## Formerly Willowick Pet Food Pantry

## **1st QUARTER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Hello friends! We have been very busy! For the first quarter we have distributed close to 10,000 pounds of pet food (9,910 to be exact). This is the highest amount for a first quarter. We have noticed that more people are now getting both dog and cat food while in the past they were getting either one or the other. We guess they are picking up for other people and that is good as more pets are being fed.

It is amazing that in 7 years and 3 months we have distributed a total of 207,519 pounds of pet food. That is so much work picking up pet food, dropping it off at our storage, arranging it by expiration date, bringing it to the church for the distribution, re-bagging and distributing it. (I keep telling our volunteers that they don't need to go to the gym to have big, strong muscles! Ha-ha)





We are almost done with scheduling out-of-town distributions. We have 3 scheduled for Fairport Harbor, 2 for Geneva, 1 for Ashtabula, 1 for Pierport, 1 for Conneaut, and 2 for Painesville.

Concerning Painesville we have been asked to assist with the start up of yet another pet food pantry. That would involve training people on all aspects of having a pet food pantry as well as providing pet food for the first and maybe a second distribution.

Our Spay/neuter program has again been smaller that usual. As was mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Ashtabula APL (most of our Spay/neuters came from Ashtabula) is now covering most of the costs.

We had seven Medical assistances. Due to a very generous donation we are now able to increase our assistance by \$100 for surgeries costing over \$1,000. That means that we now can pay \$250 instead of \$150 for surgeries costing over \$1,000.





Our January Fundraiser, The Souper Bowl, was a success! Over 100 people attended and we had many nice baskets, gifts, and gift cards/certificates for our raffle.

Our 2nd Benefit Dinner is scheduled for Friday, July 14. We would so much appreciate if you could attend. It is a very nice event including a good meal! We are now in the process of asking people and companies to donate baskets, etc. for our raffle. If you or someone you know can donate baskets or gift cards, please help us with that.

Thank You!

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## **2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER & RAFFLE**

Friday, July 14th from 6 to 9pm at La Vera Party Center 32200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio

We will have raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle AND you will be entered to win your choice of either 1 bag of dog or cat food each month for ONE YEAR! (not to exceed \$50/bag) Food will be shipped directly to you. (You must be present for the food drawing to win.)

## **Dinner Menu:**

- Salad w/House Dressing
- Penne Pasta with Meatballs
- Seasoned Vegetable Medley
- Dessert
- Coffee
- Cash Bar



Vegan, vegetarian or gluten free meals are available upon request.

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