

2010 Annual Report

It takes a village to feed the hungry.....



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2010 McFARLAND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY HIGHLIGHTS

2010 was a busy year at the McFarland Community Food Pantry with a 13% increase compared to 2009 in the number of visits by individuals and families in need. At the end of 2010, there were 184 active households representing 183 children, 41 seniors and 262 adults. About 8% of McFarland's residents made use of the McFarland Community Food Pantry in 2010.

Our core business is the provision of food and household essentials to those who need it. The McFarland Food Pantry distributed 135,000 pounds (over 60 tons!) of food in 2010. In addition to the weekly distribution of food and household essentials, the McFarland Food Pantry supported three other programs: the distribution of school supplies prior to the start of the school year, benefitting 110 children; provision of 390 family holiday meals; and coordination of the holiday Giving Tree, providing 306 holiday gifts.

A number of new initiatives and changes were made at the food pantry in 2010, including:

- Opening on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon to provide an additional shopping opportunity for guests.
- Providing a complete meal basket at Easter, Thanksgiving, and for the winter holidays (in prior years, a gift card for food purchases or only an entrée was provided to families for holiday meals).
- Initiating home deliveries for those guests who are unable to come to the food pantry.
- Adding a commercial freezer in the food pantry to accommodate additional meat, vegetables, and other frozen products.
- Ensuring that guests have consistent access to milk, margarine, eggs, meat, toilet paper, and paper towels with each visit.
- Increasing the amount and variety of food available to pantry guests along with fresh and seasonal produce.
- Widening and fixing the sidewalk for easier access for guests and for the grocery carts.
- Adding a picnic table outside the food pantry to allow guests a place to relax prior to shopping.

The residents of the McFarland community continue to provide very generous support to the pantry with special events and food drives. In 2010, these activities and support included:

- Handmade ceramic bowls, created by the Girl Scouts with the cooperation of Fired-Up Pottery, and sold at the McFarland House Café with ice cream
- McFarland United Church of Christ's Sundaes on Thursdays during the summer months at Arnold Larsen Park, toilet paper challenge, and ongoing donations
- Pig roast by the Sons of the American Legion
- McFarland Post Office Mail Carriers annual food drive
- Two food drives coordinated by the McFarland Lions and Lioness Clubs at McFarland's Pick n Save along with monthly meeting donations and the Lioness school supply challenge.
- Boy Scouts in McFarland annual food drive
- McFarland School District activities, including the 9th annual "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat", the "Thanks4Giving Challenge, Market Day Dessert Bonus Day for Thanksgiving pies, and school food drives
- Christmas in the Village sponsors hosting food drives
- McFarland State Bank's Shred-It Event and their Holiday Giving Tree
- Optimist Club Food Pantry Challenge, support for school supplies, and Santa Hotline
- Culvers' \$1 off meals with a pantry donation
- Verizon's "Give a Little, Get a Lot"
- McFarland Pool Food Drive
- 4-H McFarland Sparks Club raised funds for the sidewalk replacement
- Mad City Gobblers donation of turkeys along with additional money raised within the community for holiday meal baskets
- Holiday Giving Tree, with participation by McFarland churches, provided holiday presents for Pantry families
- Village of McFarland donation
- Waubesa Sailing Club donation
- Community Service Day when volunteers thoroughly cleaned the Pantry and did spring yard work

- Christ the King's "Adopt a Turkey", Social Concerns Committee, food donations and providing the location for organizing the Giving Tree package delivery
- McFarland Lutheran Church's Souper Bowl Sunday and their ongoing food donations
- Roundy's "We Care" Program
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matching for Mountain of Food Drive
- Skaalen Village Clubhouse donation
- Crossroads Church donation
- American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast and meeting donations.
- Medicine Shoppe's payments for pantry rent along with their provision of storage space

Fresh produce was a major addition in 2010, with the McFarland Lutheran Church "Care of Creation" continuing their garden on behalf of the food pantry. We also had a number of local gardeners (Bill Albers, Daryl Rupkow, Reverend Jerry Prebbenow, and Norm Krusiec), donations from the McFarland United Church of Christ's church garden, and collaboration with the Blue Moon Community Farm to secure a continuing supply of fresh produce during the growing season. Periodic fresh egg donations were received from Doug Wedel.

VOLUNTEERS

McFarland Community Food Pantry operates as a 100% volunteer organization with over 275 volunteers donating approximately 3000 hours during 2010. The hard work and dedication of our volunteers this past year ensured that the McFarland Community Food Pantry was successful in meeting the needs of Pantry guests. The food pantry has a core group of volunteers who, on a weekly basis, donate time ensuring the food pantry is stocked and ready for Pantry guests, assisting guests with shopping, and packing groceries. We have many additional volunteers including the McFarland Youth Center, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, and McFarland High School Groups who check donated food for current dating, stock shelves, and clean the pantry each week.

