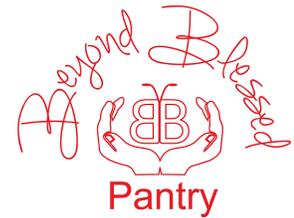


# BEYOND BLESSED NEWS

June 2022



## ***A message from Shannon Howley, Executive Director***

I believe all life events are lessons we can learn from. Recently I have been in a lesson of humility and gratitude. A few weeks ago I had a car accident. By the grace of God we are alive and well! Unfortunately my vehicle was totaled. I am so very grateful to be alive, this is a lesson in itself. Shortly after my accident, someone graciously started a Go Fund Me page for me. Prior to my accident, I would have told you I wasn't prideful. However when I heard about the fundraiser for me, I felt embarrassed, ashamed and unworthy of this kind of help. My first thought was "others need it more." But the Lord taught me that we ALL need help sometimes, me included! Although it was very difficult, I learned to set aside my pride and accept the help. When I greet people in the pantry line, some never want to look me in the eye because they are embarrassed or feel shame and I understand that. Asking for help or accepting help from others is a humbling lesson in life. I am thankful for the lessons I've learned recently. I pray I remember them, as I never want to make anyone ever feel unworthy, or embarrassed in their time of need.



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## **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!**

**Jessica, Molly & Maggie** began volunteering in November 2020 after they had heard some friends chat about volunteering at the pantry. They work hard and play a vital role in preparing food on Wednesday mornings. Jessica stated that from the first time they volunteered, they were treated like family. She explained, "We have made friendships from people of all ages and from all walks of life. My girls and I look forward to serving in our community every week knowing that we can make a difference."

**Thanks Jessica, Molly & Maggie for making a difference in the lives of others!**



**June** began volunteering in the very beginning when the pantry first opened in 2016. She picked up produce from local stores and then helped with distribution to approximately 20-30 patrons. The pantry has grown and changed so much over the years and June has been a vital part of it! At one point, she also filled the role of treasurer on the board of directors. When she stepped down from that role, she continued to be a part of the board of directors as her input and wisdom was invaluable! She explained "My life is richer due to my involvement with the pantry. The friendships made with volunteers are such a blessing and being with them is fun! All of you have given an old lady a place to serve and fulfill her passion!"



**June, we thank you for your hard work and constant smile! You are a blessing to our pantry!**

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## **We Need Your Help!**

We need volunteers and financial supporters to continue to serve those in need. If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to have you join our team! We have a wide range of opportunities for individuals, families as well as clubs or youth groups to get involved. Please email us for more information. [info@bbpantry.org](mailto:info@bbpantry.org)

If you would like to become a monthly supporter, you can send a check with the form enclosed or donate directly on our secure website [www.bbpantry.org](http://www.bbpantry.org).

## **Hours of Operation**

We offer a drive through pantry every Wednesday of the month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We are located at 1515 Walnut Street, Baraboo, just past Pierce Park. There are no residency or income restrictions. Please spread the word about our pantry. Everyone is welcome.