

## Food for Thought

### A Newsletter for Volunteers

#### Moving News to Know

The final touches are being wrapped up for our sprinkler system, the last construction item before gaining an occupancy permit and moving in!

Much still needs to be done with regard to cleaning the building, setting up racks and other equipment, and finalizing roles, processes and policies, but we can't wait until **October 25th**, our first day of operation at the new site!

Lorraine Halls, our volunteer coordinator has been surveying volunteers, and we're delighted to report that with very few exceptions, most folks intend to make the move with us and remain in their same roles.

#### The following are roles that will be unchanged:

- Registration
- Food Manager
- Donation Pickup
- Inventory Manager
- Bakery, Produce, & Protein Attendants
- Checkout
- Delivery Coordinator

- Delivery Drivers
- Gift Room Supervisor
- Gift Room Attendant
- Translator
- Barrel Manager
- Clothing Attendant
- Portal Coordinator

#### The following roles are still needed, but will transition to new processes:

- Donation receiving, sorting, marking and stocking
- Menu Planning
- Monthly Items Attendant
- Outside Elevator (now client management & safety/security)
- Cardboard Recycling

#### The following new roles will be added:

- Shopping Manager
- Shopper Assistance & Support
- Building maintenance

If you have questions regarding any of these roles, or any that may have been missed, please see Steve or Marcia.

If anyone wishes to take on a different role, please contact Lorraine Halls.

We are planning some orientation sessions in October to get folks acclimated to the new surroundings, like where volunteers will park, where they will store personal belongings, where their station is, and answer any other questions volunteers may have.

We will also be distributing information to clients in the latter half of September to let them know about the move and what to expect. Maps to the new location will be provided, and delivery clients will be contacted to see if they may want to become 'in-person' shoppers now that there won't be any steps to negotiate.

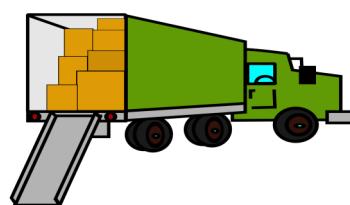
We appreciate everyone's flexibility as we undertake this major transition!

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## September Birthdays

**Kendra Young, 2nd**  
**James Herman, 3rd**  
**Sharon Volkmann, 5th**  
**Gary Weber, 8th**  
**Katie Linden, 19th**  
**William Nosko, 23rd**



## A Heartfelt Donation

The Ozaukee Impact Awards luncheon was held on Wednesday, August 20th at the Ozaukee Non-Profit Center in Grafton. This event recognizes organizations and individuals who have made a positive impact in our community.

Mary Karnitz, Vice-President and Branch Manager of the Port Washington State Bank, Grafton, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award. Awardees are granted \$200 to donate to the non-profit of their choice. Mary chose our food pantry as the recipient of this monetary award. Mary noted that it was volunteering with her mother at the pantry years ago that initially influenced the spirit of volunteering in her. Mary also has family members who currently help at our pantry!

Thank you, Mary, for thinking of us and for all you do for our community!



## Notes



- Our annual volunteer appreciation picnic was a success! Lots of great food, drink, and conversation. Thanks to everyone who helped out or brought a dish. If you were unable to attend and have not received a 'give away' item, please see Marcia.
- Last chance! See Marcia Nosko or Steve Hansen to get your raffle tickets for a chance to win a brand new stainless steel Weber Spirit 3 burner grill, donated by Drew's True Value.
- If you are interested in becoming the Salvation Army Red Kettle Coordinator for Ozaukee County please contact Mark Schowalter at 262-284-4416 for details.

## In Appreciation

- Mary Karnitz for donating her Volunteer of the Year cash award to us
- All of the folks who attended the August Dine to Donate at Beanie's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina
- Benjamin B. Bourbon club for their generous donation to the Gift a Child program
- Boelter Companies for their donation of a commercial double-door freezer
- All of the board members and others who built racks and sourced other fixtures for our new clothing room
- Lorraine Halls for coordinating the annual volunteer picnic

THANKS!

## Pantry Move Schedule

**October 13th:** Move clothing, gifts, and school supplies; begin setup of new areas (clothing area closed until October 25th)

**October 22nd:** Move Food Pantry to new location

**October 23rd:** Complete inventory stocking

**October 24th:** Prepare for first day of operation

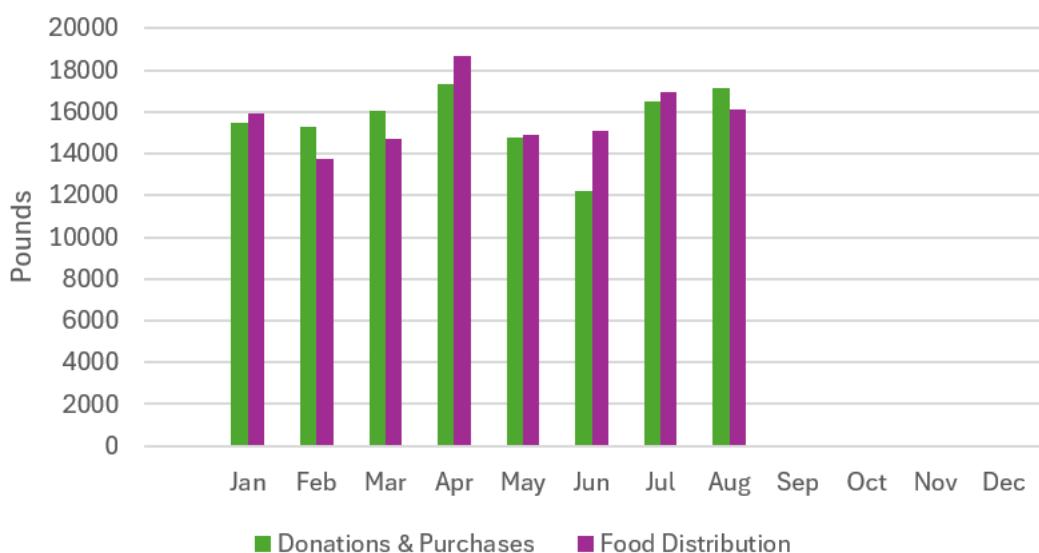
**October 25th:** First day of operation.

## Food Drives, Fundraisers & Events

- The Steerage Dining Saloon in downtown Port Washington continues to support our pantry with their special drink menu. One dollar from every drink sold is donated to the pantry. Stop in and try one and have a great meal too!
- Moonlight Tavern Dine to Donate on Wednesday, September 24th. They are donating 15% of proceeds to the pantry.
- Gas Grill raffle drawing is on Saturday, September 6th
- Food pantry at the Port Farmer's Market 9/6, 10/11, and 10/18



2025 Food Donations/Purchases vs. Food Distribution



## Pantry Collaborations

- Effective 9/5/2025, Ozaukee Food Alliance will pick up our portion of the weekly Costco order. We will pick up at their facility instead of at Costco.
- Ozaukee Food Alliance shared a produce delivery with us
- Regular collaboration meetings are being planned with Ozaukee Food Alliance and Family Sharing.



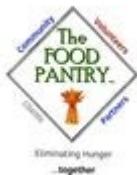
## *Recognition Picnic 2025*



# National Night Out 2025



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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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