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# Capt. Jack is Calvary Food Pantry's latest hero for hunger

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The time has come to close the Calvary Food Pantry gardens, but not before we planted garlic 6 inches apart with the help of students from the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES's culinary program, who also picked lettuce for the staff's monthly meeting. Last week we harvested carrots, collard greens and Swiss chard in the rain. Additionally, one of our food pantry volunteers, Don, a dairy farmer for 20 years, had added his energetic and enthusiastic help in the garden this past month. Thank you, Don!

Our harvest dinner was on the 10th. It was a successful effort because our garden's vegetables were showcased to everyone's delight. Audrey's creation of orange-roasted beets with a recipe calling for grated oranges, juice and cloves, as well as sweet-and-sour carrots from our cookbook, were a hit.

Our Auburn Hero for Hunger this month is Rick Martinez and his huge pirate ship, built in his back yard. For six years, just after Labor Day, his family and a group of 20 dedicated friends, like Loris and Bill Ingram, help build a huge ship at 148 Perrine St., Auburn. From 7 to 10 p.m. on the next two weekends, Oct. 18-19 and Oct. 25-26, Rick takes on his alternate self of Capt. Jack on behalf of Calvary Food Pantry. Admission to the ship is via canned goods or personal items like diapers and toiletries (that are not covered by food stamps, now called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Last year, through his efforts, the community donated 4,800 items to the pantry — up from 3,000 items the year before.

Come visit Rick's distinctive vessel, the only one of its kind in the world. Here is a way, individually, the community can help while exploring the weird witches, the haunted pumpkin patch, and the ghostly graveyard, all on the front lawn, with many more ghouls and goblins. It is well worth the wait in line.

He says: "Take what you can from this experience and I, Auburn's Pirate King, will give back to the community and the Calvary Food Pantry. Tell me! Is there no better way to help the hungry than coming to see this ship? I think not. Everyone knows pirates never give back, unless you are Captain Jack!"

Rick, our hero, is helping the hungry of Auburn. Rick has quietly, for a long time, made this his mission, to the resulting spectacular effects. Rick's Capt. Jack is bigger than life and our hero, year-round.

The next Boy Scout drive for our local food pantries will be Nov. 16, and our Thanksgiving turkey giveaway will be Nov. 25. Want to donate a turkey? Call the pantry at (315) 252-7.