

**Brewerton Community Food Pantry- December, 2010 Stats/Pantry Update  
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<b>Monthly Statistics:</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Families/Households Served:</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Meals:</b>	<b>3,087</b>
<b># Ind. X 3 meals/day X 7 days</b>	<b>(147 x 3 x 7)</b>
<b># Children: (Ages 0 -17)</b>	<b>48</b>
<b># Adults:( Ages 18 – 64)</b>	<b>95</b>
<b># Elderly: (Ages 65+)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Individuals:</b>	<b>147</b>

**Food Bank of CNY – Food Orders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>HPNAP Allocation</b>	<b>Program Cost*</b>
11-16-10	2,608	\$628.34	\$427.62	\$200.74
11-16-10	596	\$500.78	Supplemental Order	FREE

Our next order is scheduled for December 28th.

**December** has been an extremely busy month for the food pantry. Our church family in collaboration with the Disciples of Christ church family provided 67 families with Thanksgiving Food Baskets this year. We helped to ensure that 274 people (142 – adults, 124 – children and 8 – seniors) had a Thanksgiving meal to enjoy. Thirty two of those baskets were delivered by members of our congregation the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all who donated food items, turkeys, hams and all the fixings and to those who assisted with the deliveries. The true spirit of caring and sharing was in full bloom!

During the month we received monetary contributions from the Lioness Club of Central New York in the amount of \$2,000. We also received a cash donation in the amount of \$117 from the Saddlecreek Homeowners Association that was collected at their annual holiday party.

The Napa Distribution Center (Ed Glowacki) adopted one of our pantry families this year and provided an impressive array of gifts for each of the 6 members of the family. Napa also provided a Christmas breakfast food basket and Wegman’s gift card for the family to enjoy for the holidays. A wish-list of items was supplied to them and the elves at Napa did all the shopping, and wrapping for each of the 3 children and 3 adults. The tears of joy shed by the mom and the hugs shared by the dad where an indication that this would be the absolute BEST Christmas EVER for the family!

The food pantry sponsored food baskets for 12 local families made up adult/elderly members. Our friends at St. Agnes, provided more than 50 food baskets along with individual gifts for each family member at their annual caring and sharing event. Their month long efforts helped ensure that families in need had a complete Christmas meal as well as gifts to enjoy.

St. Pauly Textile, the business out of Rochester who sponsors our clothing shed also got into the Christmas spirit. They sent a \$50 check to provide a Christmas meal for a local family.

Ginny Gordon, owner of the Brickhouse Café, donated over 6 boxes of food items – toilet paper, salsa, potatoes, juice stuffing mix soup, fruit pancake mix, sweet potatoes, jelly and more, along with fresh meat, chicken and frozen green beans. Two groups that meet at our church a Brownie Troop and the Twilight Stitchers donated a number of food, household, personal care and diapers & wipes to our food pantry during the month.

Due to the generosity of our community, we were able to provide “last minute” Christmas Food Baskets on Thursday, 12/23 to two large local families who may not otherwise had a Christmas meal this year. It is our sincere hope that between the efforts of St. Agnes, the food pantry and local groups and businesses, that all our families that reside in Brewerton, were able to enjoy a holiday meal.

NPOL of Brewerton supplied us with two large boxes (approximately 250 pairs) of children’s mittens and gloves that were collected and displayed on their Mitten Tree during the month of December. One hundred pair of hand knitted mittens were donated by a woman who lives in North Syracuse. The mittens and gloves will be distributed to children throughout the winter months. If anyone knows of any children who are in need of a pair of warm, comfy mittens or gloves, please help yourself. A box is located in the entry way by Pastor Roger’s office.

The pantry also received a Christmas gift the week before Christmas. Thanks to a \$1,200 equipment allocation grant sponsored by the Food Bank of Central New York, the pantry is now the proud owner of a second commercial refrigerator. The pantry is now equipped with two freezers and two refrigerators to help ensure we can continue to provide fresh dairy products, fresh produce along with a variety of frozen meat and other healthy food items to our clients.

In closing, I’d like to once again thank everyone for their continued support of the Food Pantry and invite you to visit us to view first-hand what your donations mean to us. We are proud of the mission we provide to our community and know we could not do it without the generous support of all of you! On behalf of the food pantry, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and God Bless you all!

Happy New Year!

Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator