

Brewerton Community Food Pantry - May Stats
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<u>Monthly Statistics:</u>	<u>May</u>
Families/Households Served:	51
Total Meals:	3,150
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(150 x 3 x 7)
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	48
# Adults:(Ages 18 – 64)	93
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>9</u>
Total Individuals:	150

We are in the process of applying for the HPNAP Food Grant through the Food Bank of CNY. We should know by late June/early July the grant amount that we will be awarded. Last year, we received a \$3,400 line of credit for food (HPNAP grant), in addition to \$344.77 in fresh produce, 3 supplemental food orders worth \$1,503.98 and a \$1,279 equipment grant used to purchase our new commercial refrigerator. In January through December, 2010, the Brewerton Community Food Pantry received 35,887 pounds of food valued at \$26,158.95. Of that, our pantry only paid out \$6,237.32. That is a 319% Return on Investment or a 4:1 Return on Investment Ratio. We are very fortunate to be a member of the Food Bank of CNY. Our membership allows us to stretch our dollars to the maximum, while ensuring our pantry receives food items that provide our local families with well-balanced meals.

The Cicero Post Office donated a very generous supply of food items collected at its "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive held on Saturday, May 14th. We filled 2 SUVs with a variety of food items that were collected by the mail carriers in their one-day effort. Our Brewerton mail carriers are now commissioned out of the Cicero Post Office, so we were able to share in this year's donations. As a result, our food pantry shelves are filled BEYOND capacity with a healthy surplus stored away.

Our pantry volunteers spent 6 hours over the course of the week sorting and shelving all the food we received. Many thanks to Richard Meinking for assisting with the food pick up from the post office and for my terrific volunteer pantry staff (along with Abby Lombard) for their help in sorting and shelving the massive amounts of food items received. We know the client demand will result in a rapid reduction of the food supply, but it is always nice to see those shelves bursting with food!! Our thanks to the Cicero Post Office and all the residents of the Town of Cicero (including Brewerton) who participated in the food drive and helped fill our shelves. Feel free to stop in and take a look!

Thank you for your continued support.
 Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

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