



Affton Christian Food Pantry

WINTER 2016

A Safe Port in the Storms of Life

This fall, Joe* came to us for help. Raising two teenagers on his own, Joe recently learned he had an aggressive form of cancer. Treatments and raising his teens meant he needed to take an early retirement package and focus on these more pressing responsibilities. He needed our help to stretch his limited budget.

Your generosity allowed us to extend Joe a warm welcome, a regular bi-monthly appointment, and Brown Bags for each of his teens during school breaks.



MEMBER CHURCHES

- AFFTON CHRISTIAN
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- CURE OF ARS
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- OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE
- ROOFTOP
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- SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
- ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
- ST. GEORGE
- ST. MARK
- ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE
- ZION METHODIST

Together, we can make a difference!

More than that, we were a welcome port in the storm for Joe. Our wellness shelf offers him nutritional drinks for those times when treatments leave him without an appetite. His regular appointments every two weeks give him peace of mind that his kids won't know hunger, even as they face the challenges before them.

Thank you! Your partnership with us means that Joe, and many others like him, have some peace of mind as they face the challenges life presents.

* Name changed for privacy

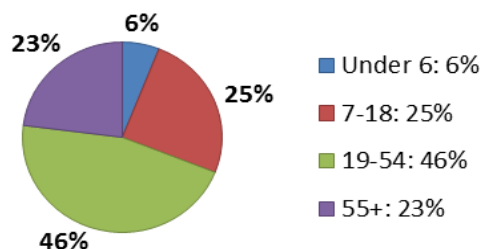
Who We Serve - At A Glance

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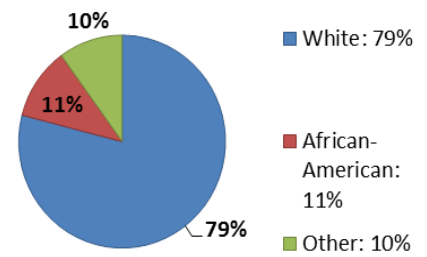
Client Family Visits: 3,975

Individuals Fed: 8,483

Clients by Age



Clients by Race



From Our Director's Desk

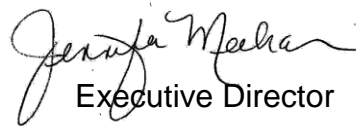


Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you and your family! Thank you for your support, prayers, and commitment to our mission throughout all of 2016! **You are making a difference, every day, for families right here in Affton!**

This past year, we've seen a rise in the number of seniors we serve, and an increase in the diversity of the families who come to us for help. But one thing remains the same: the kindness, compassion, and warmth that each client receives from our dedicated volunteers!

Let me encourage you to take advantage of the Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit as you plan your year-end giving. Let the state help you help us!

Merry Christmas!


Executive Director



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

As we move into cooler weather, we have a greater need for **Meal Supplements** (stuffing, hamburger helper, etc.) and **Canned Entrees** (chili with meat or chicken & dumplings, etc.)

SOUPER BOWL!

Bayless High School will again be hosting their "**SOUPER BOWL FOR HUNGER**" event on **Friday, February 3, 2017, 5-8pm** in the brand-new Bayless Elementary School cafeteria!

\$5 or 5 cans = Delicious Dinner

Will You Partner With Us?

Please consider joining our monthly giving program, and supporting our mission all year long. Our monthly donors enable us to purchase food and personal care items as needed, ensuring a consistent and reliable inventory for all families who come to us for help.

Help us make sure there is "A Place at the Table" for every hungry person in Affton!

