

*Annelle Delorme-Hagerman Food Pantry
& Rev. Alden Burhoe Meal Ministry & Clothing Ministry*

Who We Are – “Officially”

We are a mission of the Church of Our Saviour and, although we have three “separate” ministries (food pantry, meals, and clothing), they operate in synergy, and are viewed by most of the community as one. We are also member agencies of the Greater Boston Food Bank and Project Bread. This allows us to receive most of our food at no or a greatly reduced cost and use our limited resources to provide a substantial amount and variety of food to our guests.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Provide friendship, a spiritual home, and supplemental groceries, meals, and clothing assistance to any of our neighbors in the greater Somerset community who want and need it. We believe this can only be accomplished with the help of God and the generosity of others. We strive to attain these values:

- Promote respect, dignity, and privacy for everyone we interact with.
- Provide quality service for our clients, donors, and community.
- Be friendly, open and honest in all our relationships.

Who We Are – “Really”

OUR HOSTS (VOLUNTEERS):

We are a group of people made up of hosts and guests. Our hosts (or volunteers) who operate these ministries contribute many hours and numerous talents to make the whole operation run. These efforts include ordering food, picking up food, sorting and stocking, registering guests, escorting guests, sorting and distributing clothing, preparing and cooking the meals, as well as the various cleaning, maintenance, and administrative efforts required to support the actual distribution of food and clothing. Without the efforts of our precious host-volunteers the food pantry, meal ministry and clothing ministries would accomplish nothing!

This year there were 313 different volunteers of all age ranges who helped at these ministries. The volunteer effort that supported the pantry is about 4,046 hours with an estimated value of \$68,617. A breakdown is seen at the right.

Category	PANTRY	MEALS	CLOTHING	Total
People	243	76	27	313
Hours	2,524	902	620	4,046
Value	\$37,383	\$22,550	\$8,684	\$68,617

OUR GUESTS:

Our guests come from 17 nearby communities. About 59% come from Fall River, 18% are from Somerset-Swansea, 12% are from Taunton, and the remaining 11% are divided among the 13 other towns represented. They represented at least 8 different ethnic groups and range in age from infant to 100 years old.

We were able to provide food, meals and clothing to 482 households representing 1,242 individual guests this year. This was an average of 186 households (434 individuals) each month. As is our custom, we also gave away over 300 turkeys to our guests during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

OUR COLLABORATORS:

Food (Pantry Groceries) - We received groceries from many sources including: The Greater Boston Food Bank, local businesses, the Postal Drive, organizations, individuals, schools, and scouts. Over the course of the year we picked up, sorted, stocked, and distributed about 78,700 pounds of groceries at an estimated value of over \$83,500.

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Clothing – Most of our clothing was donated from individuals with some donated from consignment shops. This year we estimate that we distributed about 6,110 articles of clothing to our guests in need. We estimate that the value of clothing that we distributed this year was \$90,371.

Meals - About 7,505 pounds of the food that we prepared came from the Greater Boston Food Bank and about 2,117 pounds were purchased locally. This year we provided about 2,945 meals. (1,895 breakfasts and 1,050 dinners). The dinners include about 126 meals that were served for the Thanksgiving meal. That is an average of 245 meals provided each month. The total estimated value provided is over \$19,000 for the year.

INCOME - EXPENSES:

Our expenses this year were about \$22,200 which included about \$6,300 for our pantry flooring and \$422 for the ramp decking. With contributions from parishioners, individuals, organizations, churches, businesses, and grants, we took in about \$21,100. A breakdown is shown in the following table.

Expense Item	Pantry Amount	Meals Amount	Total Expense
Food (GBFB)	\$1,499	\$1,909	\$3,408
Food Purchased	\$0	\$312	\$ 312
Food Pickup	\$2,487	\$50	\$2,537
Maintenance	\$7,262	\$2,000	\$9,262
Utilities	\$3,089	\$1,000	\$4,089
Supplies & Admin	\$1,765	\$800	\$2,565
TOTAL:	16,102	6,071	\$22,173

Income Source	Pantry Amount	Meals Amount	Total Income
Individuals	\$5,909	\$4,347	\$10,256
Organizations	\$2,444	\$0	\$2,444
Grants	\$3,100	\$925	\$4,025
Businesses	\$750	\$0	\$ 750
Other Churches	\$492	\$100	\$ 592
Episcopal Church	\$1,834	\$1,200	\$3,034
TOTAL:	\$14,529	\$6,572	\$21,101

VALUE:

In addition to the intangible value of friendship, a welcoming environment, and understanding that we strive to provide, we estimate the tangible value of the services that we have provided over the last year as **\$261,500** for the \$22,173 of expenses that we incurred.

Thank You -

We are extremely grateful for all the Church of Our Saviour volunteers and parishioners who regularly support our efforts. We are thankful for our friends from Christ Church Swansea for their continued involvement and support. We are also extremely thankful for the efforts of those folks in our community who support us with their time as well as monetary donations. We realize that there are many other demands on your time and money, and we are honored that you share yours with us.

INFORMATION / CONTACTS:

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the Church at 508-678-9663, George Paiva at 508-677-3825 or John Little at john.adhfp@gmail.com. A plethora of useful information about the pantry can be found on the pantry website at: <http://foodpantry.church-of-our-saviour.com/>

Pantry Leaders: George Paiva, John Little, Debbie Fiore, Joan Hoy

Meals Leaders: Debbie Fiore; Celina Teixeira, Betty Teixeira, Rev Alan Hesse, Donna Lewis

Clothing Leaders: Nancy Little, Jean MacGrady

