



Affton Christian Food Pantry

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

We Honor and Remember

In the past year, we have received donations honoring the following:

Ray and Peggy Klobe, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Tom Bakersmith

Eugene Haessig, on his retirement from ACFP management

We also received memorial donations, remembering the lives of loved ones:

Hank Stecher

Jan Giegling

Oswald Siegfried

Walter Laschober

Don Powers

THANK YOU!!!

Union-Weber Auto Body, at 645 Union Rd in Affton, for donating nearly \$1,000 of mechanical work for our van!

and

Ms. Christine Perko's 2nd grade class from **Mesnier School**, who made clay bowls to sell as a fundraiser for ACFP!

Place
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Affton Christian Food Pantry
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Affton, MO 63123
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Our Mission:

To live the Christian principles of our member churches by providing a continuous and reliable source of food and assistance to those in need in the Affton community.

Together, we can make a difference!

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thank you! I can think of no better words to begin our Annual Report than **"thank you!"** It is because of you, your support, your prayers, your financial donations, and your volunteer hours that the Affton Christian Food Pantry is what it is today. You have made all the difference for our agency, for our client families, and for our community in Affton, MO!

The Affton Christian Food Pantry has undergone a period of growth and change, and stands before you today, at the beginning of our 9th year of operation, stronger and more prepared to meet the needs of hungry families in the 63123 zip code. Our church partnerships now number twelve; our community reach has deepened. We are serving more people than ever before...by 22% over last year... and are doing so with volunteers committed to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their daily life. We stand today, poised for the future, and fully aware of all that has brought us thus far. Once again, I say, **"Thank you!"**

MEMBER CHURCHES

AFFTON CHRISTIAN
CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
CURE OF ARS
OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE
ROOFTOP COMMUNITY
SALEM LUTHERAN
SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
ST. GEORGE
ST. MARK
ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE
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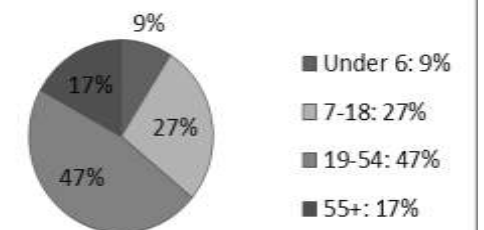
Who We Serve - At A Glance

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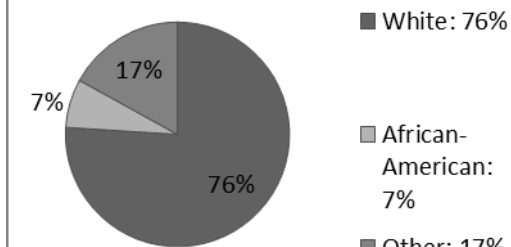
Families Served: 2,442

Individuals Served: 5,898

Clients by Age



Clients by Race



Increase over 2011

Families: 16%

Individuals: 22%

How Much Food?

How much food does it take to feed **5,898 individuals** over the course of one year? During our fiscal year 2012, from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, the Affton Christian Food Pantry distributed **106,121 items** to our client families. This number includes food, paper products, and personal care products. Of this number, ACFP directly **purchased 16,039 items**; the remaining items distributed - **90,082 - were donated** to the pantry.

Having spent **only \$11,352.13**, and relying heavily upon donations, the Affton Christian Food Pantry gave away food and other products with an **estimated retail value of \$76,527.39**.

Providing healthful options, and a variety of foods, is a principle we hold dear at the Affton Christian Food Pantry. We are helped greatly by donations from Aldi and from Schnucks.

In 2012, we received donations from Schnucks several times each week, via The Little Yellow Food Bus. These donations included produce, meat, dairy products, and, occasionally, prepared sandwiches and salads. The sandwiches and salads were well-received and always welcomed by our client families.

We received donations from two Aldi locations throughout the week: Gravois at Kingshighway in South City, and the Crestwood location. Both sites required our volunteers to pick up the donated food, which consisted of bread, produce, and some specialty items.

Donations from both of these grocers are provided to us through our membership in Operation Food Search. Operation Food Search works to facilitate relationships between food pantries and area grocery stores, to minimize waste and help feed hungry families throughout St. Louis.



