

Five Corner Cupboard News—Boy and Girl Scout Food Drive

The Scouts did it again!! They collected about 5,000 paper bags full of groceries from East Windsor and Broad Brook homes on November 14th. Between 9 am and 1:30 pm, 450 milk crates and 125 flip top plastic bins and numerous boxes were filled with personal care items, paper goods, non perishable foods and cleaning items. Also donated were fresh potatoes and onions and even a pound of precooked bacon and a smoked sausage!

Many people are needed to pull off an event like this. The entire pantry had to be cleaned as well as all the storage areas around the church building. All the plastic bins had to be brought up from the basement and washed, the tables set up and labeled, the bags distributed then collected and the donated items packed up. Then over the course of the next several days everything was checked for outdated items, then repacked and moved to the storage areas.

THANK YOU to the scouts, their leaders and parents, the EWHS Leo Club, EWHS Honor Society, members of our church's confirmation class, church members and other townspeople who helped with all of these tasks. The entire project was time consuming, extremely hectic, at times confusing but lots of fun and at the end we ran out of containers for everything! The Scouts provided multiple pizzas for lunch. Mei Tsu restaurant donated delicious sandwiches, fried rice and lo mein and Geissler's donated all of the paper bags.

The Five Corner Cupboard exists because of an idea someone had more than 35 years ago and the continuing efforts of all the volunteers who keep it up and running. The Cupboard is totally donor driven—the time commitment of the volunteers and the donated groceries and money come only from the generous hearts of the people in East Windsor and some surrounding towns. This generosity is humbling. The Cupboard has seen its client base double since the beginning of 2009 and the numbers aren't expected to decrease any time soon. Without the support of the townspeople the Cupboard could not help as many people as it does. The groceries and monetary donations are truly appreciated. The donations are expected to last until around March/April of 2010.

THANK YOU!