Mt. Healthy Alliance continues to serve our community

The Food Pantry continues to serve a growing number of families. In September the Pantry served 545 households, an increase of almost 100 from the previous September.

The ability to accomplish this is due to the assistance of many individuals, groups, and businesses. Member churches and private individuals provide food and financial support. Kroger at Brentwood and at NCH allow the Pantry to conduct food drives. Other donations came from Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall, McCauley H.S. St. X, St. Bart’s, CAIN, Corpus Christi, and the Brentwood Panera.

The Grosbeck Wal-Mart has added to inventory in both quantity and variety. Bob Evans fundraisers each month augment the budget.

Lastly, individuals from our 45231 community donate their time to keep the Pantry running. We thank all our benefactors and volunteers.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Food Pantry in many different capacities from stocking shelves, bagging groceries, shopping with clients, paperwork and more.

One can work any day/time the Pantry is open. Volunteers can choose a task suitable for themselves. The Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Call 551-8036. Ask for Kathy or Joyce.

Volunteers saluted

It takes many volunteers in many capacities to keep the Pantry running smoothly. A special salute goes to our Monday and Thursday morning Wal-Mart crew: John and Tom Riehle, Tom Bauer, Jon Witt, John Cracchiolo, Doug Ritmeir, and Paul Kluesener. These men generously donate their time, trucks and energy to pickup hundreds of pounds of food, dairy, pizzas for the Pantry. The only thing they ask in return is a donut and a cup of coffee afterward.

Community dinners

Good food and companionship every Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday at St. Paul United Church of Christ at 6997 Hamilton Avenue from 5:30-6:30. On Thursdays at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1553 Kinney Ave. from 5-6:30. All are welcome to share a home-cooked meal and social time with members of the community. These dinners hosted by various churches, community and businesses groups.
ZONE 231

Zone 231 after school program is filled to capacity almost every day! With homework help, tutoring, and an emphasis on reading skills, our kids are making strides in school. Our afternoon starts with a snack, followed by tutoring and homework. Afterwards, students have free time for games, crafts and other activities. Kids are still talking about the great 10-week summer program at the Zone. They are looking forward to some great activities this fall including dance lessons.

Pastor Zack partnered with our schools this year to keep the youth in our community in school and headed towards successful futures. He has worked with a potential runaway, troubled teens, families in dire need. The youth in our community are struggling and need us to step up and help them.

To help, volunteer, donate supplies, donate snacks and drinks, Pastor Zack is available at 546-9146 for questions.

You can be a sponsor. For $135, you can sponsor a child for the year. This tax-deductible donation will provided opportunities for a child and help keep the program moving forward. As a “thank you”, all sponsors will have an opportunity for a FREE advertisement in our community flyers. Make checks payable to Mt Healthy Alliance, Inc.

WEAR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE

Proudly support the Mt. Healthy Alliance. Shirts in red and black are available for sale. Cost is $15 for M-XL. Sizes 2X-5X are $20. Shirts are well-made and preshrunk. Place your order by phone or drop in at the office at the Zone 231.

Feinstein Challenge

Each year, the Pantry participates in the Feinstein Challenge. During March and April, cash donations and food donations are counted and a percentage is matched by the Feinstein organization. This year we netted an extra $292 from the challenge to add to the budget.

IN SYMPATHY

Gail Fredensborg, a dedicated volunteer at the Pantry since its inception passed away in July. Clients saw Gail at the intake desk, but she was a behind the scenes person in many other capacities. Our sympathy goes to her husband Gary and to her family.

PANTRY REPORT

The number clients served at the Pantry continues to grow as does the amount of food being distributed. In September alone, a total of 33,000 pounds of food was either purchased or donated. The yearly estimated value of all food distributed as of September 30 was $315,517. Without the generosity of many groups and businesses, this would not have been possible. In addition, we are able to provide bus tokens to a limited number of clients. We also distribute 127 Senior boxes each month from the Free Store to area seniors.

