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Calvary Food Pantry: Community support makes the difference

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I was so surprised at the outpouring of giving from people, at Christmas time, after the outcome of my fundraising drive. Donations are always needed and appreciated because we provide wholesome, nutritional food, one individual at a time.

I have to thank the following people who make sure my pantry stays open all year round:

- David Wilcox, Lake Life editor, The Citizen, who makes this dialogue with the community possible. Thank you, David.
- Welch Allyn, for the garden boxes for our new Victory Garden at the Faatz-Crofurt Home and a new shed for gardening tools.
- My RSVP volunteers and pantry staff.
- The Rescue Produce Program at The Food Bank of CNY.

But I would be remiss without telling the community of the extraordinary efforts by individuals, churches and business to help hungry people.

Here is my yearly list of thanks, starting with turkey baskets given out at Thanksgiving from:

- Auburn Armatuer, Inc.: 30 turkeys
- Over 150 turkeys from the community, organized by the First Presbyterian's Church's "Turkey Trot," and the indomitable, Sue Anne Cunliffe,
- Steve Woodard and Woodsmen Insurance: 10 turkeys.
- Christmas baskets with toys were given out to 115 children. The children of my families were blessed with the toys from the Lowe's manager and associates' drive called "Santa's Storefront," which delivered 800 toys on Dec. 19. Thank you to everyone at Lowe's. You should have seen the smiles!

Alphabetically, I have a list of individuals and businesses that support me through out the year:

209 Individuals, who wish to remain anonymous

4 (local) foundations, who wish to remain anonymous

Assemblyman Gary Finch's office

Aldi's

The Allyn Foundation

AmeriCu Credit Union

Auburn Band Boosters

Auburn Correctional Facility

Auburn Firehouse

Auburn Leadership

Auburn Public Theatre

Aversa Agency Inc.

Bergan and Young, Inc.

Bouley Associates

The Boyle Center

The Boy Scouts: November Can Drive

Builder's Choice Lumber Company

Casey Park School

CCC Criminal Justice Students

Calvary Food Pantry Board of Directors

Calvary Food Pantry Gardens Volunteers Lists

Canon Pool

Case Unlimited

Cayuga County Legal Secretaries

Chapel House

Church Women United

Churches who donate through out the year:

Alliance Church, Auburn United Methodist Church, Fleming Federal Church, First Presbyterian, Half Acre Union Church, Sacred Heart, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Hyacinths, St. Peter & John, St. Nicholas, St. Mary's and Martha's, Thompson Memorial, United Church of Auburn, The Unitarian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Community Bank NA

Community Computers Inc.

Crowley Glass

Dr. Jang Chi

Dr. John A. Riccio

Dr. Simmons DDS

The Elf Program

Family Transitional Services

The Farmers Market, which helps me with food

Finger Lakes Radio Group

First Niagara Bank

Goulds Pump

Kings Ferry Food Pantry

Kinney Drugs, State Street and Owasco Street

Lake Side Trading

The Lions Club

The Liberty Store

Herman Avenue School

Lowe's, Grant Avenue, Manager/Employees Coat and Toy Drives

Maggies

Mesa Grande

NUCOR

NYSEG

O'Hara Machinery Inc.

Panera Bread's weekly donation of bread and baked goods

PETCO

Pour Lance's Coffee Water Service

Prison City Ramblers

Pulmonary Medicine

RG Wright Agency

Rich and Gardner Construction Company Inc.

Rick Martinez and his Halloween pirate ship at Sennett Fire Department

Riverbend Coffee

Rose Bakery

Rescue Mission

RSVP Volunteer Office

Seneca Foods

SK Post, 1324

Sons of American Legion Squad, 239

SPCA

Sun Auto

Taco Bell, Grant Avenue

Tops Food

Tops 625 Weight Loss Inc.

Thompkins Trust

The Tomatoes Fest

Union Springs School District

United Health Care

United States Post Office May Can Drive

Unity House

VFW 1975

Wal Mart

Wegmans

Welch Allyn Foundation

XYLEM, Inc.

Thank you.

My families are still hungry but I am comforted with the assistance from the Auburn community. In this historical town, volunteering is an act of fellowship and faith. My pantry perseveres and I am glad for my contributions. I look forward to thanking you in person.

Remember: Volunteer, donate or reciprocate, in kind, by giving back.

ANNOUNCEMENT in the “Citizen” Newspaper for Auburn’s Lowe’s ‘Santa Storefront’ campaign.



Christmas, 2014. Two views at LOWES, Auburn, NY. A roomful of toys, (800), collected at LOWES for the Calvary Food Pantry, and distributed to local families this holiday season. The effort was led by Lowe's manager, Shawn Hubbard, and his associates, as part of a storewide 'Santa's Storefront' theme and delivered to the pantry on December 19th, 2014, in a large Lowe's truck, with media support by Time Warner Cable.