

Five Corner Cupboard News

Feinstein Challenge

The Feinstein Challenge will soon be upon us once again. Rhode Island philanthropist, Alan Shawn Feinstein has each year for the last 13 years, given **a million dollars** proportionately to organizations which feed the hungry. The Five Corner Cupboard has participated since 2005.

Each pound of food donated in response to this campaign counts as one dollar. Any donation you make to the Cupboard in March or April will get Feinstein money added to it—the more that is donated, the more of Feinstein’s \$1 million the Cupboard will get-thanks to you. You become a partner in what has become the most successful campaign of all time to fight hunger!

It’s not so much the money we get—although we do appreciate that— it’s the increase in donations during March and April because of increased awareness of our need that really helps. The **summertime months are the busiest** for the Five Corner Cupboard so the donations which come in during the spring and early summer are sorely needed and greatly appreciated.

If you would like to support the Cupboard, but can only do so once a year, anytime during March or April is the time to do it. For more information on the Feinstein Foundation, go to www.feinsteinfoundation.com.

Checks can be made out to the Five Corner Cupboard and sent to the church’s address. Food and hygiene item donations can be brought to the pantry any Tuesday or Thursday morning between 9:30 and 11:00 or any Sunday morning between 10 and noon.

“All that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.”
~ Alan Shawn Feinstein~

Current Pantry Needs:

Canned Meats
Stew, Hash
1 lb Canned Hams
Hearty/Chunky Soups
Fruit
100% Juice
Jelly/Jam
Pancake Syrup
Ketchup/Mustard
Evaporated Milk
Peas/Mixed Veggies/Carrots/Greens
Tea, Regular and Decaf
Mayonnaise
Personal Care Items:
Shaving needs
Shampoo/ Conditioner
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Floss
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Feminine Hygiene Products
Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent
Misc. Cleaning Products
Dog and Cat food

Why do we request non-food items at a food pantry? Imagine that you were able to get enough food, but could not do your laundry or dishes. Or you had to decide to pay your rent or get your medications. Or had to use soap to wash your hair and shave. These are the choices which many of the pantry’s clients face every day. Many, of not all, of the pantry’s clients are eligible for SNAP (food stamps). Did you know that food stamps cannot be used to purchase anything taxable? Personal care items, cleaning products, paper products and pet food are ineligible and can be expensive. Our clients are always so appreciative if we have these kinds of items to offer. The monetary donations to the pantry is used to purchase only food items, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper and sometimes dish detergent if it can be purchased at low cost.