

## PLATTE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY REPORT

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 19<sup>th</sup>st. and 32ave.

In 1994 a Board of Directors was formed, made up of representatives of area churches and service clubs. The officers for 2018 –President-Chris Dixon, Vice President-Holly Recek, Secretary-Louise Moran, Treasurer-Mary Frauendorfer. Other members of the board are: Cecilia Bartholomew, Cecil Jones, Edwin Kosch, Sandy Fisher, Shannon Dush. Jackson Moore is the Executive Director.

Donations from churches, service clubs, schools, scouts, and 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. Approximately 60,000 lbs. of food was received during the past Can-Care-A-Van. This was more than the previous year. There are several other agencies in Columbus who collect and distribute food.

Through an anonymous donation during “The Big Give” from the United Way we received a donation to be used to feed those who might not be able to get to the pantry. A Back Pack for elderly program was developed. Individuals who signed up at low income housing would have bags of non-perishable items delivered. This was a once or twice delivery. The program continued in 2017 with an increase in numbers served.

Through September 2017, 1163 individuals (452) families were helped. It has become 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.

Louise Moran-Federated Church Representative