

THE PANTRY POST

In the News

Our small grassroots organization had quite the month of media coverage! Click on the buttons below to read Our feature in The Cleveland County's City Lifestyle Magazine and our front page article in the Norman Transcript.



City Lifestyle

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Pantry Partners, Inc. was also nominated in the Norman Transcript's Readers
Choice Awards for "Best Community Service Organization" —
we didn't win it this year, but we are immensely grateful for our
growing community support!

Look What's Coming Up!

Feeding Hope

APRIL 29TH - THE NOUN HOTEL

Our team, in partnership with our fundraiser hosts, Robbie Lamberson and Melissa Rosko, have been especially busy the past few months planning our very first fundraiser luncheon, "Feeding Hope". We've been working diligently to secure sponsors and finalize all the details.

Seats are only \$40. Register online by April 7th at pantrypartners.org.

Tables are filling up quickly!

We look forward to sharing our vision with you, introducing a few special guests and building partnerships within the community we serve!



Adopt A Senior

Senior year has many added expenses our struggling teens can't afford. Through our "Adopt A Senior" program we assist with those expenses; cap & gown, yearbook, senior portraits, announcements, prom, graduation clothes, fees, and dorm room supplies.

The end of the year is quickly approaching and we need sponsors!

Together lets celebrate our graduating teens and ensure they experience the joy of their successes!



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL:
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The Beacon Project



The Beacon is our free WiFi café designed specifically for the teens we serve, offering them a comfortable, safe space to study and hang out. We provide access to free food, drinks, supplies, and resources during their lunch and after school hours. We also offer free tutoring upon request.

The Beacon is open to our teens only, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:30 pm and 3:30 - 5:30 pm. (closed on holiday breaks)

March Impact

The month of March is one of our busiest food distributions. Not only do we provide supplemental food for the weekends, but we also cover the days out for Spring Break. As you can imagine that is a lot of food to purchase and pack!

Team members and volunteers pack our food boxes full of teen-friendly, easy to prepare food items such as microwavable entrees, raviolis, ramen noodles, hearty soups, veggies, breakfast items, snacks and so much more! We also distributed hygiene kits with essentials like shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.



Here are the March distribution stats:

- 178 food boxes
- 10 emergency food boxes
- 9,800 food items
- 5,100+ lbs of food
- 1,300 hygiene items
- 430 pair of socks
- 90 teens served

This was all made possible through our partnerships with local high school pantry coordinators, Regional Food Bank, Sox of Love, and the community.

Volunteer & Team Member Spotlight



Volunteer of the Year 2022

Lisa Gipson has been a regular volunteer for about 2 years. She jumps in without hesitation, never seems to mind putting in the hard work and always walks in with a big smile, making everyone feel comfortable and welcomed.

Thank you Lisa for all you do!
We appreciate you!



Team Member of the Year 2022

Elizabeth Aur is a well respected team member whose contributions have significantly helped advance Pantry Partners and our impact. Her commitment and heart for service is truly the essence and foundation for our success.

Thank you Elizabeth for being a positive influence on the Pantry Partners Team and in our organization!

Thank You!

WOW! WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR WE ARE HAVING! SO MANY TEENS ARE BENEFITING FROM YOUR SUPPORT EVERY DAY AND THRIVING THROUGH SOME TRULY CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES. HIGH SCHOOL IS OVERWHELMING ENOUGH WITHOUT THE ADDED BURDEN OF FOOD INSECURITY, LIMITED RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGES. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO HELPS US KEEP THE FOOD PANTRY STOCKED AND OUR PROGRAMS FUNDED. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE "ADOPT A SENIOR" PROGRAM SPONSORS! IT'S BEEN A WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITIES AS WE HELP PREPARE OUR SENIORS FOR GRADUATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULING SENIOR PORTRAITS, HAIRCUTS, ORDERING ANNOUNCEMENTS, YEARBOOKS, SHOPPING FOR DORM ROOM SUPPLIES, PROM, AND GRADUATION CLOTHES, ETC. OUR TEENS ARE SO EXCITED - MANY HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO SESSION BEFORE SO IT'S BEEN A JOY TO WATCH THEM SHINE WHILE SHEVAUN WILLIAMS WORKS HER MAGIC! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SPOTLIGHT OUR GRADUATES AND SHARE THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WITH YOU! LOOK FOR THOSE UPDATES AND PICTURES COMING SOON!.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING OUR "FEEDING HOPE" FUNDRAISER EVENT ON ARIL 29TH. THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR EVENT WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS - 4 FORMER STUDENTS WE SERVED, SHARING HOW PANTRY PARTNERS IMPACTED THEIR LIVES THROUGHOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS! WE ARE DEFINITELY FEELING THE LOVE FROM OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY! THE "FEEDING HOPE" FUNDRAISER EVENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT! WE WILL BE POSTING OUR SPONSOR APPRECIATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA SOON!

LASTLY... I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN AND OUR TEENS FED. EVERYTHING WE DO IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE TEENS WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO SERVE.

MY HEART IS BURSTING RIGHT NOW! THANK YOU FOR MAKING PANTRY PARTNERS POSITIVE IMPACT POSSIBLE!

MUCH LOVE, PEACE, AND GOOD HEALTH TO YOU ALL! ANGELA CEO/FOUNDER

May Wish List

We are restocking the shelves for our May food distribution!

> **Donations Accepted** Tuesdays - Thursday 1:00-4:00 p.m. 517 W Gray, Norman

Or by appointment, text 405.833.3671

Please no glass!



DOWNLOAD WISH LIST

We accept food, hygiene, monetary and in-kind donations to support our many programs. If you would like to partner with us or volunteer, please email info@pantrypartners.org Volunteers must be 18+ years old.



We keep our doors open thanks to people like you!



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May Wish List



CHICKEN (CAN)
CHIPS (SNACK SIZE)
CHUNKY BEEF/CHICKEN SOUPS
GRANOLA/BREAKFAST BARS
HAMBURGER/TUNA HELPER
INSTANT OATMEAL (PKGS)
MIXED FRUIT (CAN)
PASTA SAUCE (CAN)
RAVIOLIS (CAN)
SPAGHETTI
TUNA (CAN)
VEGETABLES (CAN)

BODY WASH
CHAPSTICK
CONDITIONER
DEODORANT
FLOSS
LOTION
SHAMPOO
TOOTHPASTE

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Drop off: Tuesdays - Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm

