

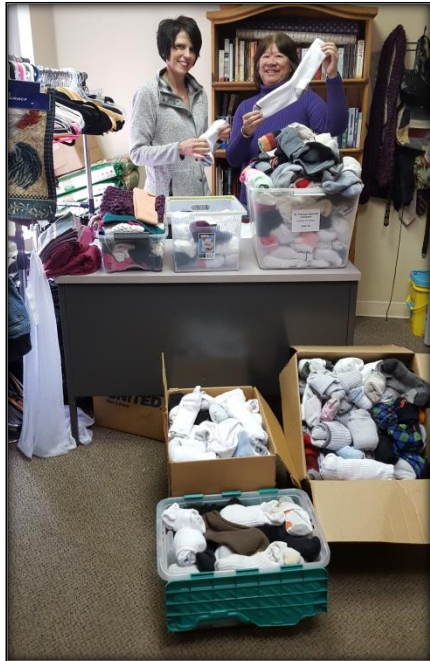
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"We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers"

Lots of Socks!

Our heartfelt thanks to Kim Artinger and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Edmonton Chapel of the South Meadows Ward for hosting a sock drive to help the clients of St. Francis of Assisi Food pantry. Kim saw a need when clients were coming to the pantry asking if we had socks available, especially when there was flooding in low lying areas around Reno and Sparks. Thanks to Kim and the generous donors in her congregation, we have bags and bags of socks ready to distribute to anybody who needs them.



From left: Kim Artinger; Gaylian Reina

Food Drive at Dolan Lexus Through April

Dolan Lexus is hosting a food drive for the pantry for 3 months, starting in February and ending in April. We are hoping to fill a large SUV with donated items including food, diapers, toiletries, and so on. They are located at 7175 S. Virginia in Reno and hosted our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in November. Dolan Auto Group has been one of our most loyal champions and we are very grateful for their ongoing support!



Help the Pantry as You Shop

You can help Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry earn money when you shop online at Amazon.com or at our local Smith's Food and Drug Stores. Here's how:

- **Amazon:** go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, sign in and select Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry from the list of charities. When shopping at Amazon, always start on this web page for the pantry to receive a contribution. The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to the pantry.
- **Smith's Food and Drug Stores:** create an account at <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/create> then enroll in Smith's Community Rewards program and select Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry. When you shop at Smith's using your Rewards card, the pantry receives a contribution. Our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number is **33032**.

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

- ♥ **2nd Annual Open House & Luncheon – Sat., April 8** at the pantry. Details to follow in a separate mailing.
- ♥ **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – Friday, April 28** at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant at Summit Sierra Mall.
- ♥ **3rd Annual Spaghetti Night Fundraiser – Friday, Oct. 20** at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno.

Donations are Always Appreciated

In addition to healthy food, we offer our clients clothing, shoes and socks, household goods, baby diapers and food, pet food (cats and dogs) and toiletries, all donated by volunteers, local area agencies and companies.

We are always in need of food, clothing, hygiene products and pet food for the pantry, especially the following items:

Peanut butter & jam or jelly	Laundry soap
Low-sodium spam & chicken	Baby diapers – all sizes
Canned beans such as chili beans, baked beans, etc.	Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, razors, etc.)
Chunky soups and stews	Warm socks, hats and gloves



A Deluge of Cleaning Products & Pet Food

Thanks to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and the heroic efforts of volunteers Wayne and Karrie Backlund, the pantry received a very large donation of cleaning products and pet food. Our clients were thrilled to receive laundry soap, dishwashing soap, wipes, dog and cat food, kitty litter, etc.



From left: volunteers Wayne Backlund, Karrie Backlund, Don Eberlein

Our Food Barrels Are Everywhere!

A big thank you to these local organizations who allowed us to place our food barrels at their locations including:

- Air National Guard in Reno
- Fitness Connection Gym & Health Club in Reno
- Great Western Marketplace in Reno
- Kimmie Candy at 525 Reactor Way in Reno
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Incline Village
- 24 Hour Fitness at 6155 Neil Road in Reno



Our food barrels are used to collect donations for the pantry.

Spotlight on our Clients

We recently spoke with Gino, one of our regular clients. Gino likes the variety of food he receives at our pantry and says we are “well-organized and efficient”, our clients are courteous and our volunteers are very kind to everyone. Gino will be 84 in April, but remains active in the community and serves on the staff of the Living Stones Church in Reno. You will find him and his fellow church members serving a hot meal to hundreds of appreciative people on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 4th Street in downtown Reno. We are glad to be here for him!



Our client Gino serves the community



Our client TJ with his customized bicycle holding bags of food he received from the pantry

Our Volunteers in Action!

We salute our hardworking volunteers! They are essential to the operation of the pantry and we couldn't keep our doors open without them!



From left: volunteers Shirley Bennett, Cathy Cecil and Beverly Smith in the bread, cereal and snacks room



From left: volunteers Wayne Backlund and Chuck Cecil with a load of fresh bread from Tastykake Nature's Own Bakery Outlet



Volunteer Dick Johnson recycles cardboard for the pantry



Volunteer Gus Schlater in the perishable foods room



From left: volunteers Cathy Johnson, Joyce Morrissey, Wayne Backlund, Renee Stone and Barbara Reyes



From left: volunteer Calvin Bowers of Complete Millwork Services and Cindy Becher at the Food Bank parking lot distribution in Sparks.

Together We're Making a Difference

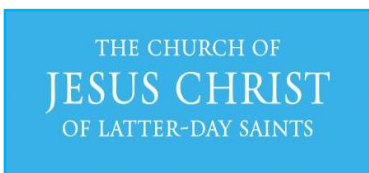
We are thrilled to report that in the past year we have received generous grants from the following foundations which will allow us to continue with our mission of providing the less fortunate in our community with healthy food at no cost to them.

- ♥ **Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society**, a non-profit volunteer run organization whose members include Washoe County physicians and their spouses, along with the spouses of residents and interns in Washoe County. Their mission is to advance the health of the community through education and philanthropic works, health advocacy programs, and support of the Washoe County Medical Society.
- ♥ **Food Bank of Northern Nevada**, our partner who provides emergency food services to families through a network of more than 140 partner agencies in a 90,000 square mile service area throughout northern Nevada and the eastern slope of the Sierra in California. They serve more than 95,000 people each month, half of whom are children and seniors. Last fiscal year, they provided more than 13.3 million meals to neighbors who were hungry.
- ♥ **Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation**, established in 1980 by the Will of Robert Z. Hawkins, a Reno lawyer, rancher, investor and philanthropist who left the bulk of his estate in trust for organizations operating exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific and literary purposes as well as for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.
- ♥ **Terry Lee Wells Foundation**, established in 1999 by Terry Lee Wells, a native of Reno. During her lifetime, Terry supported organizations in Northern Nevada that help to improve the quality of life for the underprivileged, with a special emphasis on women and children. She created the Foundation to carry on her philanthropic legacy and fulfill her dreams of "Reaching Out, Touching Hearts, Changing Lives."

Our heartfelt appreciation to all our generous individual donors, community supporters, corporate sponsors, charitable foundations, and our partner, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. We couldn't do it without all of you!



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A note received from our client Tina on 3.20.17:
I ran into Terri. I'm without voice & I do need to come in. However, I have COPD and live upstairs. Since I cannot talk, can Terri bring me up some food please?

And later that day . . .

I want to thank you so much for putting food into my home again. Thank you!!