Volunteers also do off-site repacking of food and non-perishable items for the pantry. These groups include:

- The McFarland Lutheran Church Confirmation Groups coordinated by Bonnie Duerst
- The Skaalen Village Birthday Group
- Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Littel

A listing of those volunteers follows. While we have attempted to identify each volunteer, we realize that we may have missed some volunteers and we apologize for this. We truly thank all who helped in 2010 make the McFarland Community Food Pantry a success!

Ali, Shareen	Carlson, Vicky	Duchrow, Rick	Heitman, Katie
Anderson, Babitt	Carr, Anna	Duffey, Lizzie	Helping, Miles
Anderson, Rachel	Chapman, Larry	Dunn, Anna	Hermanson, Camille
Bachhuber, Julie	Clark, Karen	Elmer, Lindsey	Hess, Alex
Bacon, Kyle	Clary, Taylor	Eveland, Taylor	Hettinger, Christine
Bakmowicz, Barry	Clinton, Paul	Fedor, Krista	Hettinger, Maddie
Barleen, Lisa	Collins, Lydia	Feldner, John	Heuer, Mark
Barleen, Logan	Cox, Dennis	Felton, Shyanne	Hilgers, Adam
Barton, Hanna	Cox, Fran	Ferrell, Tyler	Hilgers, Maria
Barwick, Baika	Crane, Sam	Fischer, Ryan	Homberg, Liz
Baxter, Alex	Cronn, Jane	Fisher, Bruce	Hornes, Nick
Beam, Kenzie	Cronn, John	Fortune, Trish	Hutter, Toni
Beam, Kerry	Culver, Annie	Frisch, Kevin	Jennings, Helen
Bear, Bailey	Culver, Erin	Gargano, TJ	Johnson, Dave
Becher, Jake	Dahl, Emma	Garvey, Michelle	Johnson, Mariah
Birrenhott, Brandt	Danielson, Rhonda	Geasland, Lavon	Johnson, Nick
Blankenship, Maddie	Dartsch, Kyle	Gehrke, Elise	Jorgensen, Haley
Bolstad, Allison	Dean, Mark	Gerl, Jordan	Jorgenson, Johanna
Boyer, Owen	DeFoer, Dawn	Goecks, Emma	Keirgaard, Cleo
Brandon, Don	DeFoer, Keegan	Goers, Sarah	Kelly, Judy
Burger, Jackie	Deneen, Manimi	Grill, Ben	Kendall, Savanna
Byrd, Aaron	Doll, Brooke	Grzybowski, Kryssy	Kinder, Alejandro
Byrd-Felker, Rachel	Doll, Kristin	Hannibal, Emme	Klema, Kay
Capillo, Ali	Doner, Carolyn	Hansen, Victoria	Klubertanz Shannon
Kneip, Breanna	Neumann, Josie	Robb, Natalie	Swenson, Jacob
Knutson, Janet	Ninedorf, Mitchell	Roberts, Alex	Taschek, Michael
Kruse, Dylan	Oberleitner, Nancy	Rutraski, Victoria	Trautsch, Dawson
Kuehl, Marcie	O'Malley, M	Saladis, Justin	Trautsch, Logan
Lampe, Brittany	Obst, Barbara	Saul, Cooper	Traynor, Leah
Landdt, Truitt	Paar, Taylor	Saul, Forrest	Tsephel, Tenzin
Langer, Josh	Patten, Spencer	Saul, Hayden	VanVeer, Dave
Larson, Grant	Peeters, Alex	Saul, Sarah	VanWychak, Sherry
Leonard, Isis	Peeters, Jacob	Scheffel, Debbie	Vinge, Mia
Littel, Kevin	Peregcy, Beau	Scheffel, Nicole	Voelker, Ross
Mahoney, Heidi	Perez, Kathy	Schepbauch, Devin	Waldner, Hannah
Marty, Ryley	Persike, Megan	Schlafer, Lori	Walsh, Jacob
May, Ben	Persike, Sharol	Schmidt, Matt	Walski, Toni
May, Valorie	Peterson, Dalton	Schmidt, Noelle	Wedel, Tyler
Mazzara, Jordan	Peterson, Kailey	Schutz, Lydia	Weichbiof, Megan
McCloud, Lexi	Peterson, Sawyer	Seekings, Jessica	Weidert, Dee
Melton, Morgan	Pfohl, Melissa	Siebert, Halle	Weis, Caley
Mertens, Betty	Pike, Katie	Siewert, Evan	Werner, Kevin
Mertens, Ken	Quinn, Roanne	Smith, Sterling	Winter, Mary
Moyer, Dayne	Radney, Sandra	Snos, Steph	Wolff, Alyson
Mueting, Joelle	Radomski, Eva		Xiong, Paja

