



AT THE PANTRY

MAY 2017



Stand Up Against Hunger



On April 24, once again about 200 of us gathered at the Funny Bone Comedy Club to enjoy some comic relief with Willie Farrell and Dwayne Clark while we raised funds for the Urbandale Food Pantry. We raised over \$6,500!

Farrell, Clark, and the Funny Bone venue and wait staff generously gave of their time, space, and talent for the event—our deepest thanks to all of them. Thanks to all of you who came out to enjoy the show and support the Pantry, and thanks to those who donated if they couldn't attend in person!!

Volunteer at Urban Harvest

The Urban Heights Covenant Church banded together with other community members to create the Urban Harvest Garden at 7605 Aurora Avenue in Urbandale. The 75x75' plot grows produce that is donated to the Urbandale Food Pantry throughout the growing season.



To find out how you can volunteer at the Garden, please call Beth at 278-1371, or e-mail at office@uhecc.org. For the most up-to-date info on planting/harvesting times, visit and like the facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Urban-Harvest/203742786347059.

Please Pass the Veggies

Calling all gardeners! Please plant a little extra and donate your surplus fruits & veggies to the Pantry. Donations are accepted during our operating hours. If you need to deliver at a another time, call us at 251-6688. "Please Pass the Veggies" to your neighbors in need!



Farm to Pantry

Can't garden? Buy extra produce from a local farmer! Use **this tool** from Eat Greater Des Moines to find a farmers market, farm stand, or other local food near you! www.eatgreaterdesmoines.org

We served an average of **782 families per month** from January to April 2017.

It's Personal Grant

The UFP received a **Prairie Meadows Community Betterment** grant of \$5,000 for *It's Personal*. Due to the recent expansion of hours and borders of service, the number of families in need the UFP serves has increased 45%. Over half of our clients are female. The grant will cover the cost of pads or tampons for every female in need during the duration of the grant. Providing tampons or pads allows limited resources to go toward food, shelter, or clothing instead. Tampons and pads cannot be purchased with food stamps, yet they are of vital importance for women. Thank you Prairie Meadows!

Monthly Personal Care Item
May: **TOILET PAPER**
June: **SHAMPOO**
July: **TOILET PAPER**

