

**Our Lady of the Assumption**

**Food Pantry Report**

**May 2016**

I am Happy to say that the Food Pantry is going smoothly. This year we have done a lot more for our clients. One family in particular, I was able to connect with the Mamakating Lions, Lioness and the Rotary Club to help with the full purchase and set up of a new Stove for a family we host.

We have also added The First Way Life Center to the drop off of food from Hannaford. Along with the Federation for the Homeless and the Community Church in Wurtsboro.

I have been able to make fewer orders from the Food Bank to every other month.

The Proof of Residency is now standard procedure for a new client, and we update each time the clients return if its been a while since we have seen them.

To date we have 28 New Families

4 Families that have resurfaced after years of not participating in the pantry

1 Family who has cut back from 6 to 2 in the family

Our Diabetic population has increased from 12 to 17

We have served since last May : 363 0-13 yrs/ 170 14-17 yrs/ 769 18-64 yrs./ 144 65+ yrs/

For a grand total of 1,446 people.

This actually has gone down from last years total by 656 people.

I contribute that to the new families are told they can come only once per month or if need be an emergency basis. Our families that were coming each week we a

Have asked them to come once per month or twice per week if need be. And some of these clients only come when dire emergency sets in.

AS for the Hannaford Runs on Tuesday and Thursdays

Produce totals for the year are: 11,225 lbs

Bread : 8,905lbs.

Baked Goods: 5,437lbs.

Meat: 2,731lbs.

Deli: 76lbs. and Prepared Foods :800 lbs.

I have taken courses given by the Hudson Valley Food Bank to stay abreast of the happenings as well as an online ordering course. I will be taking a few other courses in June as well.

We have been working off our Grant monies and have had the need to purchase on an off week. The amounts of people to a specific household at times is quite large, and we find the need to have to purchase to hold us over. That has only been the case these past few months. I am looking into how I can better formulate distribution of food to families so we do not encounter this problem as an ongoing situation.

This past Thanksgiving we also distributed 41 Baskets which is a record low. The reasoning behind that is questionable.

As you can see I have been diligent in my efforts to keep the Food Pantry at a steady even keel, and hope to improve on areas that need it during the next year as coordinator.

Thank you,

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel,

Food Pantry Coordinator