

A brief report from the Taylorsville Food Pantry

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We have been receiving generous donations of food and money from individuals and organizations.

- * \$3,000 donation this December from Community Development Block Grant (Coldwell Banker), which is \$1,000 more than the previous donation.

- * \$1,000 donation from a private citizen.

- * Many pounds of fruits and vegetables, and general groceries from private citizens, church groups, Boy Scouts.

- * Some of the larger food drives that have been done for the pantry in the past month (October) are by

- * The Taylorsville South Stake youth (trick or treat food drive).

- * Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (trunk of treat food drive).

- * Calvin Smith Elementary School.

- * Taylorsville North Stake youth will be doing a food drive on December 5th.

- * As happened last year, the North Stake Youth will help sort and put away the food they have gathered. This saves the volunteers much time - and we would ask that any organization bringing in a large amount of food also provide help in sorting and shelving it. We have a Young Women group doing just that tonight. Candy Caballero is supervising that activity, which is why she is not here tonight.

We are finding ways to get the word out in Taylorsville about the existence of the Pantry.

- * One of our major goals is to develop an internet presence.

- * We have purchased the domain names www.taylorsvillefoodpantry.org and www.taylorsvillefoodpantry.com and are currently developing the general layout and content of the site.

- * A gmail account: taylorsvillefoodpantry@gmail.com

- * We are now listed in the United Way 2-1-1 CommunityPoint. A Searchable Guide to Community Resources in Utah.

- * We plan on visiting the administration staff at each school in Taylorsville and asking them to tell families they know are in need about the pantry, and to leave flyers.

Besides local donations, we receive Food Bank deliveries about every second Friday. We also receive fresh groceries every Wednesday, which we immediately give out at our Grocery Give-Away. The fresh grocery deliveries amount to about 2,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds each.

From September 1st to November 16 we had 1076 families served which is 3881 individuals