



**Sudbury Community Food Pantry**

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Minister Marjorie Matty  
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Dear Rev. Matty,

I want you know that the Sudbury Food Pantry Board of Directors thanks you, your congregation and especially Sheila, Sherene and Ginny for the very successful food drive of October 17 where they collected 21 full banana boxes of Food. Even with the economy strong and unemployment down the demand for our services remains strong. To give you a feeling for the activity level of the pantry, in 2019 we served 997 families 3,523 client visits comprising of 3,045 family members of which 33.4% were children and 9.8% senior citizens. Note 10.6% of the families served were Sudbury residents who also made up 24.6% of the visits. The pantry provided these families with 21,709 shopping bags of food. Family visits in 2019 were up 14.4% over 2018, making 2019 the busiest in history. Spurred on by Covid-19 the demand continue to grow, Through September 2020 is one of the busiest years on record. Over this period, we registered 448 new families an increase of 51% from the same period in 2019.

We use donations such as yours to purchase food from the Greater Boston Food Bank at a substantially reduced cost. For food items not generally available at the Food Bank, we buy in bulk from local supermarkets at the very lowest price we can find. The Food Pantry, organized in March of 1990 is staffed by a group of 90-95 volunteers. We have always been a 100% volunteer organization. In our 30 years, no worker has ever received any form of salary or reimbursement for his or her time, travel or expenses. All clients are welcome at the Food Pantry, and receive food without prerequisites, such as needs tests or letters of referral, and regardless of where they live. The Food Pantry is a truly a community-wide organization and can only continue to serve the needy with free food, due to our receiving support from many individuals, churches, synagogues, schools, businesses and service organizations.

Thank you again for your support; we could not continue to serve the needy without kind and thoughtful donations such as yours.

With much gratitude,

Patrick J. Mullen  
Executive Director Emeritus