

WHO ARE WE?

The Otsego County Food Pantry is an Ecumenical organization of churches and service groups working together to provide *emergency food supplies* to people in need.

Originally the Food Pantry was an R.S.V.P. program. In 1989, through the cooperative effort of the Otsego County Ministerial Association and other concerned organizations, the Pantry became governed by the current Board of Directors, comprised of representatives from area churches who wished to participate as well as several organizations. In April of 1991, the Food Pantry became a Michigan non-profit corporation.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

Many families in our area face a constant struggle to provide food for their families. Others in our community occasionally need help when faced with unexpected expenses, illness, or loss of income. Older adults on fixed incomes sometimes have to make the decision between food, heat and medications.

Otsego County Food Pantry Board of Directors

Connie Squires.....Chairperson
Judi Doan.....Vice Chairperson
Sandy Mammoser.....Secretary
Frank Rock.....Treasurer

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Mailing Address:
Otsego County Food Pantry
P. O. Box 1976
Gaylord, MI 49735

Pantry Hours:
Noon to 2:00 Daily

Located at:
116 E Fifth Street
Gaylord, MI
989-732-8929

All services of the Otsego County
Food Pantry are provided at
NO COST to the client



FUNDING

Otsego County Food Pantry receives funding in a variety of ways:

- 1) Private donations of food & money from individuals, churches and organizations;
- 2) Reimbursement emergency services contract with Michigan Family Independence Agency;
- 3) Otsego County United Way
- 4) Annual CROP Walk.

Monetary contributions can be made to:

Otsego County Food Pantry
P.O. Box 1976
Gaylord, MI 49734-1976.

Referrals to the Food Pantry are made by D.H.S., 1st Call for Help, and area churches.

Volunteer opportunities: If your church is currently a participating member, support its activities with food and/or cash, or help man the pantry on it's appointed weeks. If your church is not a member, work towards establishing a food pantry team with parishioners.

A TYPICAL FOOD BAG

(2-Week Supply for a Family of Four)

- 10 cans of fruit
- 13 cans of soup & 6 Ramen Noodles
- 2 boxes of tuna or burger helper
- 4 cans of tuna, canned meat, or salmon
- 2 packages or 6 cans potatoes
- 4 cans tomatoes, 2 cans tomato sauce
- 13 cans vegetables
- 5 cans pork & beans or kidney beans
- 2 peanut butter & 1 jelly
- 1 baking mix
- 2 boxes pasta and 2 sauce
- 4 boxes of Jell-o
- 1 syrup
- 2 juice
- 1 oil
- 4 cereal
- 1 box crackers
- 5 boxes macaroni & cheese
- 1 rice or rice product
- 2 dessert items
- 4 rolls toilet paper

If available we add one each of the following: hand soap, dish soap, laundry soap, dry/canned milk, canned meals (stew/chili, etc.) macaroni.

Each family also receives a **voucher** which entitles them to meat, fresh fruits and vegetables, and diary products from a local grocery store.

INTERESTING STATS

Year	Individuals served:	Families served:
2001	2801	858
2002	3270	1006
2003	3683	1155
2004	3631	1153
2005	3956	1294
2006	4437	1417
2007	5399	1717

Last Year's Stats (2007):

- * Number of children:
 - 0 - 5 years: 696
 - 6 - 19 years: 1695
- * Number of people 20-59 yrs. 2732
- * Number of seniors served: 60 + years: 276
- * Most people served in one month: November, 2007 658

There are eleven (09) local Churches represented on the Food Pantry Board.