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# Food for Thought A Newsletter for Volunteers

## Remembering a Founder

On September 9th, we lost a phenomenal soul who inspired the creation of our food pantry. Her tireless dedication and vision of kindness toward others helped set the foundation for what exists today.

We give tribute to Joy and her late husband Bob for their unwavering commitment to serve others in need, not only here at the pantry, but in so many other aspects of life.

Joy and Bob created a lasting impact in their work and certainly embodied lives well-lived!



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## Meeting with our County Leaders

On September 18th, we had an opportunity for members of our board to meet with other Ozaukee County agency directors and members of the Ozaukee



County Board.

This meeting was held at the Ozaukee Non-Profit Center in Grafton. Jim Langford and Tom Didier staffed our table and were able to distribute an informative handout that summarized the work we do here at the pantry.

This type of meeting gives

the pantry an opportunity for more exposure in the community.

Jim and Tom were met with great questions and curiosity from County Board members and other agency directors. They were also able to learn about agencies that we may be able to partner with in the future.

## October Birthdays:

- Kristin Kobyinski, October 6th**
- Clare Weidner, October 16th**
- Ethlyn Blaubach, October 20th**
- Melissa Senkbeil, October 20th**



## Volunteer Spotlight

**Ruth Ann Dibert, Carol Meinerz, Mary Schommer, Joan Schommer, and Janice Vruble** are the wonderful ladies who manage our clothing area.

When clothing is donated to the pantry, they meticulously inspect garments, shoes, bedding, pillows, and other items for flaws or stains.

Some items get laundered, some spot cleaned, some recycled and some are donated to other causes when we can't use them.

Clothes are displayed by the current season, with 'off-season' items getting stored.

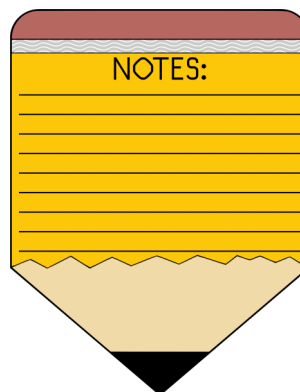
Clothing at the pantry is arranged by gender and size, which makes a pleasant and organized shopping experience for all.

When new clients are given a tour of the pantry for the first time, they often remark about how clean and organized the clothing area is.



## Notes & Suggestions

- We are in great need of plastic grocery bags at the pantry. If you have extras at home, please bring them in.
- Don't forget to update the calendar at the pantry if you will be gone from your normal volunteer slot. See Lorraine Halls if you have any questions.
- Our next migrant worker food delivery in Belgium is on Wednesday, 10/30.



## In Appreciation

### Thanks to:

- The volunteer crew who helped shop for, pack, and deliver 65 boxes of food the Lakeside Foods migrant worker camp on September 18th
- The crews who have been picking up and sorting food on Fridays.
- Jim Scarpaci, who will be leaving us after the 1st week in October.
- Melissa Senkbeil, who recently resolved some older fundraising discrepancies.
- Patti VanderHeiden for purchasing and delivering eggs each week
- Blublitz Produce and Witte Farms for their very generous donations throughout the growing season



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**Working together to alleviate hunger in our community by acquiring and distributing food to those who seek aid.**

### Our History

Serving all of Ozaukee County residents, as well as Random Lake in Southern Sheboygan County. We distribute to all faiths and are blessed for the donated space in the Saint John XXIII rectory basement since 1982.



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