



May 20, 2017
Pantry Summary 2016

*Reports from the PEP database
from opening Oct 19,2012 to Dec. 31,2016.*

Once again we are attempting to put the work of the pantry in perspective. Below you will find updates from the three coordinators that represent three of the founding churches sponsoring the pantry. Each coordinator has different responsibilities. Nancy orders the product, manages stocking shelves, training volunteers & takes turns with Robin and others coordinating pantry days. Robin manages the website, produces product literature, organizes volunteers, & works with database information. Jan manages the financial data, grant writing, fundraising, communication with donors as well as hospitality on pantry day.



2016 REPORT (Nancy Baumgardner, Memorial United Church of Christ)

It has been 4 ½ years that GNPEP has been helping neighbors. This effort happens because of you – our volunteers and donors. 2016 brought good news to GNPEP. The PEP Partnership, Inc, the non-profit group of which GNPEP is a part, qualified for the federal diapering program. This means diapers are ordered through JET and this has cut our diaper costs by nearly half. GNPEP decided to discontinue pull-ups. They are an expensive product and cannot be ordered through the diapering program. PEP Partnership also secured a partnership with Dane County Dental Society who will provide dental products to the pantry.

The “product of the month” program in churches and general product donations equaled \$2,500 in 2016. These are products that qualify for our “shopping lists” of products that we distribute. Although monetary donations are most powerful, these product donations make a great impact on the budget as well, and come from the hearts of neighbors. If you know of a business or group that would like to participate in something like this, just let us know.

The work of the pantry continues to gain community awareness as a reliable resource for our neighbors. Several organizations donated through grants and gifts. If you hear of grant opportunities of which you think GNPEP might qualify, please let us know. Near the end of the year, one local company asked employees to recommend community groups to whom it might donate. GNPEP received \$1,100 from an employee recommendation. Along these same lines, if you know of a group who should hear about the work of the pantry, please let us know. We are happy to talk with anyone who will have us ☺

Thank you so much,
Nancy Baumgardner
Memorial United Church of Christ



FINANCIAL UPDATE (Jan Gietzel, Arbor Covenant)

Because GNPEP is a “no overhead” organization completely staffed by volunteers from Arbor Covenant Church, Memorial United Church of Christ, All Saints Lutheran Church, Arbor neighbors and other caring people, all donations go to purchase personal and household hygiene products for the Pantry guests who come each Friday morning and one Thursday evening per month. In our 4 ½ years of existence we have only closed twice due to circumstances beyond our control.

We have managed to stay close to budget each year because of the generosity of churches, businesses, and individuals who believe in our mission. Our total cash outlay for products in 2016 was \$27,348 and cash donations equaled \$26,346. As of 12/31/16, our checking account balance was \$3,796.

Within the next few months, GNPEP will be rolling out a Sponsorship Program in which churches, businesses and individuals will have the opportunity to sponsor a particular product for a week, month or even a year. We will provide the cost of those products weekly, monthly or yearly so that donors can decide which time period would work best for them. By doing this, we hope to provide a more meaningful donor experience and broaden our base of givers. You make the mission of GNPEP possible and God’s grace sustains it. Thank you for your participation. It is so greatly appreciated.



2016 PANTRY STATISTICS UPDATE (Robin Cherwinka, All Saints Lutheran)

Please note, the database data was corrected in 2016, so some of these numbers will be different than in past reports.

Number of families served:

- In 2016 we had a total of 2072 household visits, with an average of 33 visits per week. This is a 5% decrease from 2015, but is a 36% from 2013 (our first full year.)
- The last 18 months we have served 432 families. In 2016 we served 213 families with children.

Number of Household visits with children 3 or under: *(please note this does not represent individual households or children, but the number of children eligible for diapers each visit. Since children may get diapers every 11 days, there may be some duplication if their family visited the pantry more than once in that year)*

- In 2016 we had 1028 visits with children under 3 in the family.
- Our percent of household visits of the whole PEP network was 7% in 2012, 15% in 2013, 24% in 2014, 27% in 2015, & 28% in 2016.

Zip code by point of registration last 18 months: (from 11/15 to May2017)

This is new registrations through our pantry as opposed to other pantries in the network

- We mostly serve the zip codes of 53713 (182 families), 53711 (110 families), 53719 (36 families), 53704 (22 families),
- We serve people from 28 different zip codes including those above as well as: 53179, 53507, 53521, 53523, 53532, 53558, 53559, 53562, 53572, 53574, 53575, 53589, 53590, 53593, 53597, 53703, 53705, 53714, 53715, 53716, 53517, 53518, 53916, 60402.

Language of families served:

- 302 households visiting the party chose paperwork printed in English
- 127 chose Spanish
- 2 chose Hmong
- 1 chose French

Product Consumption:

We generally estimate \$1/product given out, so these numbers roughly estimate the dollar amount spent at the pantry (this includes product we purchased as well as donated products)

- In 2013 we distributed 20,105 products.
- In 2014 we distributed 25,706 products. This is a 22% increase over previous year.
- In 2015 we distributed 28,338 products. This is a 9% increase over previous year.
- In 2016 we distributed 30,194 products. This is a 6% increase over previous year.
- Based on consumption of products, our percentage of the entire PEP network increased every year since we began. We gave away 8% of total PEP products in 2012, 22% in 2013, 28% in 2014, 31% in 2015 & 34% in 2016.

General Comments:

- We have been the largest pantry in the network in household visits the past 2 years and consumption of products the last 3 years.
- We have leveled off with the number of visits per week as well as new registrations – staying steady at between 30-35 visits/ week.
- We have grown in the amount we have been able to distribute due to the wonderful donations we have received in both money & products.
- Volunteers – we have about 25 active volunteers with at least 8 of those working 2-3 days per month. WE have 5 volunteers who work the same day every month and have for years. There are more people who volunteer once or twice each year. We are thankful for any level of involvement.
- We use SignUp.com to register volunteers. This site has also been useful for sending out emails to volunteers.
- We are in our 5th year of operation. Many volunteers have been working 3 or more days each month since the pantry began. It would be wonderful to find new people to take over leadership & coordination of the pantry!