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The Athens County Food Pantry institutes New “On the Road” Program

Athens County Food Pantry starts new program to deliver food directly to Athens County communities.

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The Athens County Food Pantry (ACFP) is starting a new program to deliver food to struggling families by going into communities with scheduled mobile van deliveries. This new service is in addition to serving clients five days a week from 10 AM to 3 PM at its SR 13, Athens Job and Family Services location.

Working in partnership with local communities, the locations are: Alexander Local Schools in Albany, Trimble Elementary in Jacksonville, Shade Community Center in Shade, Federal Valley Resource Center in Stewart, Amesville Elementary in Amesville, and the Waterloo Community Senior Center in New Marshfield.

The Pantry will do two Saturday deliveries each month, visiting each community several times throughout 2021. A schedule for the first three months is posted under “EVENTS” at <https://athenscountyfoodpantry.org>. An informational flyer is available at <https://athenscountyfoodpantry.org/on-the-road/>. Families will need to sign up online to register for this program. Registration will open up three weeks before, and close one week before the delivery date. Families who cannot make the delivery can sign permission for a proxy to pick up for them.

In response to 2019’s generous Burrow-inspired donations, the Pantry board held many strategic discussions on how to better serve its current clients and embarked on ongoing community discussions on how it could effectively reach out to others who are food insecure. This program was a result of those discussions and conversations. As reported previously, with a portion of the funds, the board has also established an endowment, the Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund, with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

Karin Bright, ACFP President, said, “We know that transportation is a real concern for many people in the county. We are very excited to be able to take our service ‘On the Road’ to better serve our neighbors. Partnering with Rural Action, local schools, and community centers will help us bring resources to these locations and continue to grow our mission of helping to feed Athens County.”

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