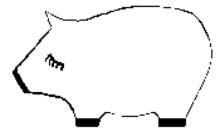


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The Newsletter of the Sandwich Food Pantry



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## Fall 2009

### News From the Board

We would like to take a moment to thank all of you who donate to the Sandwich Food Pantry. Whether you give us your time, food, or monetary donations, it is all greatly appreciated! With your help, we are able to provide food for the 426 families that we serve yearly. Not only are your donations given out at the pantry, but we are providing snacks to the children in need at our local public schools as well.

We have such need in our community, and would like to share a couple recent happenings at the Pantry. The first took place in August, during our one time per month evening hours. A woman came in that Wednesday for help and when offered a cake to take home along with the other food items, she immediately said, "Yes, thank you. I had a baby four days ago, and it would be nice to celebrate her arrival."

Another recent evening, a young mother came in after work. She was torn between being on time to pick her child up from his after school care, or being a few minutes late and staying at the Pantry to get the much needed food. When it was suggested that she go get him & then come back, she replied, "I don't want him to know we need the Pantry, he would be so embarrassed."

Thank you so much for helping them and all the others...

### Website & New Email Address

Our email address has changed, and our website is up & running. Please visit our website to locate hours of operation, a list of current donations needed, and special events that are happening. Our most recent newsletter will also be available on the website, too. If you would like to have it emailed in order to save paper & postage, please contact us through our email address: [sfpantry@verizon.net](mailto:sfpantry@verizon.net)

### Clients Receive Fresh Produce from Donors

The Sandwich Food Pantry was invited by Lori Caron of **Salty Lou's** to the Farmer's Market this summer to get fresh produce and baked goods from the local vendors. She donated "Farmer's Market Bucks" for us to put toward purchasing fresh produce. Our clients were thrilled to have fresh tomatoes, green beans and squash.

Salty Lou's now has a "piggy" at their location at 392 Route 6A, featuring lobsters fresh off the boat. Thanks to Lori, as well as **Crow Farm, Freitas Farm, Great Cape Baking Co., Barnstable County Fairgrounds Gardens, and Stop & Shop, Rte 6A.**

### Thanksgiving Meal Items

Needed by November 11



The Fall season is upon us and we are busy planning to provide Thanksgiving baskets for our clients, to ensure a Turkey and all of the fixings on their tables, so that they can enjoy this day with their families. We are seeking donations of the following items:

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| Turkeys            | Cranberry Sauce     |
| Boxed Potatoes     | Stuffing            |
| Gravy              | Canned Pie Filling  |
| Canned Green Beans | Boxed Pie Crust Mix |
| Canned Peas        | Quick Bread Mixes   |

You may bring in items between 10-1 on Wednesdays, drop them off at pickup points around town, or call us at 508 888-3816 to leave a message. We can arrange to meet at a convenient time.

## Thanks and Praise

We would like to thank all the wonderful organizations in our community who continually help us with our mission to feed the hungry...

A special Thank You to the Sandwich Stitches, who created a beautiful quilt of lighthouses and Cape Cod designs, then raffled it off, donating over 1,600 dollars to help the Sandwich Food Pantry. What a beautiful way to help others with their artistic talents!

Jack Conway Realtors held a yard sale this spring, and donated a portion of the proceeds to the Sandwich Food Pantry. Thank you to all who helped set up and donate.

The American Pennies for Hunger, organized by Wendy Hinden of Plymouth, collected unwanted pennies in and around Sandwich, with money being donated to the Boston Food Bank. The first collection raised \$450, and the food pantry received a credit for \$450 to the Boston Food Bank. The credit will go a long way in helping us stock our shelves for the upcoming winter season.

The annual United States Postal Service Letter Carriers food drive in May was a success. We truly appreciate the time involved in this yearly event.

Thanks to the Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation, located in Hyannis, which approved a grant for us recently that will help with our food purchases in the coming months.

Thank you to the Peter's Pond Resort. They organized a yard sale in May with proceeds being donated to the food pantry.

Representative Jeff Perry and the Sand Dollar Realty are new food collection points for SFP. They are located at 449 Route 6A in East Sandwich.

The Vacation Bible School classes at the Forestdale Baptist Church competed to see which class could collect the most food for their food drive this summer. They were able to collect and donate over 30 large boxes to the Pantry. Great Job, Kids!



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## In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family of Gigi Ridgley, our dedicated director, on the passing of her husband, Al. Aldas Ridgley was a veteran of World War II and a career military officer. He was a faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church, a Master's Degree alumnus of Boston University, and he especially supported Gigi in her work with the Sandwich Food Pantry. He was known for helping others, and will be sorely missed.

We thank all those who made memorial donations to the pantry in his name.

## Sandwich Summerfest '09 Beginning of a Tradition

The Sandwich Chamber of Commerce donated a table for the food pantry to use at their "Summerfest" event. We used it as a collection point, but the best thing about our afternoon was all the exposure the Pantry received. We had so many people stop by the table to drop off food, donate money, and ask how they, too, could help. That afternoon alone, we received 13 bags of groceries, over \$135, and a donation from the Chamber of Commerce, too. A great day!

The Sandwich Stitches joined us at our table to sell raffle tickets for their beautiful quilt. The Sandwich Stitches donate the proceeds from their quilt raffle each year and it is greatly appreciated.

## Chamber of Commerce After Hours Meeting Held at Food Pantry

The Sandwich Food Pantry recently joined the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce, and the food pantry hosted the Chamber's After Hours meeting in August. Tours were given of the Pantry, and food was provided by Café Chew, MacKillips Bakery, Booster's Bar & Grill, and Meetinghouse Package store. In addition, all of the businesses made generous donations to the pantry that evening, for which we are grateful.

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