

## All Saints Episcopal Church Mobile Pantry Report

On September 20, 2014, All Saints, in collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, hosted its inaugural mobile pantry on our parking lot. Since that date, we have distributed nearly 23 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables to 2,000 individuals in more than 700 households.

Originally planned as a fair-weather program, we decided to extend it through the winter months (December, January, and February)! Our pantry events are scheduled on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. January is an exception, and the event will be held on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The mobile pantry has been the springboard for other outreach projects. We provide soup and coffee to those waiting for food; we face paint children; we provide gloves, hats, and coats to those without; we have helped people sign up for food stamps; we have handed out recipes for the food distributed; and in February we will host a cooking demonstration by a food bank nutrition specialist.

**Table of 2014 Food Pantry Distributions**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Pounds Distributed</b>	<b>Households Served</b>	<b>Seniors Served</b>	<b>Adults Served</b>	<b>Children Served</b>	<b>Individuals Served</b>
<b>September</b>	12,434	178	150	224	118	492
<b>October</b>	10,464	222	163	279	150	592
<b>November</b>	11,339	181	161	222	133	516
<b>December</b>	11,560	138	108	175	80	363
	45,797	719	582	900	481	1,963

In addition to distributing food at the parish, some of this food was distributed to Hope Lodge, Church Street Ministries, Parma Hunger Center, and Educator Apartments.

For tax purposes, food distributed by pantries is valued at \$1.65 per pound. The food we distributed in 2014 was worth **\$75,565**.

I am grateful to God for this ministry, to the volunteers from our congregation and from the community for their generous help, and to local collaborators for supporting our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Fowler  
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