

Report of the Food Pantry

The Fremont Food Panty is grateful to be able to assist Fremont residents for almost 30 years. Over the years we have been able to enhance the offerings to include not only food but household items, health & beauty aids, and paper goods. We are located at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, in the lower level. We are a registered non-profit with our own 501(c)(3) status.

Over the last few years, we have seen a continued increase in calls for service. In 2022 we hit record numbers. We had over 60 individual appointments, held 3 open house events serving over 40 families and provided over 77 holiday dinner baskets. We have also contributed to the 68 Hours of Hunger Program, along with providing support to families that face an unexpected tragedy including fire or an unexpected illness within a family unit. We also provided snacks for the kiddos at Ellis School.

The FFP works at obtaining outside grants. This year we received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart which enabled us to purchase gift cards from Market Basket and Walmart. We were also selected to be a beneficiary of the Hannaford Fight Hunger Program. Hannaford donates \$1 for every purchase of a "Fight Hunger" reusable bag purchased for a particular month. We are the yearly recipient of Fremont Boy Scout Troop 1 Scouting for Food event along with the US Postal Service Food Drive. Donations from holiday light proceeds, company holiday food drives, proceeds from our local artisan fairs, yard sales and residents that donate monthly and occasionally, are the key components to stocking our shelves. Every single dollar, item or gift card that is donated, either privately or from a business, is immensely appreciated and always goes back to residents in need.

It truly is heartwarming to know that so many people go above and beyond to take care of our own. Without that support we could not be the conduit to help Fremont residents in need. Extra thank you to Kim Merrill and Sherry Sampson for keeping the pantry running smoothly and staying well stocked.

Annoucements of open houses and holiday dinner baskets will be listed on the Fremont Community page, Fremont Newsletter and the Fremont cable channels.

If you need help or know someone who does please call Renee at 603 244 1404 or Kim at 207 370 5096.

Sincerely,

Renee King Kim Merrill Sherry Sampson

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."

~ Pablo Picasso