



Panther Valley Food Pantry Ministry of Grace Community Church of Lansford

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Pantry Director

VISION STATEMENT:

To provide food & develop educational learning to assist families in creating meals with the foods provided. Seek to assist families in resources to best meet their needs as it relates to pantry services.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To assist in meeting the nutritional needs of families within the Panther Valley and surrounding communities.

CORE VALUES:

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Who we serve



We are completely volunteer.
Serving families within the
Panther Valley, including the
towns of Lansford, Coaldale,
Nesquehoning & Summit Hill.

However, we do not turn
anyone away if they are not
from these 4 towns.

*We serve children from birth to
adults in the 90s*

Additional Services

- Cooking classes
 - Utilizing foods provided at pantry distribution
 - Crockpots & stockpots for families to keep after class
- Financial seminars
 - Budgeting, future planning
- Inviting local organizations/agencies to set up at our monthly distributions
 - Aetna, St. Luke's, Area Agency on Aging

Who we serve by the numbers...

2022 Averages
Jan – Oct

- Served 57 households
 - 40 children
 - 77 adults
 - 36 seniors
- Total 154 people



Operating Budget

(Annual)

- \$400 Second Harvest billing (delivery fee/food expenses)
 - \$200 Various supplies (bags, etc.)
 - \$100 Pest control
 - \$700 Total
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- *Money received through donations and grants*

Ordered Food

The pantry gets about 3000 lbs. of food delivered each month from Second Harvest Food Bank.

This includes

- Drinks (milk, water, juice)
- Shelf stable goods
 - Canned goods/dry goods
- Perishable goods
 - Produce boxes
 - Milk
 - Cheese
- Frozen foods



What we have...

Shelving units



3 chest freezers



What we have...

Refrigeration unit



Needs to be replaced...

Side by side
fridge/freezer unit



In addition

At times, if needed, we utilize fridge/freezer units at the coffeehouse (across the street) from the church for storage.



Needs...

Upright refrigerator &
upright freezer

This will enable extra space
to store perishable and
frozen foods with the upright
freezer providing a little more
ease in accessibility.



The equipment

- Galaxy Reach-In Freezer

- **Overall Dimensions:**

Width: 30 1/2"

Depth: 28 1/2"

Height: 74 5/8"

Capacity: 19.42 cu. ft.

- \$1,149.00

- Via The Restaurant Store

- Galaxy Reach-In Refrigerator

- **Overall Dimensions:**

Width: 30 1/2"

Depth: 28 1/2"

Height: 74 5/8"

Capacity: 21.75 cu. ft.

- \$1,049.00

- Via The Restaurant Store

Total \$2,198.00



Timeline for project...

To be completed
ASAP after
receiving funding
and assessing most
cost-effective unit

(Our November/holiday delivery is
next week, so having proper storage
for frozen items would be helpful)

Other ways to help...

- Current needs for holiday pantry
 - Stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, bread mix
- Donate reusable bags
- Monetary donations
- Volunteer
 - Nov 19 & Dec 17
 - Delivery dates



THANK YOU

Questions?

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