

ELLA COCHRAN FOOD PANTRY



MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

Through compassionate, supportive service the Ella Cochran Food Pantry provides food and other necessities to Harborcreek Township residents who are in need. It is an ecumenical ministry with volunteers from four local churches; First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, South Harborcreek United Methodist and Our Lady of Mercy. We serve over 170 families every year. There are 30 volunteers who take on various responsibilities.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Volunteers spend 4 hours on the third Wednesday of the month to distribute 30-40 lbs. of food to Harborcreek residents who qualify.
- Volunteers with Pick-up trucks make the weekly run to Second Harvest to pick up food
- Unload Food Delivery from Second Harvest Food Bank on Tuesday mornings
- Pick up food from Local Businesses and schools when needed (e.g. Panera, Better Baked, and local farmers)
- Maintain paperwork and submit monthly statistics
- Order food weekly from Second Harvest – be in touch with local businesses who donate
- Board members from the four supporting churches meet quarterly to plan for support the food pantry operations through special food drives and other activities.
- Other volunteers pay the bills, process donations and write thank you notes.

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

- Volunteers spend anywhere from 2-15 hours per month on various activities.
- Hours are determined by an individual's commitment.
- The volunteer Truck drivers pick up food from Second Harvest and delivery to the pantry on Tuesday mornings.
- Food department coordinators sort and plan food distribution in addition to packing on distribution day.
- Other volunteers unload trucks and stock shelves on Tuesdays and load client cars on distribution day.
- To work in the food pantry must be able to lift a case of canned goods
- The administrative tasks do not require lifting but require commitment to follow through to meet deadlines

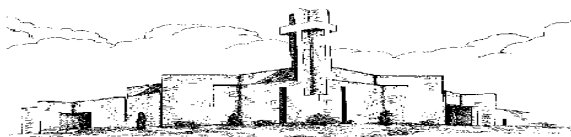
Witness Statement 1:

We are all extended family and if I can help in the smallest way it is my privilege to do so. It is a connection with the community. I am able to give back through a ministry that I deeply care about. My time spent at the Food Pantry gives me back so much more than I give.

– Jackie P.

Witness Statement 2:

I am very grateful for the food I receive from Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Social Security runs out way before the end of the month. I am a widow with no other income. This food is a great supplement. Thank you for all the food!



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