



Rhinelanders Area Food Pantry

Volunteer Connection

September 2014

Guy's Corner

Guy Hansen RAFP Executive Director

Food Pantry New Location Progress

We are moving along nicely with the building modifications. We have been very fortunate to have excellent volunteer help including some with significant professional skills. The new insulation and roof are on, and the wall separating the storage and distribution areas is up and painted. All the drywall work and much of the plumbing, electrical and HVAC work are done. We have converted one of the four bathrooms and area around it into a much needed produce processing area with a stainless steel sink and table. The Week-end Food For Kids (WFFK) program is set up in the former office area with new vinyl flooring (donated by Carpet City) and new (different) counters and shelving. We anticipate filling the WFFK backpacks Wednesday, October 1 and distributing food Saturday, October 4 from our new location.

We will have spent nearly \$56,000 for building modifications by the end of September: \$5,500-engineering, survey and permits, \$2,520-roof supports, \$42,125 insulation and roof, \$872-wall material and \$4,550-suspended ceiling.

We will still have significant bills for the plumbing and the extensive electrical and HVAC work. The much anticipated roof over the entrance/exit door will also add significant cost. We will be able to pay our remodeling and equipment bills with money from our capital campaign and the USDA matching grant, but that will leave us short on operating expenses. Watch for our late-fall fund-raising letter.

A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who showed up for: demolition and preparation work; cleaning-all surfaces including coolers and freezers; sealing and painting--nearly the entire interior and some of the exterior and the shelving; building and repairing--walls, ceilings, doorways, furniture; moving--shelving, furniture, food and equipment. Many thanks also for Jane's cooking crew who fed the volunteers each noon.

We still have the major move, planned for Thursday and Friday, October 2 and 3. If you are available, call Jane at 715-369-7237. There will be additional work and costs as we finish moving out of the Nativity of Our Lord Thrift Shop building that has been our home, rent free, for almost 10 years.
--Guy Hansen, Executive Director



Volunteer Picnic

Sunday, October 5

See attached flyer

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The Food Pantry Move to the New Location

Saturday, October 4, has been announced as the first distribution day at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry's new location. Thanks to the tremendous efforts by a large number of tremendous volunteers, the long awaited move to the new location will soon become a reality. Remodeling work has been going on non-stop for the past few weeks at 627 Coon Street, the former location of Golden Harvest. Equipment and some food items are starting to be moved. The intent is to make the transition without having to cancel any distribution days. The final move will be Thursday (Oct 2) and Friday (October 3), so the doors can open on Saturday morning. The normal weekly schedule for distribution will continue to be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

A Community Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 21. This will be an excellent opportunity for area residents to tour the new facility and see firsthand what the Food Pantry is all about.

You're Invited to ZOO BOO

Saturday, October 12 is the annual Zoo Boo from 1-5 pm at Wildwood's in Minocqua.



Children and adults come in costume for this fun event. Some of the costumes are very elaborate, some very simple, but all look great. It's a fun afternoon of activities for all.

Children are requested to bring a non-perishable item or two or give a money donation for the Lakeland and RAFP food

pantries for the admission fee. If you can help, your duties include having fun, sorting, boxing, and transporting RAFP's portion of the food given. Contact Guy Hansen or Ginger Chrobak



Hanson's Garden Village Fall Fest to be held October 18th, Benefits Rhinelander Area Food Pantry

For the second year in a row Hanson's will be hosting Fall Fest on Saturday, October 18th from 10am-3pm. This is a fun, free, fall family event!

Events Include: A Children's Indoor Straw Bale Maze (free, but please bring a non-perishable



food item for the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry), hayrides, Halloween costume contests, snacks and so much more.

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Dinner Show

Three Coins Restaurant hosted a live performance by

Heather Styka Sunday, September 28. Heather is a Chicago-bred, Maine-based singer, songwriter, and poet. Her folk style entertainment followed a delicious BBQ Chicken and Ribs cookout. Five dollars of each ticket was donated to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry.



Pantry Potato Picking

On short notice people came out to the U.W. Agricultural Research Station in Starks Tuesday evening, September 23, to fill 6 one-ton bins of potatoes for The Pantry. It was a fun and satisfying event on a perfect fall evening. Each participant was also able to take a few pounds of red, white, yellow or purple potatoes home with them. Other pantries in the area will receive some of the potatoes too. A special thanks to the Ag Farm employees who volunteered their time to stay and make it happen and to Jane who had snacks there for everyone. RAFF is very grateful for the annual donation from the Research Station. Sharda Gray, channel WJFW, was there to capture the picking on video and camera.



This 'n That

There were 598 household visits in August, a four week month. Almost 43,000 pounds of food were distributed.

Charter School students cleaned the shelving, which is really a big help. They have been doing this under the leadership of Kristen Larsen and have done it at both the Coon and Brown Street pantries.

Community Service

Every year Wipfli crew completes a community service project. They elected to donate their time and talent to the Food Pantry this year. They have done other projects in the community in previous years. Their help was really appreciated as they assembled and put up shelving while others moved food. It was really appreciated.

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Weekend Food For Kids

We have 269 children and 6 babies signed up for the program. We will be starting to distribute food on October 3. St Augustine's Church group will pack the first containers of the year and the core group from last year will pack the backpacks for the first couple weeks. We are very excited to be in our new location and it is going to take some getting used to.

We had an overwhelming response to the volunteer articles. We have over 40 volunteers at this time. We are trying to make a schedule to include all of them. WFFK coordinator volunteers are Gail Fitzgerald, Sue Russ, Judy Roberts, Linda Krebsbach and Jackie Popko.

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Volunteers needed:

- Community Relations Liaison or Treasurer
- Back-up Publicity Chair
- Back-up Financial Secretary
- Walmart drivers M, W, F.
- Home-delivery drivers

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For more information on helping the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, call 715-369-7237

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