



Food Pantries are an Important Community Resource

The most popular question in the month of January was “Are you seeing an increase in federal workers at the food pantry due to the government shutdown”? Their inquiry was sincere and surrounded by genuine concern. **The answer was no, however the circumstances of our clients have many similarities.**

Families that come to The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC) often experience lay-offs and job loss. Fear and anxiety are evident as major decisions concerning household finances must be made. In the case of the federal workers, there were many types of advice such as “Pay your rent first. **There are many resources for food assistance, but very few for rent.**”

That advice has a lot of wisdom and truth. **The Emergency Assistance Center is honored to fill a gap for our food insecure neighbors.** We even take it one step further by providing fresh produce, breads, pastries, pizza, frozen beef and poultry, in addition to non-perishable food. We also provide hygiene items, clothing and pet food. Furthermore, TEAC offers free school supplies in August, gifts for children at Christmas, and holiday meals for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are additional expenses that are difficult to provide for during a crisis. We are very accessible to our clients by being open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and by offering extended evening hours one night per month.

Thank you for making this possible. **Your giving provides hope** in a time of devastation. **Your compassion makes the community stronger.**

A financial donation to The Emergency Assistance Center will help in providing for approximately 900 local residents every month.

We have no professional fundraisers. **TEAC does not solicit donations by phone.** We simply mail four letters each year requesting your help.

Please make checks payable to TEAC and mail to 9199 Olde 8 Rd., Northfield, OH 44067. You can also make online gifts via PayPal on the “Donate Now” page of our website www.teacenter.org.

Best Regards,

Randall Hyde, Paul Fike, John Jones, Sandra Larry, Janet Meyer, Valerie Padd, Michael Wolfe
(Trustees)

Bonnie Horsfall, Kim Myers (Staff) & Joyce Hunt (Executive Director)



P.S. If you know of someone who is struggling financially and could use our resources, please encourage them to call 330-467-7945 for an appointment.