

**Brewerton Community Food Pantry- October, 2011 Stats**  
**Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator**

**Monthly Statistics:**

<b>Families/Households Served:</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Total Meals:</b>	<b>4,032</b>
<b># Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days</b>	<b>(192 x 3 x 7)</b>
<b># Children: (Ages 0 -17)</b>	<b>57</b>
<b># Adults:( Ages 18 - 64)</b>	<b>122</b>
<b># Elderly: (Ages 65+)</b>	<b><u>13</u></b>
<b>Total Individuals:</b>	<b>192</b>

Food Bank of CNY – Food Orders				
Date	Pounds	Cost	HPNAP Allocation	Program Cost**
10-11-11	3,215	\$1,642.99	\$876.70	\$766.29
10-11-11	935	701.80	701.80	Supplemental Order \$0.00

Our Next Food Bank order/delivery is scheduled for October 25th.

This year’s Cicero/Oneida Shores Crop Walk sponsored by Church World Services was a great success. Members of our congregation: Tammy & Craig Allen (and friends), Joan Graves, David, Debbie & Megan Holzwarth, Rebecca Wallon, Mike Middleton, Fred & Lori Willsey, Abby (and friend) & Deb Lombard participated in this year’s walk. Fred Willsey completed the entire 3-mile walk in his walker; actually finishing ahead of many of us! He was an inspiration to me and others as he gave a big —thumbs up! and wide smile after finishing the walk. Congratulations to all!

We walked in solidarity with members of St. Agnes, St. Michaels, Sacred Heart and Cicero UMC. As of this writing, over \$7,100 was raised by our four churches and funds are still coming in. We hope to meet or exceed our \$7,500 goal. We’d like to give thanks to our church family and friends, our child care staff and other community members who supported our walk through their donations and spiritual support. Despite the rain, everyone completed the walk and appeared to enjoy themselves. On a personal note, as I navigated the three-mile walk, on paved roads lined with beautiful fall scenery with the protection of a police escort ahead and behind me, I was reminded that the people we were walking to help in other parts of the world, walk twice, if not three times as many miles each and every day, on dirt roads and treacherous terrain, in all kinds of weather, in bare feet, dressed in modest clothing, just to get food and water for their families; returning home, to their rustic living conditions, carrying fifty or more pounds of food & water on their heads. In contrast, I walked around beautiful Oneida Lake wearing comfortable leather boots, dressed in layers of clothing to shelter me from the elements, carrying just a Crop Walk sign in my gloved hand. Following the walk, feeling tired and cold, I drove my heated car across the street, returned to my cozy, warm home and plopped down on my comfy sofa for a rest. Later, I feasted on a delicious leftover turkey dinner, provided by my church family! It’s hard to imagine how different my life would be if I was born into poverty in a third-world country. Church World Services, and other organizations like it, make it their mission to reach out to those people; teaching them the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their families. —Ditto! that in our own community - with the help and support of faith-based and community groups, we make it our mission to make a difference in our little piece of the world. Thank you for your support both here and abroad.

Preparations are currently underway for our annual Thanksgiving Food Basket give-away. Once again, we will be teaming up with one of our pantry partners, the Disciples of Christ church, to provide a Thanksgiving meal to local families in need. We are planning to provide complete holiday meals to between 60 and 70 local families this year. If you are interested in participating in this year's —Adopt a Family! Thanksgiving Food Basket project, grocery bags with a list of suggested food items/quantities will be available in the narthex. Simply pick up a bag and fill it with any or all of the food items listed. All the details are outlined on the sheet. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase turkeys, hams and other food items to ensure each and every family has a complete meal this holiday season. We will be delivering the baskets after church on Sunday, November 20th. As in past years, we hope to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors by reaching out to them in the spirit of hope and thanksgiving. For more information, see Deb Lombard or call her at 676-7276.

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry mission. We are able to reach out to those in need through the love and support of many.