



Helping Hands

NEWSLETTER

Est. 2012

March 2018

The Helping Hands Food Pantry of Roseville exists to improve quality of life for Warren County residents by providing assistance to families in need and by developing programs to strengthen families and individuals.

The Helping Hands Board of Directors invite each of the pantry's volunteers and their spouse to the

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

on April 3, 2018
at 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by March 10, 2018
to Grace McCreary (309)734-3552
(please leave a message)



OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

2017-2018 Officers:

President Cheryl Britt, Vice President Linda Jones, Secretary, Deb Johnston, Treasurer, Jonna Young

Of special note: The dedicated service of two of Helping Hands' founding board members comes to a close March 31, 2018. Charlotte Carlson and Deb Moore have each served six years, and given countless hours in support of the pantry's mission. Words cannot express adequate appreciation for all they've done in organizing and maintaining the activities of this community operation.

May they each be richly blessed for their involvement with The Helping Hands of Roseville.



Midwest Food Bank's Tender Mercies

MFB (Midwest Food Bank)-Peoria Division has gone from serving 65 food pantries (in 2007) to over 200 today; The Helping Hands of Roseville is blessed to be one of their partner agencies. Sylvia Arnold and Denise McIntyre recently attended an Agency Meeting in which policies and procedures were reviewed, and plans for future renovations revealed. These changes should improve the flow of business on agency pick-up days as well as possibly supply more goods to each pantry. Also, the unveiling of the newly repackaged "Tender Mercies", MFB's kosher/vegan, nutrient-packed easy meal for a family of four. The report of its on-going success in helping to put quality nutrition on the tables of hungry families in eastern Iowa and western Illinois



concluded the evening meeting with a sense of accomplishment and encouragement to continue the work of caring for our neighbors.

A THANK YOU! goes out to the *Roseville Christian Church* for the food donation brought in this month. Every can, every box, every jar of food helps keep the shelves stocked for the visiting families. Please know that your gift is appreciated! That is evidenced by such comments as one shared not too long ago by the mother of a young family, "I don't know what I'd do without this place. There'd be times we'd be hungry, that's for sure."



Numbers for February 2018

109 Families visits.
399 individuals served,
of which 147 were children.



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