

Brewerton Community Food Pantry- August 2011 Newsletter Article

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August 2011 Monthly Statistics:

Families/Households Served:	61
Total Meals:	3,486
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(166 x 3 x 7)
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	52
# Adults:(Ages 18 – 64)	105
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>9</u>
Total Individuals:	166

Our Next Food Bank order/delivery is scheduled for September 13th.

Our pantry received a \$3,400 HPNAP Food Grant that will be used to purchase food from the Food Bank of CNY in the months to come. As reflected above, we have already used a portion of the grant.

As the summer comes to an end, our teen volunteers will be heading back to school. They were a terrific help to us over the summer, staffing the food pantry, assisting clients with food orders, maintaining the used clothing shed, assisting with food deliveries, restocking shelves, and a variety of tasks assigned to them. They performed the tasks with a smile on their faces and a skip in their step! Their assistance over the summer made it possible for our regular pantry volunteers to take some much needed time off. We will miss our summer volunteers, but look forward to working with them again next summer. A HUGE Thank you to Eric Peterson (a sophomore at RIT), Kyle Peterson (a senior at PV Moore HS) and Taylor Peterson (a sophomore at PV Moore) Peterson, Shannon White, Kyle Plantz, Abby Lombard & Jessica McChesney (seniors at PV Moore HS)!

Ian Madigan, a Boy Scout from Brewerton Troop #3112, completed his Eagle Scout project on August 25th. As a result of hours of planning, measuring, sketching, fundraising, building, painting, and more, we received five (5) shelving units that have been placed on the floor under our wire shelving units.

The new shelving units conform to the Food Bank regulations that require food cartons are stored at least six (6) inches off the floor. In addition, to the shelving units, Ian also designed and constructed a sandwich board easel that is nothing short of AMAZING! Our new easel will make it possible to display pamphlets, flyers and other important information for our clients to view while they wait for their food order to be prepared. The easel was constructed with wheels and folds for easy storage and mobility. The easel is also equipped with two (2) cork boards and a white board for enhanced communication and information sharing. A special thanks to Ian and his parents (Mike & Pat Madigan) for their valuable contribution to our food pantry.

We are extremely grateful that Ian elected to perform his Eagle Scout project to help our community food pantry. His dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated and will benefit our food pantry for many years to come. Ian will be a freshman at Potsdam at the end of August. We wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

We received a variety of school supplies from the Brewerton Public Library collected during their "Back to School Supply" Drive. In addition, we received a generous monetary donation toward the purchase of additional supplies. We began distributing the supplies to our pantry clients on August 25th and will continue to distribute the items throughout the month of September.

The Cicero/Oneida Shores Crop Walk sponsored by Church World Services will take place on Sunday, October 16th beginning at 12:30 at Oneida Shores Park. Last year's walk yielded \$6,873 with members of BUMC, St, Agnes, Cicero UMC and Sacred Heart churches participating in the event. This year's goal is to raise \$7,500. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are donated back to the local pantries - our pantry as well as Anna's Pantry at Sacred Heart in Cicero. If you are interested in participating, I will provide you with an information packet and a pledge sheet/envelope. We look forward to making this our best year ever! Please consider walking with us or sponsoring one of our walkers. More details and information will be printed in the weekly bulletin insert.

Thank you for your continued support of our community food pantry. We welcome you to stop in and check out our new shelves and information easel.