

# BEYOND BLESSED NEWS

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## Lightening The Load!

- by Shannon Howley, Executive Director

Here at the pantry, we give away food but it's so much more than that. It is my ultimate goal to feed the body, as well as the spirit and soul by being the hands & feet of Christ. That includes every person I encounter whether that be patrons, volunteers, or donors. I am blessed to live out my passion for feeding people. This is only possible because of volunteers and supporters who donate their time and treasure. Together we lighten the load for over 300 families each week. As we enter into the Christmas season, we always try to make it a little extra special for our patrons with some sort of gift and personal care package. We want everyone to feel loved this Christmas season. Would you consider a gift to help lighten the load for others? There are so many ways to help. You can donate a ham or turkey, make a monetary donation on our website, or send us a check. Thank you for your support. Merry Christmas!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

We have such a variety of people that volunteer at the pantry. Some retired. Some work part-time. Some work full-time. Sandy juggles two jobs and squeezes in as much time as she possibly can to volunteer! Even after working long days at her jobs, she shows up with a smile and digs in to help each week! We asked her why she likes to help at the pantry and she responded "It makes me feel good to help out and it is very rewarding being part of the team. Everyone is so happy to see each other". **Thank you, Sandy,** for your dedication to helping others!



### Meet Matt and Jill

Matt started helping the pantry by putting his CDL driver's license to good use after he retired at the end of 2020. Matt not only began driving to pick up pantry products, but he also began to jump in with stocking and loading cars during distribution days. Eventually, Jill began to join in with other pantry volunteers with weekly distribution efforts. When asked why they help at the pantry Jill responded, "We love that we can use just a bit of the time we've been given on earth to make such a real difference in the lives of so many others". They look forward to spending time helping alongside the other volunteers each week. Thanks Matt and Jill for your helping hands!

## Christmas Meal Fundraiser

Every year we try to prepare a special Christmas meal for our distribution. This year is no different. Aside from our regular food we distribute, we hope to include ham, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, and rolls. Some people won't be able to provide this type of meal for their family but with your help we can bless them! Please consider a donation for our Christmas meal fundraiser. Merry Christmas!

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We need your help!

