

Food Pantry and Garden – Fast Facts for 2011

The Food Pantry resides within the Administration building, along side a Crisis Center, and Social Services department. Two Resale centers and a collection center serve the Ministry as well.

1.) Over 6,800 families were served in 2011 in the Food Pantry

2.) Items distributed included:

- Bags of groceries and personal care items
- Cartons of milk and juice
- Hamburger meat, rice and dry beans
- Fresh vegetables from our Community Garden

3.) Volunteers include over 180 adults and 175 youth per month, contributing 900 hours of service

4.) Most requested items include vegetable oil, dry laundry detergent, family size shampoo, Ritz crackers and tuna

5.) The Pantry collects Box Tops and Education Label coupons along with plastic and paper grocery bags.

6.) Gardening activities include:

- 40 raised beds with 2,000 sq. feet of organic gardening space which provided 6,200 pounds of fresh vegetables to supplement the client's nutritional diet
- Flower garden providing fresh-cut flowers
- Newly planted orchard to provide variety of fruits

7.) Multiple volunteer opportunities and small-group projects exist for all ages both in the Food Pantry and gardens