Assumption St. Vincent De Paul Society operates from the Pantry and assists with clothing vouchers and utilities when possible. Parents with children up to age 13 were also able to sign up in October for a Christmas gift for each child.

SERVICE is a part of the curriculum at McCauley HS. Visiting freshman (below) assisted at the Pantry.

Mt. Healthy Alliance Members

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church of the Assumption
St. Paul UCC
Mt. Healthy Christian Church
St. Stephen Episcopal
Mt. Healthy United Methodist
First Baptist of Mt. Healthy
T.H.U.G. Ministries
Word Faith Harvest Fellowship
Highview Christian
Hope for You Family Life and Worship Center

Affiliate Churches
Faith Lutheran church
New Hope Ministries
Northview Wesleyan

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Assumption Parish is a member of the Mt. Healthy Alliance. In addition to supporting the Pantry and Zone, the parish St. Vincent DePaul Society assists clients in the Assumption area with other basic needs.

Assumption Parish was founded in 1854 and has been an integral part of the community. It has been located on Joseph Street in three separate sanctuaries, the most recent being rebuilt in 1978. It supports an elementary school which is now part of Our Lady of Grace School. The parish supports many ministries including Young Adult, Seniors, Engaged Couples, Bereavement, Scouts, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Its annual festival is a summer fixture in the community.

**Pastor:** Fr. Jerome Gardner  
**Associate:** Fr. Bill Cross  
**Deacons:** Rick Reder, Bob Staub

Worship Schedule:  
Sunday: 9 and 11 A.M.  
Saturday: 4:00 P.M.  
Mon./Tues.: 8:30 A.M.  
1st/3rd Sat.: 8:30 A.M.

7711 Joseph Street  
Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231  
Office: 513-521-7274  
Assumptionmthealthy.org

The Assumption St. Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a gift program for children in our area (ages birth-13) who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Anyone wishing to become a Santa Angel by adopting a child or family should call KATHY at the Alliance at 513-551-8036.

Gift tags can be picked up at the Pantry or at Assumption Rectory.

You will be given the child’s age, gender, and appropriate gift suggestion for one gift per child. These gifts will need to be dropped off at Assumption no later than Nov. 30. They will then be distributed by the Santa Angel committee on December 20. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation for a gift(s) or to the program in general, the committee will shop for you.

The Alliance of Mt. Healthy is promoting several fundraisers to support their efforts.

**PANTRY HOURS**  
**Monday-Friday**  
9:30-12:00  
Sat. 9—12

**ZONE 231 HOURS**  
**Monday-Friday**  
3:30-6:15 P.M.
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7717 Harrison Ave.
Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231
Phone: 513-551-8036

ZONE 231
7605 Hamilton Avenue
Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you to all the generous sponsors who help ensure the success of the Mt. Healthy Alliance—both the Food Pantry and Zone 231.

PANTRY NEEDS

The Pantry 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.

During the holidays—Thanksgiving and Christmas—the Pantry provides families with food for a holiday meal. Clients choose their extra items. Especially popular and in great demand are the following: mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, broth, stuffing, canned fruit (especially fruit cocktail and pineapple), Jiffy cornbread mix and dessert mixes. Food demand is very high during these two months so donations of food or money are GREATLY appreciated.

The next dinner is planned for January 17, 2015.

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The Food Pantry will be open Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. It will be closed the 26th-30th and reopen on Monday, December 1.

In December, the Food Pantry will be closed December 21-27. It will reopen December 29 and 30. Closed Dec. 31-Jan. 2 and reopen on January 3.

THANK YOU

Affiliate Member Faith Lutheran Church in Finneytown has been serving the local community for many years. Members take part in service projects on a monthly basis serving at the Alliance, Matthew: 25 Ministries, Hands Against Hunger and others.

On October 18, they hosted their first Alberta Harker Memorial Community Dinner. Guests were served an Italian-style meal.

Community dinners will be held quarterly in honor of Alberta Harker, a former member of the church. Harker established a memorial fund for this community outreach activity.

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