REPORT OF THE FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

The Fremont Food Pantry saw its busiest year in 2009. In the past few years the numbers of families that we service, continues to surpass numbers of the previous year.

We continued to service residents in need year round by appointment, which averages to be 3-5 families per week. We were also able to provide residents our annual Holiday food baskets at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. All of which included all the trimmings for beautiful holiday meals, plus extras for that special touch. With such a large time span between Easter and Thanksgiving, it was decided to offer for the first time ever, a 4th of July Holiday food basket for any resident in need. This was a huge success and we look forward to offering it again in 2010.

With so many of our residents facing hard economic times, we were concerned as to how well we would be able to continue into the Fall/Winter season. Much to our relief and surprise, the generosity of our community came through in true Fremont style. We began to receive donations at times on a daily basis. Donations came in the form of food, household supplies, gift cards, frozen meats, as well as monetary donations. The Fremont Food Pantry is run entirely on donations from people with our community. 100% of the donations are put onto the Pantry shelves to help support any resident in need of Food Pantry services.

With appreciation and gratitude we thank all of our supporters. Special thanks to all of you who keep the Pantry in your thoughts with continued donations throughout the year. We know that some of you quietly walk into the Town Hall, drop off bags off food, and quietly walk back out the door. We also know those of you, who just every now and then continue to write that check out to the Food Pantry and quietly drop it in the mail. We also recognize those organizations that hold food drives for us throughout the year such as the Ellis School Student Council, the Fremont Scout troops, the PUMC, and Sanborn Regional High School, just to name a few.

The Fremont Food Pantry will continue in 2010 to provide relief to Fremont residents in need with compassion and confidentiality. We look forward to the continued support of our community and our volunteers who help make it all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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"All great change begins at the dinner table."

~Ronald Reagan