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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!*

#### We Honor and Remember:

William, Josephine & Gary  
Goelzhauser  
Dorothy Koehrer  
Jim Siebert  
Jennifer Weeks  
Mary Wolfram's Birthday

These individuals were honored with a gift in their name during the first few months of 2017.

#### Get Involved... Stay Informed

"Like" us on Facebook and visit our website often... <http://AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com>



#### Meet Our Newest Addition

Dana George is excited to be the Affton Christian Food Pantry's new Pantry Manager. Originally from Alabama, Dana worked in education for over 20 years. When she, her husband, and daughter moved from Memphis to St. Louis about five years ago, Dana became a stay-at-home mom. Widowed shortly after moving here, Dana's priority was her young daughter. Today, however, with a lively teen on her hands, Dana is ready to use her education and talents to help others.



On the job since April 3, 2017, Dana admits the volunteers have made all the difference in knowing her way around the pantry.

"The volunteers are amazing. They treat the clients like family, and they are always willing to do whatever is necessary to make the pantry the best it can be."

While Dana is enjoying her new role, her answer to the Magic Wand question was quite frank, "I wish the Pantry didn't have to exist. I'm grateful to have so many volunteers who are so generous and caring, but I wish we didn't have the need."



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## SUMMER 2017

### Never Too Young to Make a Difference

This spring, the ACFP was alive with the sounds of our young people. Cub Scouts from Packs 725 (St. Dominic Savio) and 66 (Bayless Elementary) spent evenings in April sorting, marking, and re-packing donations.



Just a few weeks later, several dozen Cor Jesu students spent an entire day serving in the ACFP. They cleaned shelves and refrigerators, restocked the pantry, and assisted in reorganizing our storage space.



In all, our youth have put in more than 120 volunteer hours this April, proving that you are never too young to make a difference!

#### CURRENT NEEDS

- Cereal
- Boxed Side Dishes
- Dry Rice/Beans
- Canned fruit
- Peanut Butter



#### 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

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## SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more info on these upcoming events at the ACFP:



Dinner Auction ... June 17  
Shop Out Hunger... June 24  
Trivia Night... September 23  
Health Fair... September 23

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HOLLYWOOD**

**DOORS:**  
6 p.m.  
**DINNER:**  
7 p.m.

**Lights, Camera, Auction!**  
Dinner Auction to support the Affton Christian Food Pantry

Complimentary Beer and Wine, Live Music, Auctions, and Dessert Dash

For more information, call 314-750-5899 or visit [AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com](http://AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com)

**June 17, 2017** | St. George Parish Hall, 4960 Heege Road, Affton | \$50 per person, tables of 8

**Lights, Camera, Auction!**  
Dinner Auction to support the Affton Christian Food Pantry

**R** NAME

**S** PHONE  EMAIL

**V**  **YES!** I want to walk the red carpet on JUNE 17, 2017!

**P**  Tickets x \$50 per person. Total Enclosed: \$

Please seat us with

In lieu of attendance, please accept this donation \$

**Make checks payable and mail to:**  
**AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY**  
PO Box 6944, St. Louis, MO 63123  
Reserve my space or donate online at: [AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com](http://AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com)

From Our Director's Desk



This spring, we welcomed a new Pantry Manager to our staff. Dana George brings compassion and practicality to this critical role, and we are thrilled to have her on-board!

But, it was with heavy hearts that we wished Anna Belveal "Bon Voyage" as our Pantry Manager. Anna served with warmth and dedication for 3 years, bringing a new level of professionalism and consistency to our organization. She will be greatly missed by all, especially me, as she was my "right hand gal!" Anna is taking off for the trip of a lifetime, beginning this summer in Alaska. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she explores God's great creation.

Summertime abounds with opportunities to get involved... help us "Shop Out Hunger" on June 24, join us for "Lights, Camera, Auction!" on June 17, or check out our website for volunteer opportunities on-site. Thanks for all you do to make a difference all summer long!

*Jennifer Meekhan*

**Board Member Spotlight: President, Terry Schermann**

Terry Schermann has served as President of the Affton Christian Food Pantry since 2010. A CPA by training, Terry finds that she uses those skills to oversee pantry operations. She explained that we are known as one of the premier pantries in the area because of our collaboration and our commitment to "choice."

"It gives the clients dignity to be able to choose their own foods. It's like shopping in a grocery store, rather than having someone hand you a box of things you may not be able to use."

She is also proud of the Brown Bag program. "It helps knowing the kids have breakfast and lunch when school isn't in session."

Terry points out that food donations are very important to the ongoing viability of the pantry. Cereal, canned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tuna, and peanut butter are among items that are always in demand. With the "Fill the Van" program running again this summer, Terry hopes to have full shelves all year.

If she could wave a Magic Wand, Terry would make the pantry obsolete. "When you are in the business world, you want to sell; that's how you stay in business. But I would like to make all our clients successful, so we put ourselves out of business."

While her wish doesn't seem likely to be granted for now, Terry will continue leading the ACFP and working toward that goal.



Dozens of volunteers and ACFP Board members gathered in late April to honor Anna's service and to wish her well in her travels.