Join today! Please enclose a check and mail to:

ACFP, PO Box 6944, Affton, MO 63123

or sign up online: AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com

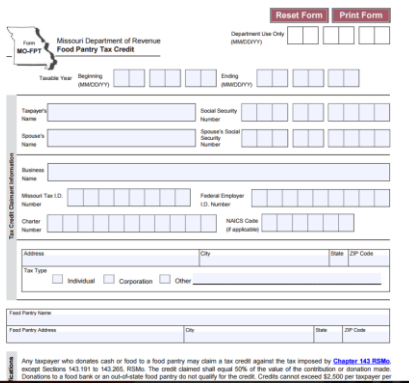
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Bag Brigade: \$10 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Club: \$25 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Bunch: \$50 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Diner: \$75 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Meal Deal: \$100 per month | <input type="checkbox"/> Other gift: _____ |

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

(Tax) Credit Where It's Due



The image shows a Missouri Department of Revenue Food Pantry Tax Credit form. It includes fields for taxpayer information (name, address, SSN), business information (name, address, EIN), and food pantry information (name, address). There are also checkboxes for tax type (Individual, Corporation, Other) and a section for the food pantry name and address. A small note at the bottom states: "Any taxpayer who donates cash or food to a food pantry may claim a tax credit against the tax imposed by Chapter 143, RSMo, except Sections 143.181 to 143.205, RSMo. The credit claimed shall equal 50% of the value of the contribution or donation money. Donations to a food bank or an out-of-state food pantry do not qualify for the credit. Credits cannot exceed \$2,500 per taxpayer per year."

Once again this year, the state of Missouri is offering a tax credit for all donations made to food pantries in Missouri. You are eligible to take this credit on both the in-kind (food, personal care items) and monetary donations that you made to the ACFP during 2016.

Taking advantage of this tax savings is easy! Simply download a copy of the Food Pantry Tax Credit form on our website, fill it out, and send it to the ACFP. We will review and sign the form, and get it back to you ASAP, so you can file your tax forms with the state.

Let the state help you help us! Don't miss out on your chance to earn up to 50% credit on the donations you make!

Thank You, Volunteers!

We simply could not operate without the commitment and dedication of our volunteers! This past year, **206 individuals** volunteered with us, serving **more than 8,033 hours!**

These volunteers worked directly with our clients, helping them choose food; they cleaned the pantry and processed donations; they assisted with fundraisers or food drives; they hauled boxes and drove the van. In every job and in every way, they embodied the best of the ACFP...our commitment to the Gospel through our actions. **Thank you!**

Making Christmas Special for our Families



Our volunteers are hard at work this December, adding a little **"Christmas magic"** to the halls of the ACFP! **Michelle McMath** led a group of volunteers in designing a boutique experience for each family and their children or grandchildren. The "Christmas Shop" allowed our families to choose new or like-new items for those on their Christmas list.

A wrapping area ensured that the gifts will surprise and delight come Christmas morning. Our youngest clients were assisted in choosing and wrapping by our own "angels" and "elves."

Not to be outdone in the "Christmas Spirit" category, folks from **Kohl's Department Store** left the lines and chaos of holiday shopping for a few hours of giving back. They loaded 100 brown bags with breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and dental supplies for the kids in our program, ensuring no one goes hungry over the Christmas break. In addition to providing volunteers, Kohl's also makes a monetary donation to help offset the costs of the "Brown Bag" program! **Thank you to Gina and her crew for making time to care for our kids this December!**



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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!

Thanks 4 Giving

This November, two local businesses gave back to the ACFP in unique ways – by involving their customers in giving!

Both local Great Clips locations (Affton Plaza and Marian Plaza on Bayless) ran a month-long promotion called “Thanks 4 Giving.” In exchange for a donation of cash or canned foods, patrons added a feather to the turkeys on the wall... effectively, “dressing” the turkeys for Thanksgiving!



Thanks 4 Giving

Help **Great Clips** feed the hungry here in Affton!

Make a donation of cash or canned foods and add a feather to our turkey!

Let's stamp out hunger this holiday season!

Great Clips

ACFP CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

All proceeds benefit the Affton Christian Food Pantry

Just down the street, Affton Ace Hardware (across from Grasso Plaza) ran a special coupon event from November 19-27: a donation of 5 cans earned the donor \$5 off any non-sale item over \$10. Both promotions raised awareness about the ACFP and the need for food assistance here in Affton, as well as collecting both cash and food at this busy time of year!



Thank you to our friends at Great Clips and Ace Hardware – who hold food drives for us throughout the year, in addition to these special promotions!