



Treynor Food Pantry

Janelle Keysor and Carol Bates spoke at the Treynor Optimist club on January 17 about the Treynor food pantry. The food pantry started about 20 years ago in a converted spare classroom at ZION church. They used donated shelves and now have a donated freezer. They also have a refrigerator donated by the Confirmation class and a storage cabinet donated by the school.

When they first started they gave food to those in need on the first Sunday of the month. The volunteers would fill boxes for the families.

The pantry includes food, clothes, quilts, and meat. Some children have birthday parties where guests bring food for the pantry instead of gifts. The 4-H brings in food monthly.

The pantry is well stocked today. It is open the last Thursday of every month from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. They are currently serving 9 families, who sign in when they receive items. The people now select and fill their own boxes.

The pantry takes out-of-date items to the Micah House. They also have a sharing program with the Open Door Mission to receive or take items in need. They take some items to the Veteran's Pantry.

For Thanksgiving the middle school filled 20 pans of turkey and fixings. For Christmas the 4-H club filled boxes with turkeys and decorated the boxes. The pantry receives some gift cards and cash.

The Treynor pantry does not need any pet products.

Sometimes they fill emergency needs. They filled a van to Joplin, MO. They also donated 250 pounds of blankets to the Open Door Mission.

They have also worked with "Table of Mercy" in Atlantic, supplying odd vegetables for soup and also blankets. That group feeds people under bridges in Omaha. The couple goes once a week on Fridays.

They have some cash in the bank for items not donated. The pantry always needs laundry detergent, canned fruit, and fresh fruit in the summer.

To advertise the pantry, they have some signs up around town. They advertise in the water bill, school newsletter, and have a sign on the highway when they are open.