

BACK DOOR FOOD PANTRY

Dear Community Member,

In our ever-changing economy, people are faced with difficult decisions. The price of gas, food, housing, and utilities continue to rise, as do people's concerns over making ends meet for their families. Even the once secure 'middle-class' is no longer confident they have the money or resources to meet all their basic needs. **At the Back Door Food Pantry, we seek to help in one area that we feel passionately about: hunger.** It's not just the unemployed or the uneducated that are going without food; it is sometimes the person in the office next to you or the house down the street.

The Back Door Food Pantry was started in March 2007 by four women who wanted to help ease the burden of hunger on the southeast side of Ann Arbor. It remains the only food pantry currently operating in this area of town. With no requirements other than being in need of food, patrons from all over Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti walk, bike, ride a bus or drive every Thursday to obtain pre-packaged bags of food. Through the generous support of the congregations of St. Clare's Episcopal Church and Temple Beth Emeth, Food Gatherers and other local businesses and individuals within the community, the Back Door Food Pantry serves over 100 households each month and is growing. Clearly, the need is great.

This November we are seeking businesses to "**Adopt the Back Door Food Pantry**" around the Thanksgiving holiday. If your office already collects non-perishable food items to donate to local food pantries (or wants to start), we ask you to consider the Back Door Food Pantry as your recipient. We guarantee that 100% of your donation goes directly to the folks that need it. Every little bit helps, and we'd be happy to provide you with additional information about our pantry for your employees and support throughout the process, including having the food picked up at the end of the food drive. We would also welcome anyone from your agency to come by the Back Door Food Pantry on any Thursday from 4-7pm, to see us in operation.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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