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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!

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... help us **Fill the Van!**
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 fundraisers, like our **April 16 Dinner Auction.**
4. "Like" us on Facebook to stay on top of the latest happenings at ACFP.
5. Visit our website often... <http://AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com>



You can help make sure that everyone in Affton has **A Place at the Table**

Our monthly giving program ensures a steady stream of income, allowing us to plan purchases and keep the shelves stocked.

- \$ 5 – Brown Bag Brigade \$ 50 – The Daily Diner
- \$ 10 – The Breakfast Club \$100 – The Meal Deal
- \$ 25 – The Lunch Bunch

Sign up is easy... see our website: AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com

Souper Bowl for Hunger Breaks Records!



Superbowl weekend started off breaking records here in Affton! For the fourth year in a row, the students at **Bayless High School** treated guests to tasty, homemade soups and chili, live music, and a wide selection of hand-painted bowls in their annual "**Souper Bowl for Hunger**" event.

This year, more than 70 bowls were on display, along with a selection of silent auction baskets. BHS students played the piano, while culinary students dished up their best. Valentine making and kids crafts rounded out the evening.

The evening raised **more than \$3,000**, which the BHS students will use to purchase food and personal care items for the ACFP after they return from spring break.

Thank you to teachers Patti Mudd and Melinda Brown for leading the charge, and to the Bayless School Administration for their support of this event. Truly, the Souper Bowl for Hunger proves that **together, we can make a difference!**

Local Shop Plants Some Hope

Sappington Garden Shop, located near the intersection of Gravois and S. Lindbergh, knows what a difference plants can make. Last spring, they donated 60 tomato plants to the ACFP to share with families in need.



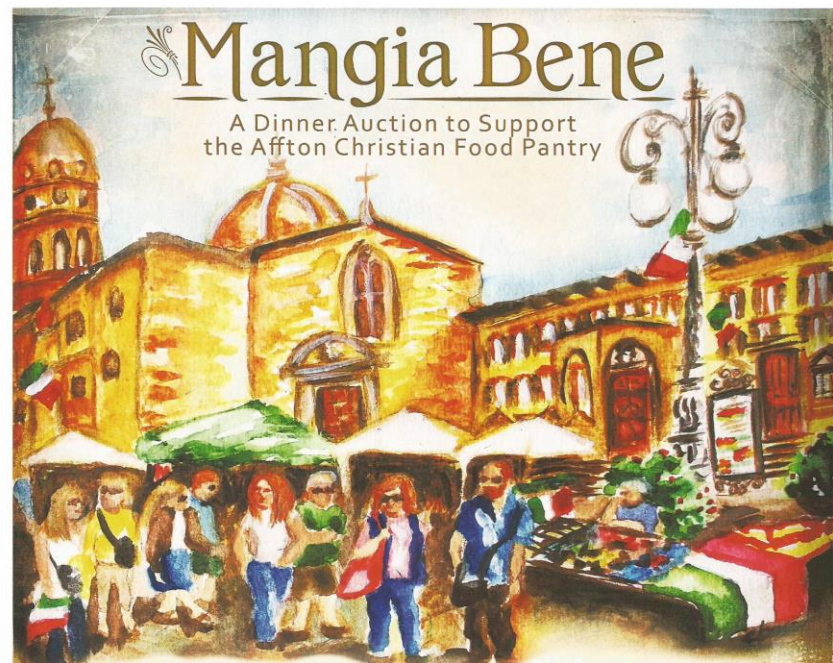
The program was an overwhelming success! Many families commented that growing their own fresh produce gave them a new sense of accomplishment. One woman shared that she was proud of the tomatoes she and her son grew, and was thrilled when they yielded enough to share with an elderly neighbor.

The ACFP seeks to provide our families with hope and kindness, along with food and nourishment. **Thank you, Sappington Garden Shop** and ACFP volunteer **Nita Steck** (who organized this donation), for helping us plant some hope here in Affton!

MEMBER CHURCHES

- AFFTON CHRISTIAN
- AFFTON PRESBYTERIAN
- CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
- CURE OF ARS
- EDEN U.C.C.
- NEW APOSTOLIC
- OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE
- ROOFTOP
- SALEM LUTHERAN
- SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
- ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
- ST. GEORGE
- ST. MARK
- ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE
- ZION METHODIST

Together, we can make a difference!



The tastes and treats of Italy are coming to St. Louis this spring!! Join us on **Saturday, April 16** for our **Annual Dinner Auction**, held once again at **Pietro's Restaurant** on Watson Road.

The evening features a **delicious meal**, including appetizers, salad, entrée and open bar. A tasty **"Dolce Dash"** will finish off your meal in style. Silent and oral **auction packages** offer treats and gifts for every budget! **Live musical entertainment** by Alex Breuer, and the entertaining stylings of emcee Callum Reavey round out the evening.

All proceeds support our efforts to feed families in need in the Affton area. Tickets are **\$50 per person, tables of 8**.

*****NEW THIS YEAR***** a limited number of **"VIP"** tables will be available for **\$75 per person**. Our VIPs will receive private, upgraded hors d'oeuvres, first chance at the "Dolce Dash" and a gift bag of Italian treats, including a bottle of wine to take home.

Reserve your space at AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com, or by completing and mailing the form below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ # Tix @ \$50: _____ #VIP Tix@ \$75: _____

Donation in lieu of attendance: \$ _____

Please seat me with: _____

Mail to: **ACFP, PO Box 6944, Affton MO, 63123**

Warm and Toasty



A big thank you to our friends who kept our clients warm and toasty this winter! Regina Randall at **Pennies in Your Pocket**, **St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church**, and **Warner's Warm-ups** all donated coats for our families. We offered the coats to all families in our program. Folks were able to replace worn out, or outgrown, coats with new or like-new versions! They were much appreciated this winter, as the temps dipped down below freezing over and over!

A Merrier Christmas

This December, our clients were treated to a new experience at the ACFP: the chance to "shop" in our **Christmas Boutique**.



Led by board member **Suzanne Baybo** (Affton Presbyterian), teams of volunteers organized hundreds of donations, and set up "shop" in a room down the hall from the food pantry.

Clients and their children were able to shop in the pantry for gifts for family members. Volunteers assisted kids with choosing gifts and wrapping them, sometimes needing to remind the younger ones to wait until Christmas to give them out!

After receiving new socks and a package of undershirts, one client replied, in tears, that this was the best Christmas gift ever!

Suzanne is planning to head up a Christmas Boutique again this coming December. If you'd like to donate or help out, please contact her at (636) 253-8030.

Kohl's Cares for ACFP Kids

For more than a year now, **Gina Javaux** and her crew of hard-working **Kohl's employees** have gathered to fill the **Brown Bags** for our school-aged kids.

These fun folks are always willing to volunteer to fill 100 bags at a time...and each time, through Kohl's corporate giving program, the ACFP also receives a \$500 grant.

Our partnership with Gina and the Kohl's crew ensures that no child will go hungry during school breaks! **Thank you, Kohl's!**



Save the Date...

We have a lot of events coming up in the next few months. Mark your calendars now!

FILL THE VAN: Let us bring our van to you for a mobile food drive. To schedule a date, contact Dennis Eckert at (314) 843-8950

GIVE STL DAY: Tues May 3
Join in the fun and donate online to help us continue our mission!

TRIVIA NIGHT: Sat Sept 24
Don't miss this entertaining event! You never know who's going to stop by!

HEALTH FAIR: Sat Sept 24
Our community health fair offers **FREE** flu shots and health screenings, sponsored by St. Anthony's Physician Ambassadors