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Hunger Shouldn't Be an Option



## *Many thanks to those who contributed to our Annual Campaign!*

Our fiscal year has come to an end, and so has our 2010-2011 Annual Campaign. Thanks to many generous volunteers and donors, we were able to provide 599 households with food assistance. We distributed a remarkable 204,430 pounds of food, a 23% increase from the previous year. We also received more than 33,000 pounds of food through food drive donations!

We'd like to thank each and every one of you who helped contribute to this year's achievements, whether it was through a monetary donation or volunteering your time. A special "thank you" goes out to our volunteers, who logged 55% more service hours this fiscal year! Thank you for helping us create a positive environment at the Pantry. We could not operate without you.

With your sustained support, we can continue to meet the needs of the growing number of people in our community who need help feeding themselves and their families.

## **Chow Wagon provides food for families' furry members**

For the past six months, we have been receiving donations of pet food from the Chow Wagon program. Created by Pittsburgh's Animal Friends, the program has partnered with more than 20 local food pantries to provide pet food to pet owners that qualify for food assistance.

Chow Wagon has provided us with more than 700 pounds of food since we started participating in the program! We are grateful to Animal Friends for the Chow Wagon program for enabling us to provide pet food to pet owners so they don't have to face the difficult decision of giving up an important member of their family.

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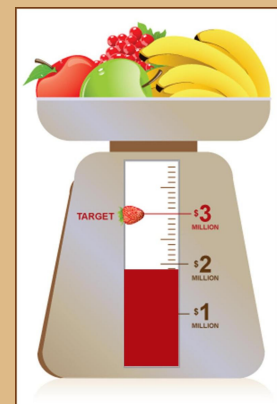
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For every \$18 you donate, the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry can purchase \$72 of food for clients.

**Donate Now**  
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**Endowment Campaign  
at \$1.9 million and  
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Create a legacy to end hunger in our community. Establish an endowment or make a charitable bequest to help ensure we can continue to provide food and supportive services to our community's most vulnerable. Contact [Barry Rudel](#), our development

While we continue to rely on this support from Animal Friends, we gladly welcome any outside pet food donations.

## Donating to the Pantry

**What do we need this month?** The July Food of the Month is tuna. We're also looking for extra donations of non-food products, such as shampoo, dishwashing soap and paper products! You can drop donations off at the Pantry, or place them in the yellow donation baskets at the following locations: Tree of Life-Or L'Simcha, Rodef Shalom, Temple Sinai, Adat Shalom, Beth Shalom, Shaare Torah and the Anathan Club.



Remember the Pantry when you're doing your shopping and spot a "Buy one, get one free" - consider keeping one for your family and donating the other! Not sure what foods the Pantry needs? Refer to our [Pantry Shopping List](#).

Another way to donate to the Pantry is through our *Centerpieces for Tzedakah* program. You can rent our food baskets in lieu of flowers as celebration centerpieces and bimah baskets, and your tax-deductible donation helps to feed individuals and families that rely on the Pantry. The baskets are decorated with beautiful bows in the colors of your choice, and each has a card attached acknowledging your support. Some *Centerpieces for Tzedakah* patrons supply their own bows or have their baskets decorated by florists or other party professionals. It's an easy, meaningful way to add significance to your special occasion. [Contact us](#) for more information or to place an order.



## Calling all volunteers

Individual volunteers, schools and community groups are vital parts of our Pantry's operation. Prior training is not required for most

officer, at 412.422.7200 for more information.



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volunteer opportunities. We just are looking for committed and enthusiastic individuals, who have some free time and want to help. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Since many of the duties require multiple people, this is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with your family, friends or religious group, for example, while providing an essential service to our community's most vulnerable.

While many of our volunteer spots are filled through November, we are currently looking for volunteers for **drop-off recycling** - volunteers with valid driver's licenses to recycle our cardboard boxes (2-3 volunteers weekly). Any volunteers would be a huge help!

#### Pantry Hours

Monday: 9:00am - 12:30pm (and 5:00 - 7:00pm by appointment only)

Tuesday: 9:00am - 12:30pm and 1:30 - 3:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 12:30pm and 1:30 - 3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

One Sunday a month by appointment only

*Please contact the Pantry at*

**412-421-2708**

*for appointments outside of the normal business hours.*

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