



## 30 **P**artners in 30 Days



### **People in Need, Inc. Food Pantry: *dedicated to meeting the needs of Delaware County***



serve over 11,000 people each year.

People in Need, Inc. (PIN) is no stranger to hunger relief – they’ve been around for almost as long as the Foodbank! The Food Pantry opened in 1981, and began its partnership with Mid-Ohio Foodbank about ten years later. During their first year of operation, the food pantry served 535 people. Now, the pantry serves about twice that amount *each month*. At about 950 people served per month, they

The Food Pantry began about 30 years ago because people saw a need in the community, and that need has not gone away. Lula Mae Downerd, the Food Pantry Supervisor, says that there are still many unemployed and underemployed individuals in their service area. The pantry serves all of Delaware County.

PIN Food Pantry has a faithful complement of volunteers, generous community donors, and a dedicated staff. People in Need, Inc., the Food Pantry’s parent organization, receives the donated time of 6,500 volunteers each year.

Downerd recalls the generosity of one community donor in particular. “Haylee Cossin, a recent high school graduate, decided in lieu of graduation gifts for herself, she would ask for food donations to be given to People In Need,” says Downerd. “She donated 1,153 pounds of food, \$700 cash and a \$100 Kroger gift card. We salute Haylee for her awareness to the need in Delaware County.”



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#### Learn More

People in Need, Inc. Food Pantry  
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Mid-Ohio Foodbank  
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