



# ***BITS FROM THE BASKET***

## ***CCEA FOOD PANTRY NEWS***

**JUNE 2015**

WOW! What a Spring this has been!

The Food Pantry has also experienced an abundance, not unlike Spring. Unfortunately, our abundance has been in patrons to the Food Pantry. We are finding more and more families are in need of food. In April, we provided food to forty-one families. These families have no resources to buy food. Their State Food Stamp allotment is frequently in the neighborhood of fifteen dollars a month. Their income is well below the Federal Poverty Level or nonexistent. This means their choices are between food, housing and utilities. Often they can have one, but not the others. Many are single parents with children, the disabled and the elderly.

In April 2015, the Food Pantry had to spend approximately \$350 to supplement the food donations for sufficient stock to distribute to patrons. A call went out to the community and the churches, and we received a much appreciated increase in donations. This helped to put us back into the stocked category. We find after special requests, the donations again, fall off. Please remember the need continues and grows. The Food Pantry needs your consistent donations. One item can help to keep the shelves stocked.

We can only continue to operate with your support. Monetary donations and the Sav-A-Tape program allow us to have funds to purchase food in times of need. We cannot, however, continue to purchase food each month. The financial resources are finite. We hope to be able to provide food to every family in our service area who comes to our door. We do not want to start refusing food to those in need. We do not want to see anyone go away hungry.

Please try to add at least one item to your grocery list for the Food Pantry. Someone's child or elderly parent depends on your generosity. Now that school is coming to an end for this year, all those children who receive meals at school will be without. No breakfasts, no lunches. The need during the summer will not decrease. It will increase.

**Your help is needed.**

*“Right from the moment of our birth, we are under the care and kindness of our parents. Later, when we are sick and old, we are again dependent on the kindness of others. Since we are so dependent on others at the beginning and end of our lives, how could it be that we would neglect kindness towards others in the middle?....Dalai Lama”*