



Elementary School Food Drive!

Double-R Communications is once again working with elementary schools to collect food for Our Neighbors Farm & Pantry and St. Vincent's de Paul food pantry. We are excited, yet worried.

Food donations from local grocers and restaurants have been extremely low which has caused us to distribute donated canned goods to make up for fresh food donations. This has diminished our supply and caused us to purchase canned goods we would otherwise not need to purchase. We are really worried that we may not receive enough food from this food drive which will mean we will not be able to provide for our neighbors.

We could use YOUR HELP by providing canned goods and packaged goods to your children, grandchildren, or your neighbors children so that they can donate to local food pantries. In the process of providing these elementary school children donated food, they could win prizes from Double-R Communications.

If you don't know any elementary school students, please tell your friends and neighbors so that they may participate.

If you would like to volunteer on the day the donations are delivered, please let me know. We really need all the help we can get! The food is usually delivered the week of Thanksgiving but we usually do not know which day too far in advance. I will send an email out when we have the date and I will also be posting it on facebook.

Great Volunteers!

Deanna Crisler has been a board member for many years and was instrumental in founding the garden education program. Even though she has cycled off the board, she will still be helping us out with garden education.

Mimi Loverage is a long-time pantry volunteer. Mimi's new job does not allow her to distribute food to clients. She was always smiling and welcoming to those visited the pantry.

Both Deanna and Mimi have been such a huge part of the ONF&P family, doing so much to help our neighbors. We are sorry to see you both go but we hope your new endeavors bring joy to your life, like you did in ours.

Thank you both!



Garden Gratitude Basket Surprise!

Today was such a special day because we got to surprise a very lovely lady. She was in line to get food from the pantry. Elly and Barbie were bagging cut flowers that Allen harvested. I was zooming around collecting produce from the garden to make a beautiful garden gift basket. Elly brought flowers to a little red truck and said she was very thankful for the flowers and felt as if she would really appreciate the gift basket.

As we approached her in her vehicle her face lit up with happiness. After telling her that we give a gratitude basket to our donors each month but this month they asked that we give the basket to someone that needs it, she gave us this information. Her name is Petra and she comes to the pantry trying to make ends meet. She is retired and a widow. Her Granddaughter is a single mom who is going to college and her and her daughter live with Petra straining her finances.

She said she kept looking at the pumpkin while we were arranging the veggies in the basket and she was thinking that she needed a pumpkin for Halloween and she got one, along with many other wonderful vegetables thanks to one of our amazing supporters.

Petra said we have a beautiful garden and that all of us here do great work, we do what a good community does. ~Janine Yellowhair Brown





FLOWERS

Colorful flowers always bring a smile to our faces so we wanted to share those smiles with our neighbors! Our staff and volunteers took a couple hours away from working in the garden to share flowers with pantry clients.



Volunteer of the Month

This month we did not choose one person but a whole group of people. These are missionaries from around the United States doing service in Graham County. They volunteer 2 days each week for 2 hours each day. They mostly help in the garden but also help in the pantry, help fold and stamp newsletters, help pass out flowers to pantry clients and so much more.

Thank you all for your service to our community and to ONF&P. We are so grateful you choose to work with us.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers at the pantry and garden. If you would rather social distance, we can make that happen!! Give us call 337.326.0709 or email ONFandP@gmail.com

Board Members Needed

This year and next year we will lose 4 board members because they have reached their term limit. We have active board members that are only interested in the success of our community. If you would like to join our board, please email ONFandP@gmail.com

Homemade Pesto

For those of you that like to put pesto on pasta or on French bread for bruschetta, I will share an easy recipe and remind you that you can purchase basil from our garden summer through fall. There is still basil for sale in the garden right now but if you miss it, you can always purchase some in the coming year.

I've made pesto in a food processor, mini-chopper and smoothie maker. Wash basil, strip from stem, and dry with paper towel or salad spinner. Pack basil leaves in processor container. Add garlic cloves and maybe some sort of nut like pinenut or walnut or even sunflower seeds. I usually leave the nuts out so that I can add nuts later depending on the dish. Add olive oil until it is halfway up the basil packed container and blend. You can add more or less olive oil depending on the intensity of basil flavor you prefer.

This should be usable for 2 weeks in refrigerator but it will last much longer in the freezer. Pour the pesto in ice cube trays to freeze then put it in freezer for later use. Personally, I make enough to last throughout the year.



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