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Affton Christian Food Pantry

WINTER 2017

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:

Dick Augustine's 90th birthday
Anne Fleming
Jeannette Santagato's 90th birthday

We Remember:

William Cedak
William, Josephine & Gary Goelzhauser
Gene Haessig
Kalinowski family
Marie Labus
Shirley Reeves
John Thraum

These individuals were honored with a gift made in their name to the ACFP between September -November 2017.



Get Involved... Stay Informed

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

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at the ACFP in 2018:



Friday, Feb 2, 2018
Bayless Elem Cafeteria



March 2018... tip-off 3/2/18



Dinner Auction
Sat, April 28, 2018

MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED

In one week this fall, three different clients visited us for the last time. All three had similar stories to tell: Janet's* husband had finally gotten full-time work, after more than a year of applying for positions. Pat* was able to return to work after a lengthy illness. Bob* and Marsha's* daughter returned from college, found a job, and is now contributing to their household needs.

CURRENT NEEDS

- Canned Meat
- Cereal
- Dry Rice/Beans
- Canned fruit
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detg.



It's always a little bittersweet when our clients let us know they will no longer need our help in feeding their families. While we are thrilled that their living circumstances are so improved, we miss them. Through their bi-weekly visits, our clients share their lives with us, making us a part of their larger family.

From its earliest days in July 2006, the ACFP's mission has been to serve as a reliable source of food and assistance for anyone in need in the Affton area. As Janet, Pat, Bob & Marsha showed us this fall... **with your help, we are able to say, "MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED!"**

* Names changed to respect the privacy of our families

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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From Our Director's Desk



Blessed and happy holidays to all of you! It is with a deeply grateful heart that I write this note to thank you for all that you do, all year long, to support our work here in Affton, MO.

This past year, we provided nutritious groceries for just about 8,200 individuals... moms, dads, grandparents, students, and little ones. We could not do that life-giving work without you!!!

As you gather with your family and friends this holiday season, taking stock of your many blessings, know that I am holding you in my prayers and my heart....and that I am wishing you a safe and happy 2018!

Jennifer Malhan

Thank



Jeanette Santagato, for requesting ACFP donations in lieu of gifts for your 90th birthday!

Many happy returns to you!



You!

Miss Andrea, for visiting us every few weeks, with tasty food samples, recipes, and nutrition information!



Sappington Garden Shop, for your annual donation of tomato plants, and Cure of Ars' parishioner, Nita Steck, who re-pots them for our families!

Food Drive Challenge

Missouri State Representative **Doug Beck** (District 92) challenged his fellow State Representatives to a **"FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE"** this fall... bringing much-needed, state-wide attention to the issues of food insecurity and hunger here in Missouri.



Representative Beck did more than just urge his fellow Representatives to take action. He held an Affton-area-wide food drive on Saturday, September 30. In the end, Rep. Beck collected more than **3,500 food and personal care items** and raised more than **\$1,250 in cash donations** to support our work at the Affton Christian Food Pantry.



And he's not done yet! He teamed up with State Representative **Bob Burns** (District 93) this November and December to keep the challenge going, supporting both ACFP and Feed My People. **Thank you, Rep. Beck... you are making a difference right here in Affton, MO!**

We Dedicate... We Remember... We Bless

On November 11, 2017, more than 50 people gathered in the ACFP to dedicate 2 rooms in the pantry in memory of our early servant-leaders, Marie Labus and Gene Haessig. Among those present for the short prayer service and blessing were members of the Labus and Haessig families, Board Members, volunteers, and clergy. Fr. Paul Rothschild, pastor of St. George & St. Dominic Savio, opened the prayer service, which included all present moving throughout the pantry rooms, asking God's blessing on each space, on all those who serve in the rooms, and on all who are served at the pantry. Afterwards, we gathered in the parish hall to visit with one another and to celebrate the successes of the ACFP.