Get Involved... Stay Informed

There are many ways you can get involved and help further our mission:

1. Organize a food drive in your school, church, or workplace
2. Volunteer with us... once a month or once a week... we are always happy for the help!
3. Make a donation or support one of our fundraising initiatives
4. "Like" us on Facebook to stay on top of the latest happenings at ACFP
5. Visit our website often... <http://AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com>



Board of Directors

The Affton Christian Food Pantry is steered by a volunteer Board of Directors, each representing a member church. Currently, the Board of Directors has fifteen members:

Name	Title	Church Affiliation
Terry Schermann	President	Cure of Ars
Mark Kamil	Vice President	Rooftop Community
Sandy Gerley	Secretary	St. Dominic Savio
Jim Breitenstein	Treasurer	Seven Holy Founders
Olivia Arand	Representative	Salem Lutheran
Karen Busch	Representative	St. Simon the Apostle
Gene Haessig	Representative	St. George
Brenda Hargett	Representative	Church of the Reformation-Lutheran
Charles Heinzman	Representative	Affton Christian
Ken Jansen	Representative	St. Dominic Savio
Dennis Jordan	Representative	Our Lady of Providence
Bobbi Laury	Representative	St. Mark
Gene Murphy	Representative	Seven Holy Founders
Steve Mueller	Representative	Rooftop Community
Judith Schneider	Representative	Zion Methodist

The Heart of the Pantry



Without a doubt, the heart of the Affton Christian Food Pantry is our volunteers. We have a volunteer base that is unmatched in both dedication and care for the poor. In the past year, we had **194 individuals** volunteer with us on at least one occasion. These **194 people gave 6,245 ½ hours** of their time to the Affton Christian Food Pantry in the past year. That is the equivalent of 260 entire, 24-hour days.

Our volunteers keep ACFP running in many different ways. Some volunteers welcome and serve our clients in our pantry, some re-stock shelves, some receive, process and store donated food, some clean the pantry, ensuring the safety of our food and our continued operation.

We have volunteers who pick up donated food at grocery stores or from the St. Louis Area Foodbank. Some volunteers go to Shop N Save on Coupon-Thursdays to purchase the much-needed cases of eggs, laundry detergent, and paper products. Some do data entry, some assist with fundraisers, with social media, and with marketing.

We have volunteers who serve us once a year, once a month, and many, many dedicated volunteers who serve at least once a week. The heart, the compassion, the warmth and the welcome of the Affton Christian Food Pantry rests in the smiles and the caring of our team of volunteers.



Fundraising Success Leads to Future Planning

In the past year, we've had two successful fundraisers, both raising more money than they had in the previous year. In March/April, we participated in the Feinstein Campaign to Fight Hunger. With this direct mail campaign, we raised \$17,939 in cash, checks, and pledges.

In August, we held our second annual Trivia Night. This year, it was hosted by Rooftop Community Church's Associate Pastor, Jason Herbig. Amidst a night of challenging – and fun – questions, the ACFP raised \$3,400.

This money is used to purchase food and to offset our operating expenses. We thank all who supported our fundraising events, and especially all those who helped make them the successes they were!

2nd Annual Health Fair Sees 24% Increase

With the assistance of Dr. Dana Galbraith, and the support of the St. Anthony's Charitable Foundation Physician Ambassadors, ACFP held its second annual health fair on Sept 8, 2012. We had more vendors than ever before, and served 24% more clients and volunteers.



The health fair included free flu shots, blood glucose and blood pressure checks, and free hearing screenings. In addition, there was information on home safety, cancer screenings, drug and alcohol abuse, nutrition information and healthy cooking demonstrations. The fair was an opportunity for ACFP to care for the whole of our clients...from nutrition to health.