Naze, Jessica
Nelson, Dick
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Neumann, Deenna
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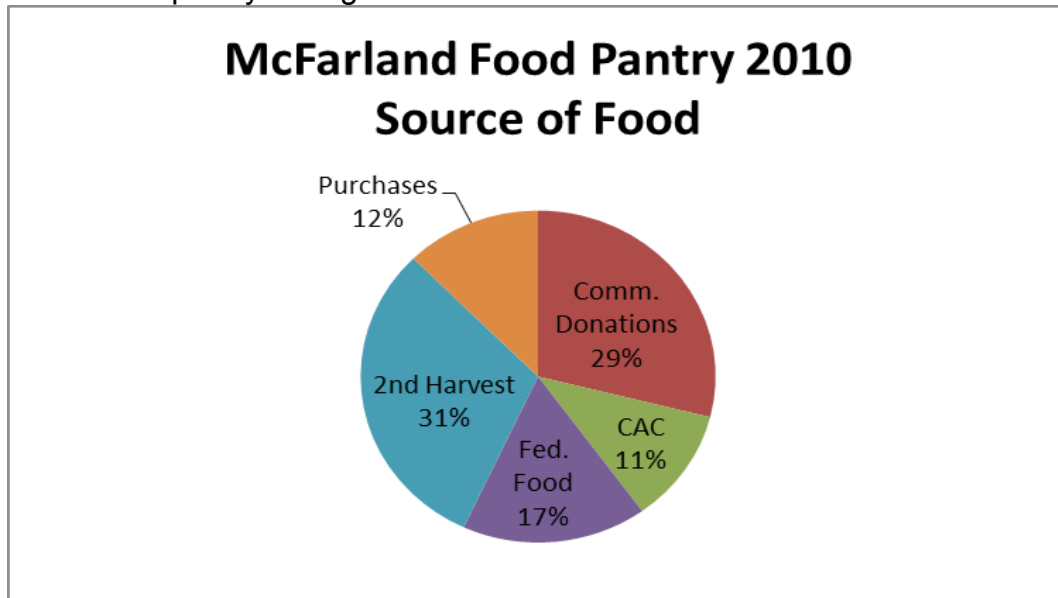
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Raye, Johanna
Riese, Morgan
Roberts, Judy

