

BREADCRUMBS

July 2016

The Newsletter of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry
Celebrating Thirty-Two Years of Service to the Community

School Supplies Needed for August Distribution to Client's Children

The Pantry again will be distributing school supplies to our clients' children in August to ensure they start the school year strong. We are in need of the following items:

- * crayons (24 pack)
- * markers
- * colored pencils
- * loose-leaf paper
- * spiral notebooks
- * pocket folders
- * glue sticks
- * scissors
- * rulers
- * erasers
- * #2 pencils
- * pens

Please keep us in mind as you shop this year.

Donations can be dropped off at the bottom of the steps inside the Grace Street door of the church any time during church operating hours (call 773/283-6262 to check) or on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to noon or 6 to 8 p.m. on July 12th.



School supplies are needed for the Pantry's annual program which will begin August 3rd and run all month.



Gina Hubberts is presented with her Volunteer of the Year award by Executive Director John Psiharis and Volunteer Manager Lee Stein at the Pantry's Volunteer Luncheon at Porretta's restaurant

Gina Hubberts Named Volunteer of the Year at Pantry Luncheon

Congratulations to Gina Hubberts on being named the Volunteer of the Year for the Pantry!

Gina runs one of our grocery lines and delivers to homebound clients each month. She also makes monthly purchases to supplement our toiletries supplies and helps out in many other ways. We appreciate all she does!

The luncheon was held on June 8th at Trattoria Porretta (3656 Central Ave.), which provided a great space for us to hold our celebration as well as a family-style meal that left everyone full! Everything worked very smoothly, and we thank John and all of the staff for providing such professional and welcoming service for us!

Thanks to our Student Supporters!



Thank you to the faculty and students at St. Edward School for running a food drive for the Pantry during its Big Red Run, a 5-k run for the school. They also gave us a booth with their vendors to talk about the Pantry. Manger Nick Calderone (in Pantry t-shirt) accepted the donation when they came by the Pantry recently.



Thanks to the eighth-grade students from the Marine Leadership Academy (1920 N. Hamlin Ave.) and their teacher, Vincent Tipe, who volunteered at Pantry in June. The group helped with our garden, filled grocery bags for clients and resupplied food stations. The group is shown after their hard day's work with Pantry Office Manager Sandra Schwarzbeck. We appreciate their service for our clients!

Pantry Serves 1,258 in May

In May, the Pantry served 1,258 people in 437 households, including 72 people in 36 new households and 98 people in 36 households in our Tuesday evening distribution. Our volunteers also helped four people in four households to apply for SNAP benefits. We also continued to supply qualified clients with food for their pets. About 50% of our clients receive pet food each month.

Thank you to everyone in the community who helps us continue to be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Lee Stein Recognized at Lunch

Volunteer Manager Lee Stein was presented with a certificate of appreciation at the Pantry's Volunteer Lunch earlier this month.

The award acknowledged all she does for the Pantry and continues to do even after taking a part-time job that keeps her from coming into the Pantry on Wednesday mornings. We miss her then and are glad she continues to work with us both from home during our monthly Tuesday night distribution.



Pantry volunteers enjoy the appreciation lunch at Trattoria Porretta's in June.