A New Plan for the Future

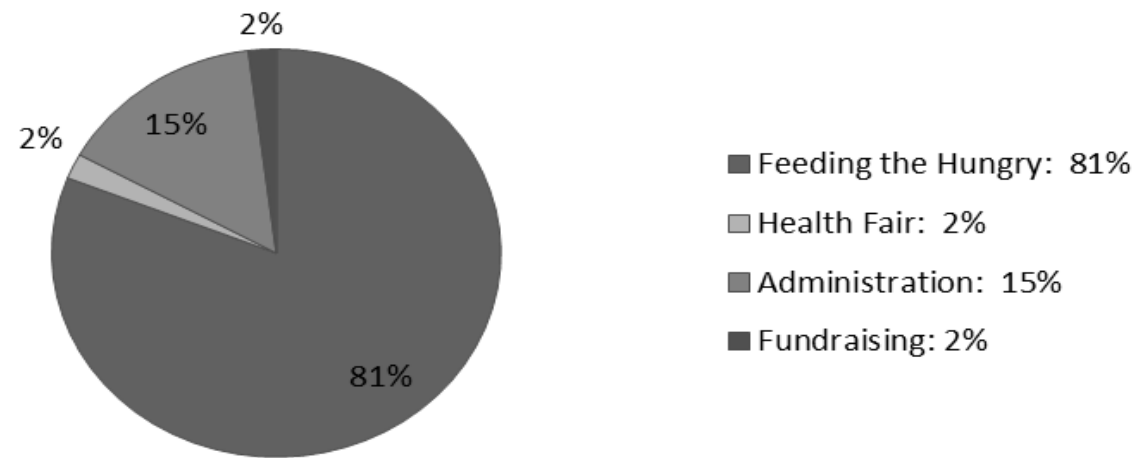
This year saw the retirement of both **Gene Haessig**, one of ACFP's founders and longtime pantry manager, and **Marie Labus**, who has kept the shelves stocked and the volunteers trained for many years.

As we plan for the future, we are welcoming more volunteers into leadership positions within our organization. **Karen Busch** has stepped into the Operations Manager position, overseeing all aspects of the pantry while it is open for clients. **LaShandra Chevront** is our new Administration Manager, ensuring that all data is correct and all reports are completed in a manner that keeps our agency working properly. **Nancy Palazzolo** will keep our shelves stocked as our new Inventory Manager, and **Linda Wirick** joined us as a Community Relations Manager, working within the Affton business community to deepen relationships and recruit new volunteers.

We thank **Mary Jane Deiters** for continuing in her vital role as our Telephone Operator. **Kevin Harmann**, **Ken Jansen**, and **Karen Busch** will serve as Shift Leaders on Thursday nights for their respective church groups. **Diane Rasch** and **Eileen Hivner** are leading the way on weekday mornings, ensuring that all deliveries are properly counted, stored, and recorded. **Steve Mueller** will keep Saturday morning deliveries and the back stockrooms moving smoothly. We still need a few more volunteer shift leaders for Tuesdays and Saturdays. If you have an interest in helping, please contact the ACFP.

How We Spend Your Donations

Expenses by Category



Granting Us Help



This year, the Affton Christian Food Pantry was helped in its mission by several grant funders. The Annual Catholic Appeal started off our year with a \$1,500 grant.

St. Anthony's Charitable Foundation Physician Ambassadors agreed to sponsor our annual Health Fair again this year, funding the ACFP with \$5,000. The funds that remain after the Health Fair will be used in the coming year to further health awareness and healthy eating within the ACFP community.



This fall, the St. Louis Regional Business Council stepped in to help with a concrete problem: we had two freezers and one refrigerator that were not working properly, and were no longer safe places to store food. Through the "It's Our Region Fund" grant program, the RBC furnished \$4,000 to purchase three new appliances. These new machines will allow ACFP to store more donated food and safely distribute it to those in need.

Thank you to all who assist in our mission!



Together, we are making a difference!

Thank you for holding food drives for us in the past year:

Affton Community Volunteer Organization	Restaurant Depot
Affton Early Childhood Center	Roeslein Corporation
Affton High School	Rogers Middle School
Bishop DuBourg High School	Salem Lutheran School
Christ Prince of Peace School	Salem Lutheran/St George Joint Choir Concert
Cor Jesu Academy	South St. Louis Rehabilitation Center
Curves	St. Dominic Savio Girl Scouts
Extend Nutrition	St. Dominic Savio School
Gotch Intermediate School	St. George Knights of Columbus
Great Southern Bank	St. Louis Archdiocese
Impact Group	St. Mark School
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary	St. Raphael School
Lakewood Improvement Association	US Bank
Mesnier Primary School	Weight Watchers
New Apostolic Church	Wells Fargo
Ralston Foods	

And, all of our Member Churches and organizations within our Member Churches, plus hundreds of individual contributions from all of you.