



ANNUAL REPORT FY 2014-2015

Message from the Director

When the Urbandale Food Pantry (UFP) opened in 2008, many people didn't believe there was a need for a food pantry in Urbandale. Contrary to this belief, it was actually the suburbs hit hardest by the recession. Suburbia is no longer a place of shopping malls and abundance. Instead, it is filled with families trying to figure out if they should use their paychecks to cover rent, medical costs, or food. In the past year, approximately 29% of Urbandale students were eligible for free and reduced lunches and over 400 families utilized our pantry each month. These numbers show hunger is everywhere.

The past year has been a year of growth at the UFP, both in the number of people using the pantry and in the number of volunteers helping our neighbors in need. But, there have also been setbacks. All of our shelf-stable food is provided by the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC). With the growing number of people requiring supplemental food, DMARC will be reducing the amount of food each family receives from a four-day supply to a three-day supply beginning August 1, 2015. As DMARC reduces the amount of food people receive, the UFP has also had to make cuts during the past year due to the increase in clients using the pantry. The UFP reduced the amount of personal care items each families receives and has eliminated purchasing diapers.

Even in these tough economic times, the UFP has had some successes. Families are still provided gallons of milk, limited personal care items, and meat. With the change in moving to a choice pantry, clients are able to choose which food they would like to receive which eliminates waste and gives more dignity to our families in need. But, the ultimate success is that for the past seven years, the UFP has been able to feed every person who enters our doors.



Through the generosity of the over 200 volunteers who give their time at the pantry; the individuals, churches, businesses, and civic organizations who give financial support; the gardeners who share their excess produce; and the cities of Urbandale and Windsor Heights who make sure we can pay our rent and utilities each month, we are still able to meet the growing number of people needing assistance. I am so grateful for each and every person who gives their time, talent, and financial support to make sure the Urbandale Food Pantry continues to reach out to our neighbors to provide food assistance with dignity and compassion.

Sincerely, *Eileen Boggess*

UFP: BY THE NUMBERS

for this Fiscal Year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

1 Mission

The Urbandale Food Pantry is a collaborative community effort to reach out to our neighbors to provide food assistance with dignity and compassion.

426

Average number of families that received a DMARC food supply from UFP each month

25,514

Dollars of personal care items donated

30,983

Food items donated

447

Families that received Thanksgiving meals

150

Families never before served

200

Volunteers

5,840

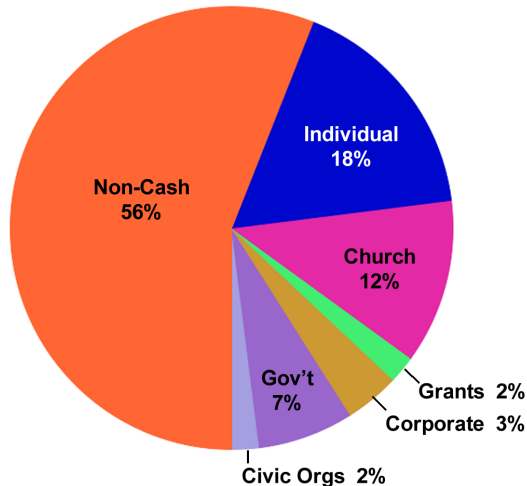
Hours volunteers worked

14,445

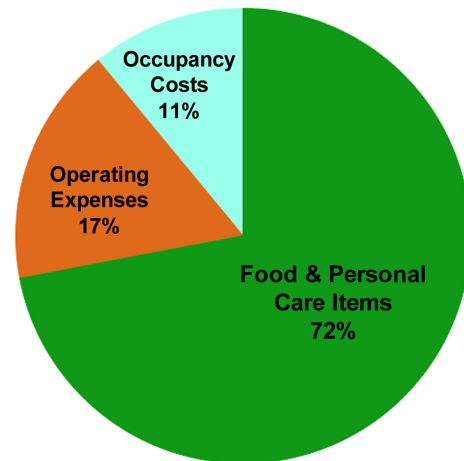
Pounds of fresh produce donated



FY 2014/2015 Donations



FY 2014/2015 Expenditures



A special thank you to the following volunteers who have served our neighbors in need at the Urbandale Food Pantry since we opened our doors in 2008:

**Evelyn Aldrich
Kent Babcock
Juanita Baker
Ruth Brauer
Barb Burley
Dorlee Cavender
Jaren DePenning**

**Julie Fugenschuh
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Jack Gooding
Sara Heinzler
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Kyle McGowan**

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Phoelisa McGuire
Marilyn Scroggins
Jolynn Soderberg
Stan and Jane Sondall
Darlene Stuckle
Jerry Witmer**

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Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl
United Way
Urban Harvest Garden
Urbandale Lioness Club
Urbandale Lion's Club

Urbandale 4th of July Car Show
Urbandale School District
Urbandale Women's Club
West Des Moines Elks Lodge
William Kuhn Trust

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City of Urbandale
City of Windsor Heights
Community Foundation Greater Des Moines
Polk County Community Betterment

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Gloria Dei Lutheran
Gloria Dei Mary Esther Circle
Gospel Assembly
Living Faith Lutheran Church
Meredith Drive Reformed Church
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