

# News from The Pantry

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## Lend a Hand at the Pantry!

There are many ways you can support the Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry. Check out these opportunities:

- **Sort Starbucks Donations – Friday evenings** - Sort and repackage donations of snacks, salads and other items.
- **Sort Second Servings Donations – Wednesdays midday** – Sort and repackage donations from area food retailers.
- **Help at a Food Fair - 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays – 8:30 AM-12:30 PM** – Distribute a special delivery from the Houston Food Bank. **Our next Food Fair is Saturday, February 29.**
- **Donate Food & Grocery Bags** - Drop off non-perishable foods and used grocery bags – our Feed Frank donation bin is open anytime.
- **Assist Clients, Thursdays 5-7 PM & Saturdays, 10 AM-Noon** – Help clients select food.

It's easy to sign up to serve at [himfoodpantry.org](http://himfoodpantry.org) and If you'd like a special volunteer project for your office or group, contact us and we'll find something that is just right!

## And the Winner is....

Congratulations to St. Mark's Methodist Church—their can Christmas tree was deemed “best in show” in a friendly competition among the Pantry's member churches. St. Mark's congregation won bragging rights, and the Pantry won big with cartloads of donated food.



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, February 29**

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Food Fair**

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in 2-hour shifts. Sign up to serve at [himfoodpantry.org](http://himfoodpantry.org)

**Saturday, April 25**

**Garden Patch Party & Auction**

Don't miss the fun, food & prizes! Details on page 3.

## 170,000 Clients Served!

2020 marks the beginning of the Pantry's second decade of service to the community. We are proud to have served more than 170,000 individuals and 46,000 families! We operate with no paid staff thanks to the support of dedicated volunteers. In 2019 alone, more than 6,400 volunteer hours—equal to 3.25 individuals working fulltime—kept us going strong. Thanks for all you do!

## Feed Frank Gets a Facelift



After years of service, our Feed Frank donation box was in need of a makeover. Volunteers Josh Evanovich (left) and John Garrett (right) replaced rotting wood, broken hardware and gave Frank a fresh coat of paint, and Tom Cronin caulked and sealed the box. Frank is looking good and ready to receive donations!



## Thanks for the Gifts—Large & Small!

As always, the Pantry is the beneficiary of countless gifts. We truly appreciate everything and everyone that comes our way.



- Donations included 232 rolls of toilet paper from **Zion Lutheran Church**, cases of tomato sauce from **The Vineyard**, meals in a can from **St. Andrew's Episcopal** and contributions of fresh produce from **St. Mark's Methodist Church**.



- The **Kraft/Heinz** crew held a service day, removing old fencing, stocking shelves and more.



- **Crane Worldwide Logistics** provided 40 Thanksgiving meal boxes and 51 turkeys just in time for the holiday.



- **District H Strength & Fitness** collected cartloads of non-perishable food items.

- More than 30 girls with **Phoenix Softball** toured, donated product, bagged diapers and stocked our shelves.



- The **American Muslim Women's Circle** donated more than 5 carts of food, stocked our shelves and completed other Pantry chores.

- **Orange Theory** donated 7 cases of protein bars and **HNTB Corporation** collected and delivered more than 1,000 units of food.



- **Scout troops** and their leaders helped the Pantry in many ways— with gifts of Girl Scout cookies, service projects and work days.



## Welcome to the 100+ Club!

We value every volunteer, but a few went above and beyond in 2019 by serving more than 100 hours. These dedicated folks include: Jennifer Moffett, 501.75; Charles Vasquez, 304.5; Thad Pugh, 267; Frances Barbini, 193; Bobby Andrade, 169.75; Marge Henriott, 149; and Mandy Chan, 103.75. Thanks for your incredible support!



## Come to the Garden Patch Party

Saturday, April 25, 6-8 PM  
Zion Lutheran Church  
3606 Beauchamp

In 2019, the event raised more than \$10,000 to help fund our ongoing operations and we hope to surpass this mark in 2020! This fun evening is a wonderful way to meet Pantry supporters, enjoy a good meal and grab some fabulous auction and raffle prizes.

- **Purchase tickets or a table** – invite your friends and neighbors!
- **Sponsor the event** – help underwrite some of our costs.
- **Contribute auction or raffle items** – gift cards, merchandise or services – anything is appreciated!

Complete details will be coming soon. If you would like to participate as a donor or sponsor, **contact Fundraising Coordinator Alicia Reyes at [Alicia.reyes52@yahoo.com](mailto:Alicia.reyes52@yahoo.com)**

## Lend A Hand

### Give Your Time

Help is always needed:

- Thursdays 4:30 - 7 PM
- Saturdays 9:30 AM - Noon

Sign up at [himfoodpantry.org](http://himfoodpantry.org)

### Stock the Shelves

Your workplace, school, youth group or other organization can host a food drive. Shelf-stable foods, toiletries and diapers are always welcome.

### Donate Money

We must purchase some key items each week. Visit [himfoodpantry.org](http://himfoodpantry.org) and click the PayPal link to help fill our shelves!

**Since 2009, we have served more than 46,000 families and 170,000 individuals.**

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