



AT THE PANTRY

OCTOBER 2017



Thanksgiving Feed-a-Family

Last year, the generosity of our community helped the Urbandale Food Pantry provide a Thanksgiving meal to 875 families. This year, we predict we will be serving closer to 1,200 families during the month of November.



In order to reach the goal of providing each of these families a Thanksgiving turkey or turkey breast, we need your assistance. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

- Send a check or donate [online](#) to the Urbandale Food Pantry in October and November
- Donate a turkey or turkey breast to the Urbandale Food Pantry during our hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:30a-6:30p and Saturday 8a-12noon

Monthly Personal Care Item

October: FACIAL TISSUE

November: TOOTHPASTE

December: DEODORANT

We served an average of
829 families per month
from January to August 2017.

Burk Foundation Grants

For the last three years, the Urbandale Food Pantry has been blessed by generous grants from the Burk Foundation. In 2015, a \$20,000 grant helped UFP purchase a much-needed walk-in freezer and meat. In 2016 and 2017, the UFP received \$50,000 each year for personal care items and milk. The Burk Foundation was established by the estate of Carol Burk.

Carol was born in Columbus, Ohio. During high school, Carol played clarinet, sang in the choir, and fell in love with the French language. After graduating from high school in 1956, she enrolled at Ohio University in Athens to pursue her studies in French with the goal of becoming a French teacher. After three years at Ohio U, she spent one year in the University of Paris, totally immersed in French language and culture. She then returned to Ohio U to finish her degree. At Ohio U, she met Brad Burk, who was earning his Master's in finance.



After graduation, Carol and Brad moved to New York where Brad worked for IBM and Carol taught middle school French for the Chappaqua School District. Brad took early retirement, but Carol continued teaching middle school for about 40 years.

Upon Brad's death and Carol's retirement, she moved to Johnston, Iowa. Throughout her life, Carol was a person with a tender and giving spirit. She flourished with the social contacts and activities of the Urbandale Senior Recreation Center and the Urbandale Baptist Church. Her family remembers Carol as someone who enjoyed interaction with her family, loved game times together, enjoyed the beauty of flowers, and flourished in her involvement with her church family.

We are thankful for these generous grants from the Burk Foundation that have allowed us to better serve our neighbors in need. We are especially grateful for the life of Carol Burk who made the Foundation possible.

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