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Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry Newsletter

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St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry Opens

After much preparation and a first round of fundraising in 2015, we proudly opened our doors to serve the needy in our area on Monday, April 4. In the month of April, we served a total of 204 families and in May we served 241. Our clients are thrilled that we have moved into the neighborhood and we are thrilled to be there!



President Cindy Becher on Opening Day



Back row from left: Shirley Bennett; Beverly Smith; Cindy Becher; Cathy Johnson

Front row from left: Corazon Hand; Barbara Reyes; Gloria Lorelli; Dick Johnson; Marina Hawk with Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Volunteer Spirit is Infectious!

On Opening Day, the first of many enthusiastic volunteers arrived to give their time, talent and treasure to Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry. Clients were guided through the three rooms of the pantry that offer the following:

- *Non-perishable foods*, including healthy canned vegetables, fruits, dried pasta, prepared dinners, condiments, coffee, tea, baking supplies and so on. We always have on hand healthy choices such as low-sodium black beans, low-sodium canned corn, whole wheat pasta, brown rice and raisins.
- *Breads, snacks and desserts*, including whole wheat and whole grain bread, reduced sugar desserts, healthy snacks, cereals including oatmeal, etc.
- *Perishable foods* including fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy such as milk and eggs, poultry including chicken breasts and ground turkey, and so on.

Volunteers worked a total of 201 hours in April and 257 hours in May. We always need helpers! Join our dedicated team and have fun while you help your community. Call or email Cindy Becher if you would like to volunteer.



Volunteers and Board Members Cathy and Dick Johnson

The Giving Tree

A large wooden Giving Tree with many colorful leaves and blue butterflies is mounted in the reception area of the pantry to recognize both corporate and individual donors to Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry. It is visible behind the volunteers in the picture on Page 1 of this Newsletter. New animals will soon be joining the display, including bunnies and doves for our Corporate Sponsors.

Please see attached letter to learn more about how you or your company can be represented on the Giving Tree.

New Cool Equipment Arrives!

Due to success in fundraising along with many generous corporate and individual donations, we were recently able to purchase a new commercial refrigerator and new commercial freezer to store all of our many perishable food items.



Cindy with new freezer



Our new refrigerator

Pantry Much Needed Items

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

- Chili Beans or Baked Beans
- Pork N Beans
- Low Sodium Spam
- Chicken Pieces
- Grape Jelly or Strawberry Jam
- Laundry Soap
- Baby Diapers – Sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Shampoo/Conditioner/Soap for men & women
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Upcoming FUNdraising Event

Join us at the Reno Aces ballpark on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21** at 1:05 pm for a fun afternoon of baseball featuring our hometown AAA team, the Reno Aces, vs. their biggest rival, the Sacramento River Cats. Tickets are \$27, with a portion benefiting St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry.

Tickets include:

- A left field reserved seat in the shade
- A free Reno Aces hat
- A food voucher for a hot dog or barbeque pork sandwich, chips and regular size soda

Contact Cindy Becher for vouchers and more information.



Thank You!

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



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