Spellman, Taylor
Stampfli, Doug
Steinberg, Brady
Stillman, Amanda
Sult, Shelley

Youth Center
Zeier, Josie
Zeier, Kim
Zimdars, Kerry
Zimmerman, Don

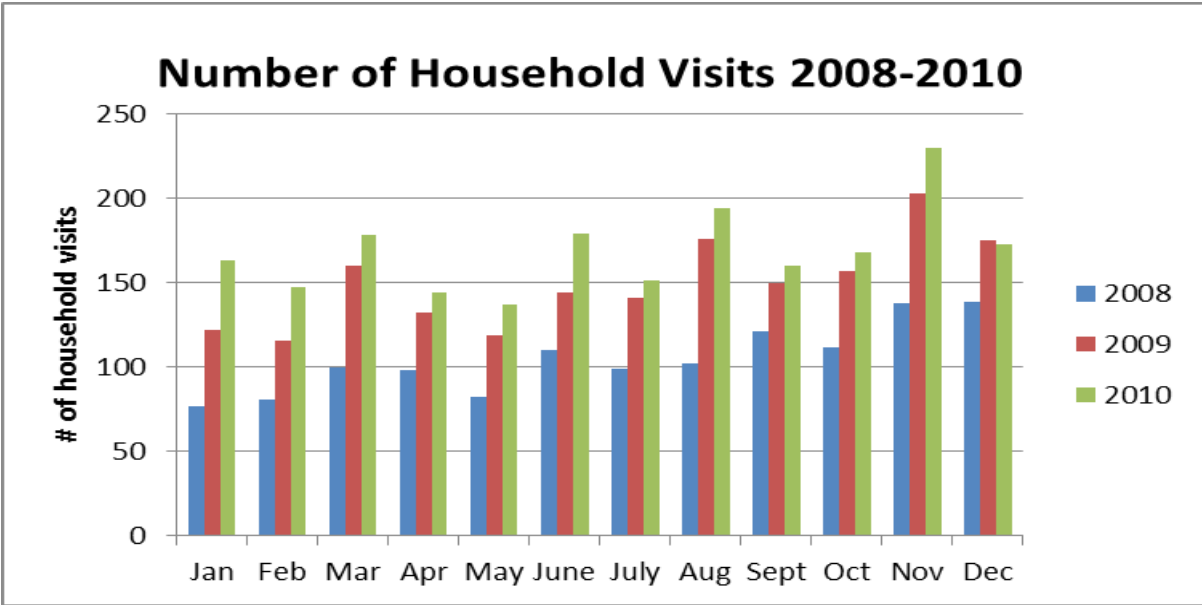
FOOD DONATIONS

Food from community donations, including food drives, collection boxes at local businesses, and grocery bags purchased at McFarland's Pick 'n Save accounted for 29% of the food distributed at the McFarland Community Food Pantry during 2010. Other sources of food include the Community Action Coalition (11%), federal food program (17%) and purchases from Second Harvest Foodbank (31%) and local grocery stores (12%). The following table shows the source of the over 135,000 pounds of food distributed at the food pantry during 2010:



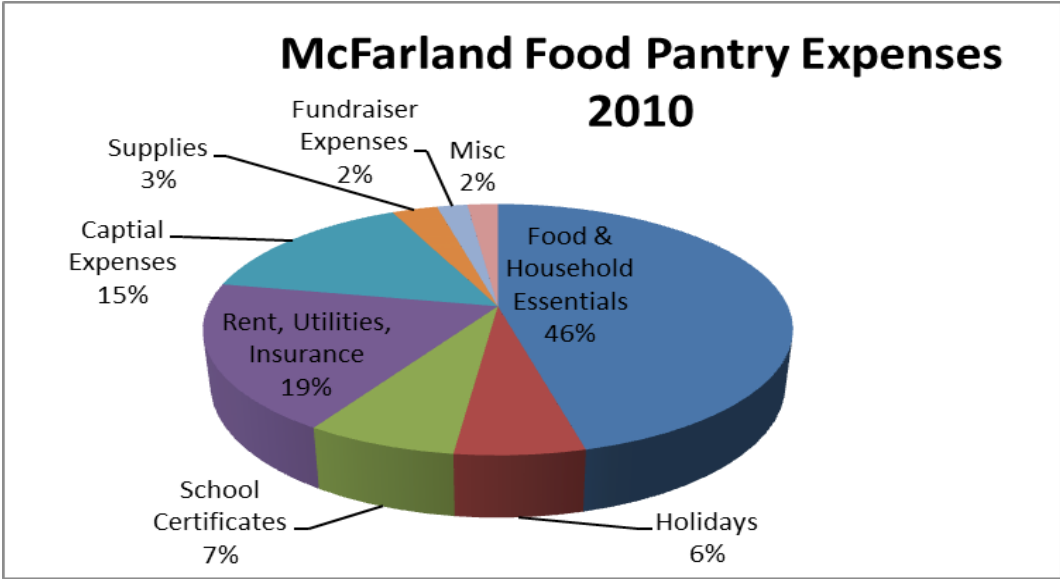
HOUSEHOLD VISITS

Corresponding with the current employment trends and financial burdens faced by individuals and families, the McFarland Community Food Pantry has experienced increases in the number of visits by individuals and families in need over the past three years. The following table shows the growth in household visits to the food pantry since 2008:



PANTRY EXPENSES

The majority of the expenses (59%) of the McFarland Community Food Pantry directly provide the food, household essentials, holiday meals, and school supplies to individuals and families in need within the McFarland community. The remaining expenses for the food pantry included rent and utilities, capital expenditures, supplies, fundraising expenditures, and miscellaneous expenses.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Consistent with the current economic condition of our country, while financial donations to the McFarland Community Food Pantry were up slightly compared to 2009, food pantry expenses increased more. The 10% rise in expenses during 2010 correlates with the 13% increase in the number of visits by individuals and families in need. However,

despite these increases in expenses and visits, the McFarland Community Food Pantry remains solvent and has been able to meet the needs of those we serve. In 2010, more than 150 individuals, business, and community agencies and groups provided over \$43,500 in financial support to the food pantry.

In 2010, the majority of the financial support of the McFarland Community Food Pantry was from individual donations (40%). Another major source of support was from the many McFarland community agencies, churches, social groups, and business that organized and conducted collections for the food pantry this year; this support provided 30% of our revenue. Our annual fundraising event, *"It's a Wonderful Life"* production during Christmas in the Village (9%), and money from grants (21%) reflect the concerted efforts by the food pantry board of directors to seek financial support for the food pantry.