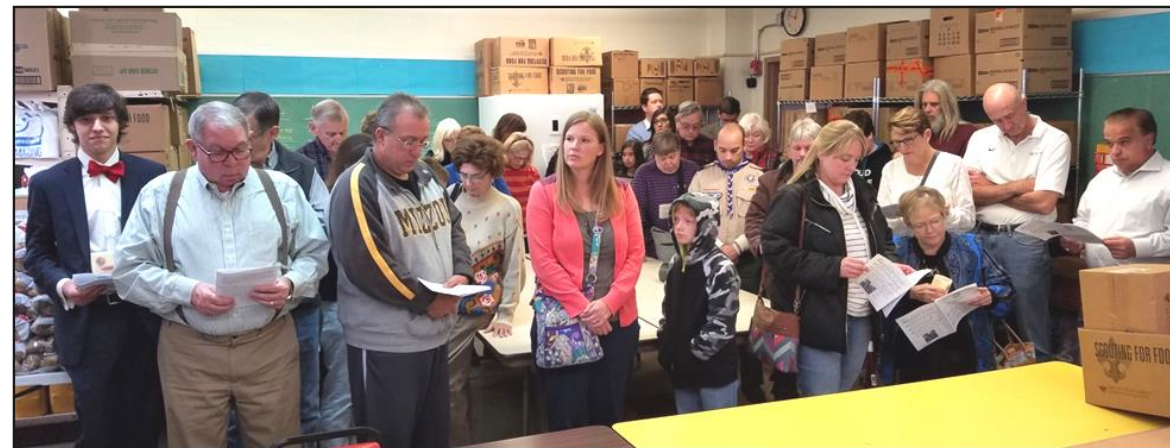


Above: the Labus & Haessig families

Left: Thanks to **FRAN ANN'S ENGRAVING** for donating the memorial plaques

Right: Blessing the ACFP

Below: Dedicating the "Marie" Room



ACFP BY THE NUMBERS: YEAR IN REVIEW

Client Visits: **3,630**

Individuals served: **8,192**

Brown Bag Breakfasts & Lunches for school kids: **9,000**

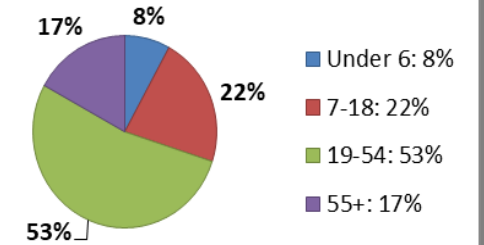
Food/Personal Care Items distributed: **429,325**

Active Volunteers: **205**

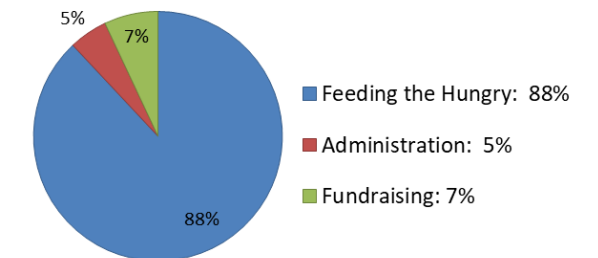
Volunteer Hours in the Food Pantry: **8,654**

Staff: **2, part-time**

Clients by Age



Expenses by Category



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ACFP is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, representing each of our 15 Member Churches. Thank you for your commitment to our mission!

Terry Schermann, President – Cure of Ars Catholic Church
 Paul Porter, Vice President – Eden United Church of Christ
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 Mary Wolfram, Secretary – Salem Lutheran Church
 Suzanne Baybo – Affton Presbyterian Church
 Michael Cady – St. George Catholic Church
 Brett Delmez – Rooftop Church
 John Diefenbach – Salem Lutheran Church
 Dennis Eckert – New Apostolic Church
 Melanie Fechter – Seven Holy Founders Catholic Church
 Dennis Jordan – Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church
 Bobbie Lairy – St. Mark Catholic Church
 Gene Murphy – Seven Holy Founders Catholic Church
 David Pelsue – Reformation Lutheran Church
 Reta Scott – Affton Christian Church
 Bob Stein – St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church
 Karen Tegeler – Reformation Lutheran Church
 Ron Whitener – Zion Methodist Church

Just a friendly reminder...

