



Serving All of Wyoming County

A Mission of The United Church of Warsaw

Hours of Operation:

Monday and Friday - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tuesday - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and the last Thursday of each month -

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Presbytery of Genesee Valley Community Agency Grant Report

What were you hoping to accomplish? We were hoping to accomplish receiving grant money to purchase: 1) an upright freezer and 2) healthy frozen foods for our Warsaw Food Pantry customers.

Who was touched by your project or program? Nearly every Warsaw Food Pantry customer is touched by this project. This new freezer houses each of our protein enriched meat selections (skinless, boneless chicken breast, venison, hot dogs, catfish fillets, roasters and beef roasts).

Each of our customers is offered chicken breast or roaster (depending on size of family) and choice of hot dogs, and when available, venison or catfish fillets. Having them all in one freezer is more efficient to serve our customers. We are a member agency of Foodlink, where the majority of our food is purchased. This new freezer allows us to purchase healthier frozen foods and have a place to store them. . Recently our Foodlink order contained frozen strawberries, green beans and spinach. This new freezer allows us to move food around as needed for maximum storage. An example, our venison is donated by the Venison Donation Coalition. When we receive a call asking if we want more venison, we have extra freezer space to store their donation.

How did this grant energize or transform your congregation or community? We partnered with Foodlink on a Healthy Pantry Initiative, eliminating several processed foods we used to offer. This allows us to spend our money on healthier food choices, several of which are frozen meats, vegetables and fruit. Our Food Pantry customers are thrilled when they have several options to choose from. These foods are at little or no cost to us through Foodlink.

What did you learn from this project and what are your next steps? We learned a large majority of our customers are very pleased with the healthier food choices offered. Along with these food choices, we offer many recipes to assist them in preparing foods and their response has been very positive. Our next steps are to continue to make people aware of the Food Pantry and to seek funding to purchase healthy food choices. Our numbers continue to rise. We served 4,901 people in 2018, an increase of 395 more than 2017. As Christians we are called to feed the poor and help those in need. Feeding those in need is part of serving one another and as we