



CORALVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

THE PANTRY IS LOCATED AT 1002 5TH STREET IN CORALVILLE.

FEBRUARY 2017

FROM THE DIRECTOR

You may recall, in the November newsletter, I challenged you to help us bring in another \$15,000 in the month of December, to bring our total Holiday Giving fundraising campaign to \$30,000. Thanks to your generous response, I'm happy to report that we surpassed that goal. The grand total for this year's campaign was...drum-roll please...\$44,658!

With a total annual budget of \$135,000, a two-month fundraising haul of this size is immensely important. Since we opened up shop at our new location, we've seen a 18% increase in total pantry visits and total food distributed. As the need grows and more folks turn to the pantry for help, I'm reassured by the generosity and support of you, our beloved community.

In 2016, there were a total of 344 individuals or groups that contributed financially to our work here. Nearly half of those were recurring donors who gave monthly, quarterly, or twice a year.

As we settle into this New Year, will you consider making giving to the pantry a part of your routine?

Thank you for your kind support!

John Boller
Executive Director



Good things happen when we gather together around food.

In her book, *Eating Together*, author Alice Julier argues that dining together can cause us to view those of different races, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds as more equal than in other social scenarios. The primary purpose of our upcoming Community Meal is to not only to provide a free and delicious meal, **but to cultivate a greater sense of solidarity with our Coralville neighbors.**

In 2017, we plan to implement at least four separate Community Meals. For our first meal of the year, on **Friday, February 10**, we'll be serving up a tasty and nutritious meal at the Coralville Rec Center, while City staff offers an array of fun activities for kids and youth, including a bouncy house, volleyball, cooking demos, and pool.

There are two ways you can get involved with this event. The first is by attending! This meal is for everyone, so please come and dine with your fellow Coralville neighbors. Secondly, we'll need help with prepping, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Sign up to help at www.coralvillefoodpantry.org/events/communitymeal.

Food is about more than survival. It's about building community. Join us as we building a stronger community, one meal at a time.

DECEMBER 2016 STATISTICS

Families Served: 334
Children Served: 527
Individuals Served: 1,148
Food Distributed: 18,040 LBS

OOPS!

We had so many donors to acknowledge last month, that we ran out of room! Our apologies for mistakenly leaving out the \$500+ category. For a complete 2016 donor list, please visit:
www.coralvillefoodpantry.org/partners.

PATRON (\$500+)

A.D & L.L. Vantol • Adam Dowell • Carolyn Poulakos • Christopher Norcouzi • Colin & Kari Dirks • Dale & Lynette Kenne
Darrel Courtney • Dominic & Katie Peraud • Donald Diehl • First Christian Church • Hills Bank & Trust • In Memory of Avin
Duttlinger • Iowa Realty Foundation • John & Barbara Hodde • Kelly Wood • Kirk & Claudia Gieswein • Kwik Trip, Inc.
Laurie Lykholm • Matt & Natalie Van Waning • Michael Pellizzari • Monsanto Fund • New Life Community Church
Prime Ventures Construction • Randy's Carpets & Interiors • River Products Company, Inc. • Thad & Linda Gavin

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our mission is to engage our community in providing food for our neighbors. It is the goal of CCFP to foster collaboration with all Coralville residents, businesses and organizations to end hunger in our community. Every \$1 donated to the Coralville Community 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 COMMUNITY 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 #: 47-3509757)

COMMUNITY
SPOTLIGHT

Giving back to the community can take shape in a variety of forms. This month's community spotlight is Scheels of Iowa City.

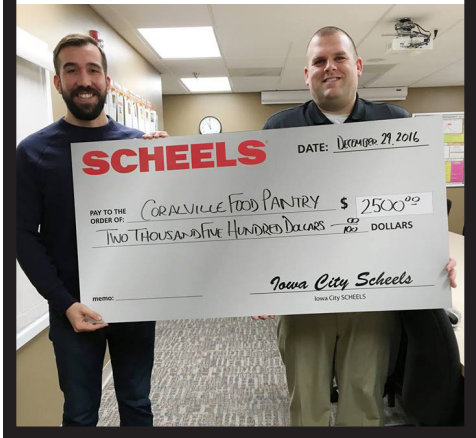
Scheels has partnered with the pantry for nearly 5 years now, providing event sponsorships and monetary donations that are critical in helping us feed our community. Just this past December, Scheels provided us with a generous \$2,500 donation.

Paul Roesler, Scheels Events Leader, says the store is full of people that not only live in the area, but care about making it great.

"This is our community," he notes. "Part of our culture at Scheels is giving back and helping out."

Scheel's goes beyond just helping out local organizations. They give direct support to local families by offering them resources to participate in sport and recreational opportunities as a way to bring them closer together. Scheels also partners with United Way, an organization that works to build a strong sense of community and quality life.

Roesler offers his thanks to the community on behalf of everyone at Scheels for giving them the chance to give back by supporting them and shopping local. We are deeply grateful for Scheels commitment to building a stronger community. Thank you, Scheels!



HUGE shout out to City of Coralville, Iowa Government staff and officials and various community partners for collecting over 1,200 pounds of food plus another \$1,497 in monetary donations, as part of the annual Severson Charity Challenge!

Special thanks to Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel for coordinating this incredible effort!



Special thanks to the kind-hearted kids and adults of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church for collecting 225 pounds of food at their Christmas Eve service. We are so grateful for their support!



The season of giving keeps on giving!
In January we've been grateful to receive food from various holiday food drives. Several individuals and groups as well as our friends from McGrath Hawkeye Harley Davidson and Coralville Sylvan Learning Center (pictured) have stopped by with their respective carloads of food for the pantry. Thanks to all who kept us in mind over the holiday season!

DONATION FORM

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR CONTRIBUTION: ☐\$5 ☐\$10 ☐\$25 ☐\$50
☐\$100 ☐\$250 ☐\$500 ☐Other Amount_____