals, the children and teens were able to attend a Cincinnati Reds baseball game, go to the Zoo, and to visit the Museum Center.

The Mt. Healthy United Methodist “church ladies” provided lunches for the final two weeks of the program. Mt. Healthy Christian Church’s Mr. Mike provided pizza each week. Hope for You Church sponsored the Skating Party while Duke Energy sponsored the Reds game.

Many others donated snacks, supplies, or sponsored a child in the program.

“This was our second summer,” said Whittle, “and the best yet.” His sentiments were echoed by the participants.

The Zone began its fall program for its third year on Hamilton Avenue. It runs Monday-Friday from 3-6 P.M. Grade 6 and above attend on Monday, Wednesday; Grades 5 and below on Tuesday, Thursday; All groups meet on Fridays.

The goal of the program is homework help, mentoring, and relationship building while having a good time.

FOOD, SNACKS WELCOME!!!
ASSUMPTION ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Society has its unofficial “residence” at the Pantry. “Since a number of Assumption St. Vincent members also volunteer at the Pantry, it made sense to have a presence there,” said Lois Praechter, President and Pantry volunteer.

The group issues clothing and furniture vouchers to eligible clients. It is sometimes able to assist with utility bills and rent issues. Its members also help in the food drives at Kroger, collect needed supplies at Assumption once a month, and help with the Bob Evans program each month.

Their annual Christmas Angel project will benefit area children. St. Vincent de Paul Society receives help from other groups or churches who sponsor children. Last year the group distributed approximately 350 gifts to children under the age of 13. Sign-ups occur in the month of October and gifts are distributed in December.

FREE FLU SHOTS

Walgreens Offers Shots

Walgreen’s Pharmacy will be offering free flu shots to individuals in the community ages 7 and up the week of Sept. 28–October 3. They will be offered during hours the Pantry is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Those receiving the shots do not have to be clients at the Pantry. Sign up by calling Kathy or Joyce at the Pantry at 551-8036.

“We are pleased to partner with Walgreens,” said Kathy Lorenz. “This is another opportunity to help our clients in addition to our monthly Health Clinic on the third Tuesday night of the month.”
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 washing products.

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

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

Two More Bob Evan Restaurants Support the Pantry

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

9970 Colerain Avenue
5245 North Bend Road
8270 Winton Road

We are grateful for their continued support.