
PRESS RELEASE

Local Food Pantry Volunteer Receives National Service Award

JOHNSTOWN, PA, September 20, 2016 – Barbara Hunt of Johnstown, PA was one of eight recipients of the “2016 Dollar General Serving Others” award. Hunt began volunteering at the Franklin Street Food Pantry in 2009, and since 2011 has served as the coordinator of the Food Pantry, which is run by United Methodist Human Services of Johnstown, PA.

The award ceremony, held on August 9, 2016, in Nashville, Tennessee, brought recognition to Hunt, as well as seven other distinguished recipients of the award. Award winners are chosen from employees of Dollar General stores who have proven outstanding dedication to volunteerism in their hometowns. In addition to the award, Dollar General Corporation contributed a generous \$2,500 donation to the Franklin Street Food Pantry in Hunt’s name.



Hunt received her award on 8/9/16 at in Nashville, Tennessee.

Hunt serves each week as the on-site coordinator of distribution at the food pantry. In addition, she spends ten or more hours most weeks, shopping for and placing orders for all food and supplies, coordinating deliveries, and completing the paperwork that is necessary to keep the pantry running.

Kara Ketley, Executive Director of United Methodist Human Services said Hunt “goes above and beyond each and every week to stretch resources and provide our clients with something special. Her gentle kindness impacts everyone she serves and she demonstrates love and compassion to each person who walks through the door. Barb Hunt is truly a treasured gift to UMHS and we are privileged and honored to have her on our team!”

The food pantry operates Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 AM and serves approximately 450 food-insecure individuals each month. More information about the Franklin Street Food Pantry can be found at umhumanservices.org/franklin-st-food-pantry.

United Methodist Human Services, located in downtown Johnstown, serves individuals residing within the Johnstown District of the United Methodist Church. They offer various programs, including Getting Ahead, a program which assists individuals as they seek to navigate their own pathways out of poverty, and Project Shoes, a program that provides new, well-fitting, seasonally appropriate footwear to under-resourced children in over forty schools in the area.