The **Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit** allows you to receive up to 50% direct credit on your 2017 tax returns for all donations (food and money) made directly to food pantries during 2017.

There's still time to support our mission and get your tax credit... simply, make your donation by December 31!

See our website for ways to donate:

AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com

Many Thanks!

To our Community Partners who held food drives for us last year:

1st Phorm International LLC

Ace Hardware

Affton Christian Church

Affton High School

Affton Presbyterian Church

ALDI -- Crestwood

ALDI -- Maplewood

ALDI -- STL Gravois

Anonymous

Arsenal Credit Union

Bayless Elementary School

Bayless Girl Scout Troop #1673

Bayless High School

Rep. Doug Beck

Bishop DuBourg High School

Church of the Reformation -- Lutheran

Cor Jesu Academy

Cure of Ars

Dierbergs Lemay Plaza

Dierbergs Southroads

Eden United Church of Christ

Faith Church

Gateway Grizzlies

Gene Murphy /Schnucks Bakery

Gotsch Intermediate

Great Clips -- Affton

Great Clips -- Bayless

Grow 2 Give

Holy Cross Academy

House of Goods

Johnny Mac's Sporting Goods

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Kerry Inc.

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Lindbergh High School



Little Caesars

Little Yellow Bus

Long Farms

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens

Lutheran South Garden

Mount Tabor UCC

New Apostolic Church

Oakland House

Our Lady of Life Apts

Our Lady of Sorrows Com Garden

Our Lady Providence

Rogers Middle School

Rooftop Church

Salem Lutheran

Schnucks Affton

Seven Holy Founders

Sisters of St Paul

St. Anthony's Hospital

St. Dominic Savio

St. George

St. Joseph Apartments

St. Louis Area Food Bank

St. Louis Bread - Panera

St. Louis County Police Department - Affton

Precinct

St. Louis Destination Swing

St. Lucas UCC

St. Mark

St. Simon

Starbucks

Step Ahead Child Care Academy Inc

The Wine and Cheese Place

TreeHouse Private Brands

Trinity United Church of Christ

Weight Watchers

Willert Home Products Inc.

Zion Methodist

Their Experience... Our Mission

This summer, the ACFP became one of 5 nonprofits to receive the gift of a pro-bono consulting project by the Chesterfield-based firm, **Experience on Demand**. This consulting project will guide our Board of Directors in shaping the future of the ACFP, using our mission and vision as our guiding principles.

EOD's partner, Pat Knoerle-Jordan, is leading the charge by conducting surveys and in-person interviews to gain an understanding of the ACFP's current strengths and our opportunities for growth. Using the information she is gathering, she will develop a half-day retreat for the Board of Directors in February 2018, following up with a visit to a Board meeting later in the year. The ACFP was chosen for this project in part because of the strength of our organization, how well we fulfill our mission, and our commitment to serving all in need now, and in the future.

Thank you, Experience on Demand, for investing in the ACFP!



Did you know that you could be earning a tax-deductible donation for the ACFP simply by going about your usual shopping? The ACFP teamed up with Charity Charge, a World Mastercard available through Commerce Bank, in a program which makes a 1% cash donation for all credit card charges. The card has no annual fee, competitive interest rates, and the donation comes directly from Charity Charge... there is no cost to you (though you DO get to take the tax deduction!)

For more information, see our website:

AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com



Mark your calendars now....

Saturday, April 28, 2018 is going to be a night you do not want to miss! The ACFP is hosting a **Dueling Piano Dinner Auction** fundraising event.

Bring your friends and family for a rousing evening of music, laughter, and good times to support our mission to feed the hungry here in Affton!

More info this spring! Stay tuned!