

Gratitude and Next Steps for the Food Pantry

From: M Bret Blackford (bret_blackford@yahoo.com)

To: chas.babs@sbcglobal.net

Cc: mxelders@mcknightcrossings.org; i.am.ross.brown@gmail.com; jmcglawn@mcknightcrossings.org

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 07:24 AM CDT

Barb,

On behalf of the elders, I want to sincerely thank you for your incredible work with the Food Pantry. Your dedication to this ministry is deeply appreciated, and the elders recognize the important role it plays in how McKnight serves and connects with our community. Through the Pantry, you're providing more than just food—your relationships with the clients are a testament to the deeper impact you're making. May God continue to use this ministry to bring both physical help and spiritual hope to those you serve

We are currently exploring ways to help you focus on your strengths—ministering to the clients—while reducing the physical demands of loading, unloading, and shelving foodstuffs.

We are also pleased to hear that the USDA surprise inspection went so well! This is a great reflection of your strong management and organizational skills. *Well done!* There were a couple of recommendations (not requirements) that we should consider addressing, such as locking up some items to prevent tampering (possibly using the "Boundless" room) and periodically reviewing items on the recall list. Could you please send me the full report at Bret_Blackford@yahoo.com?

Barb, thank you again for your tireless work in this ministry. The elders truly value your contributions, and we are always open to hearing any comments or suggestions you may have.

Blessings,

--- Bret (on behalf of the elders)