

Platte County Food Pantry

The Food Pantry was founded in 1975 by a Federated Church member, Hugh Gross. It quickly became a community effort. Housed at Federated Church until our church renovation, it is now housed at the northwest end of the Family Resource center at the corner of 19st and 32 ave.

In 1994 a Board of Directors was formed made up of representatives of area churches and service clubs. The officers for 2017 are: President , Chris Dixon, Vice President-Holly Recek Secretary- Louise Moran, Treasurer- Mary Frauendorfer. Other Board members are:Cecelia Bartholomew, Cecil Jones, Edwin Kosch, Sandy Fischer, Karen Rongisch and Shannon Dush. Donna Epley served as Executive Director from April through December.

Donations from churches, service clubs, schools, scouts, other organizations and individuals in the area are received throughout the year. The Can-Care-A-Van annually held in June brings in a large part of donations for the support of the pantry.

Through an anonymous donation during “The Big Give” from the United Way in 2015, we received a donation to be used to feed those who might not be able to get to the pantry. A Back Pack for the elderly program was developed. Individuals who signed up at low income housing would have bags of non-perishable items delivered. 67People were served in 2015. We received the donation again in 2016. This year 85 people were served at 5 locations in the week before Thanksgiving.

Through September 2016, 1529individuals(630 families) were helped. Because of the increase in numbers , it has been necessary to purchase some staple foods. Monetary and food donations are always welcome.

Federated members volunteer as board members, interviewers and sackers. The Federated Church has always been a great supporter of the Food Pantry and we appreciate the continued support.

Respectfully Submitted

Louise Moran, Federated Church Representative