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"We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers"

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Pantry volunteers were honored at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held on **Saturday, April 28** at the Tamarack Junction Casino at 13101 S. Virginia St. in Reno. Each volunteer received one of our new pantry t-shirts and 19 exemplary volunteers were recognized for dedicating more than 100 hours to the pantry from April, 2017 – March, 2018. Bravo for a job well done and thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of our less fortunate neighbors.



From L: Johnathan & Veronica Morrison; Tara & Chris Becher



From L: Anna Corder; Steve Corder; Mary Ann Henry; Don Eberlein; Tom Bates; Raul Bedoy; Aaron Thomas



From L: Sister Tauveli; Sister Elcis; Angelica Pope; Elizabeth Pope



From L: Renee Stone; Kay Dolden; Cheryl McCaffrey; Jess Schreimer



Volunteer Superstars!

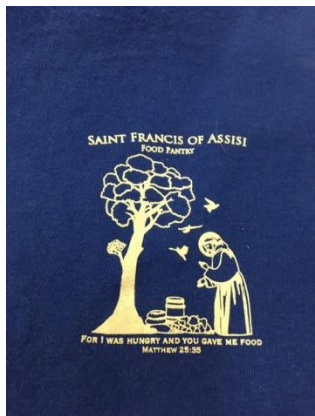
The following 19 volunteers gave 100 or more hours of their time to the pantry from April, 2017 – March, 2018. We thank you for your selfless commitment to improving the lives of our neediest neighbors. We couldn't do it without all of you!

Don Eberlein	726	Anna Corder	156
Steve Corder	370	Barbara Reyes	140
Tom McHugh	231	Shirley Bennett	138
Julie Williams	215	Wayne Backlund	136
Cheryl McCaffrey	213	Mary Ann Henry	122
Kathy Williams	211	Beverley Smith	118
Chuck Cecil	200	Christi Tanaka	113
Cathy Cecil	200	Don Parrillo	106
Toni Taft	180	Renee Stone	102
Michael Kurvers	168		



Check Out Our New Pantry T-Shirts!

Volunteers were given colorful and inspiring new T-shirts to wear when volunteering at the pantry. They look fantastic!



T-shirt front



T-shirt back

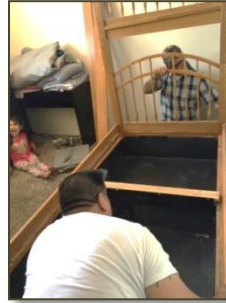
Volunteers in Action

Our volunteers are on the go picking up, unloading, shelving and handing out food, toiletries and cleaning goods. They also sometimes assemble beds for the needy in our community! We recently learned that the two sons of one of our clients named Cynthia were sleeping on the floor of her apartment while her two daughters slept with her.

While the boys were at school, Complete Millwork Services volunteers Tyler and Robert came to their apartment to set up

the new bunk bed for the boys, along with a dresser, book shelves, desk and under-bed storage drawers.

The boys were so excited when they got home from school that they raced over to the pantry to give Cindy a big hug! Our sincere thanks to the kindhearted employees of Complete Millwork Services, who are always willing to give us a hand!



Assembling the bunk beds Cynthia & one of her daughters

And more volunteers in action at the pantry . . .



From L: Cynthia Crone & Kathi Welch shelving food



Cindy & pantry volunteers in their new T-shirts



From L: Sister Ellis; Sister Huntsman



Christi Tanaka with our "What's Fresh Today" sign



From L: Elder Jensen; Elder Cartwright From L: Elder Chavez; Liz Torres from NNFB



From L: Debbie Graves & Cindy Ybarra, sisters of pantry founder Cindy Becher

Love Blooms at the Pantry!



We couldn't be more delighted to announce the marriage of pantry volunteers Don Eberlein and Mary Ann Henry, who met while volunteering at Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry! May this be the first of many romances that bloom while sharing love and kindness with those around us who need our help.



Congratulations to the happy couple.

♥ We all wish you many, many years of joy together! ♥

Together We're Making a Difference

In the past 9 months we have received generous grants from the following foundations which allow us to continue providing the less fortunate in our community with healthy food at no cost to them.

- ♥ **Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation**, which has provided us with donations this year that are critical to sustaining our programs and allow us to keep the doors open for all in need. Their steadfast generosity and ongoing support have been invaluable - they are our angels!
- ♥ **Terry Lee Wells Foundation**, established in 1999 by Terry Lee Wells, a native of Reno. The foundation supported organizations in N. Nevada that help improve the quality of life for the underprivileged, particularly women and children. We were sorry to learn a few months ago that this generous Foundation has now ended its philanthropic efforts. We are so appreciative of their support over the last two years and thank them for all their help.
- ♥ **Food Bank of Northern Nevada**, Northern Nevada's premier hunger relief agency providing emergency food services to more than 95,000 people each month through a network of more than 140 partner agencies in Northern Nevada and the eastern Sierra slope in CA.



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4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Coming in October!

The 4th annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the pantry will be held on **Saturday, October 27** at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. This is the primary fundraiser that supports our pantry, so be sure to put it on your calendar, tell all your friends to come and join us in having fun for a good cause! In addition to the scrumptious food served by the Atlantis, we will have raffle items, silent auction items and some awesome door prizes to add to the excitement.

Our guest speaker this year is Pat Cashell, who has an incredible and inspiring story of growing up as the son of our former Reno mayor Bob Cashell, falling into street life as a drug user, and after 20 years pulling himself out of addiction to become the director of our local Volunteers of America chapter, which runs the shelters for homeless men, women and children on Record St. in Reno.



SPAGHETTI NIGHT

To benefit
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOOD PANTRY
Saturday, October 27th
5:00-9:30 PM
At the



CASINO RESORT SPA • RENO

ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA 3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Come and win some great
RAFFLE PRIZES, DOOR PRIZES and SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
Enjoy Live Music!
MC: Deacon Don Korson from Saint Francis of Assisi Church
Keynote Speaker:
Mr. Pat Cashell - Volunteers of America, Director

For Tickets:
Call Cindy Becher at 775-322-5853 or
Email Cindy Becher at cdbecher@aol.com or
Purchase tickets online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spaghetti-dinner-fundraiser-tickets-48942901536)
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MENU:

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Vegetable & Gluten Free Pasta
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Dessert
- 2-glasses of Wine or Beer

COST:

- \$55.00 per Person
- \$100.00 for Couples
- \$450.00 for a Corporate Table that seats 10