



CORALVILLE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

THE PANTRY IS LOCATED AT 203 1ST STREET IN CORALVILLE.

APRIL 2016

FROM THE DIRECTOR

"So, when is the pantry moving to the old post office?"

I will start by saying that I am very encouraged by the multitude of friends and strangers who have asked me this question recently. It's comforting to know that so many people are aware of what we do and are willing to help.

Regrettably, I haven't been able to offer a solid answer, as the timeline changes every week. Things have moved a bit slower than we initially anticipated—but for every extra week added to our timeline, we have gained a new partner, helper, or ally. (Case in point: just before writing this, I received a call from a large retail store offering to donate refrigerators, chairs, and tables for our new space).

Hey, do you remember that "Sponsor a Shelf" campaign we launched last month? In less than 30 days, we secured enough donations to cover the cost of 16 shelving units (4 more than we initially requested, which is great because we will need 'em!) Take a look at the fine folks who contributed to this campaign, just to the right of this update.

I eagerly await the day when we open our doors at the new location (hopefully it will be within a month!). In the meantime, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the army of individuals who have been working their buns off to make sure that everything is in order before the big move.

John Boller
Executive Director

FEBRUARY 2016 STATISTICS

Families Served: 296

Children Served: 420

Individuals Served: 1,033

Food Distributed: 16,312 LBS



What if we told you that you could fight hunger by simply kicking back and relaxing on a Saturday evening?

That's right—you can make a difference by attending our annual Music for Meals benefit concert on **Saturday, April 30** from **6:30-9pm**. All you have to do is listen to some incredible live music, indulge in an array of delectable desserts, and sip on an adult/non-adult beverage (or two, or three). Couldn't be any easier, right?

This year's Music for Meals benefit concert will once again be held in the Brown Deer Golf Club ballroom and will feature music from renowned reggae/R&B/soul master, Tony Brown. Tony will be preceded by the very talented Jessica Egli, with her ukele and "30's crooning-style voice" will also be performing. You won't want to miss this.

All ages are welcome to enjoy an evening of live music, food, drinks, and a silent auction to benefit the pantry. **Tickets are \$20 in advance** and \$25 at the door.

We are grateful for our community partners who have stepped up to ensure that this event is a success. The presenting sponsor for the 2016 Music for Meals benefit concert is Rockwell Collins. Additional sponsorship support comes from the City of Coralville and Hills Bank & Trust in Coralville.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.cefoodpantry.org/m4m. We hope to see you there!

SHELF SUCCESS!

THANKS THE GENEROUS DONORS BELOW, WE WERE ABLE TO EXCEED OUR GOAL AND RAISE FUNDS TO COVER 16 SHELVING UNITS.

KATHRYN ASPENGREN & KELLI GREY
DARREL COURTNEY
DONALD DIEHL
MARY GREGG
MARK HAMMER
NORA HEATON
SUSAN & DAVID HOUGH

DALE & LYNETTE KENNE
GLEN & CONNIE MAZE
KATHARINE NICHOLSON
RALPH STEPHENS
KATHY & GARY VANCE
JIM & PAT WILLIAMS
SCHAEFFER CHIROPRACTIC
THE WHOLE HEALTH INSTITUTATE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our mission is to engage our community in providing food for our neighbors. It is the goal of CEFP to foster collaboration with all Coralville residents, businesses and organizations to end hunger in our community. Every \$1 donated to the Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry becomes \$5 worth of food. Help us continue to provide food for our neighbors in need by making a financial gift today.

Thank you for your support!

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO OUR MAILING ADDRESS AT:

CORALVILLE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY
PO Box 5523
CORALVILLE, IA 52241

Secure donations can also be made online at www.cefoodpantry.org

We are a 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID #: 42-1136292)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



A full time student and mother of two loving boys, **Britney Goodell** started volunteering with the food pantry because of her interests in nutrition and community service.

Almost every week, Britney can be found at the pantry stocking shelves, sorting food, and assisting clients during open hours. She also spends time outside of the pantry developing healthy (and delicious!) recipes to share with clients, as well as organizing initiatives that will benefit the children who visit the pantry. Additionally, Britney has played a crucial role in planning our upcoming Music for Meals fundraiser.

Britney says she hopes to see the community "grow, in a health conscious sense" and that all residents of Coralville can have food on the table. She also appreciates how the pantry is a great way to get her kids involved in the community. "Working at the food pantry is an easy topic for kids to understand. Most kids can understand what it would mean not to have enough food to eat."

Britney says that her involvement with the pantry allows her to feel more connected with the community. "Volunteering brings me a sense of family and purpose. I quickly began to feel the warmth and community that the volunteers work hard to create."

We are so lucky to have Britney on our team, and we thank her and the entire Goodell family for their fervent dedication.

Special Shout Outs



A huge thanks to the amazing students and staff at **Kirkwood Elementary School** for collecting a heap of food for the pantry. Way to go, Eagles!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Since the pantry first opened its doors, Hills Bank & Trust has been a major supporter.

Hills Bank's Coralville Branch Manager Jennifer Lough knows how important it is to give back to the community. "We want to be partners and help support as many local businesses, organizations, groups and customers as we can in the community. We want it to be a two way street; not just one way. That is what makes giving back meaningful and sustainable," says Lough.

Hills Bank's commitment to community involvement can be seen in the various ways they have supported the pantry throughout the years. The bank routinely offers its central location to encourage both employees and customers to collect food items to donate, most notably during the annual Thanksgiving in July food drive. The bank has also been a key financial sponsor for annual pantry events and fundraisers such as the Music for Meals benefit concert, the Free Neighborhood Meal, and the Food Run 5K.

Lough notes that many employees say the best part of their job is being able to get involved in the community. She says it is a wonderful thing that the bank is able to make that happen. "There is no better feeling."

We thank Hills Bank & Trust for their sustained commitment to the Coralville community. We could not do what we do without their support.

Hills Bank and Trust Company

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We are so honored to partner with our pals at the **Coralville Public Library** to offer healthy snacks for kids visiting the library during school breaks. This is only the beginning!

DONATION FORM

Every \$1 donated to the Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry becomes \$5 worth of food.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR CONTRIBUTION: \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other Amount _____
 \$100 \$250 \$500