

## Our Organization & Volunteer Support

The Human Needs Food Pantry was established in 1982 by the First Baptist Church of Montclair and later incorporated as an independent non-profit organization. Our staff includes five paid employees as well as over 30 regular volunteers. We rely heavily on these dedicated volunteers who pack and distribute our food packages, pick up food from suppliers, sort donated clothes and housewares, unload delivery trucks, deliver food to the elderly and disabled, and participate in the client interview process. A 20 member Board of Directors provides the policy-making direction for the organization.

## Our Needs

✕ Financial support \* from individuals, organizations, foundations, businesses, schools and religious groups to accomplish our mission and work

✕ Donations of food, paper bags, clothing, bedding supplies, towels, diapers, infant formula and other special items for our distribution program

Volunteers are a necessary component of the Human Needs Food Pantry and are always welcome. If you can assist us in any way, contact Executive Director, Deanna London, (973) 746-4669.

\*No monies are received from federal, state, county or township governments. All support comes from individuals in the community. Since your entire contribution will be used for charitable purposes and you did not receive any goods or services in return, your gift is 100% 501C3 tax deductible.

“ Until poverty, lack of employment, inadequate education and unaffordable medical care can be correctly addressed in the United States, the efforts of institutions such as the Human Needs Food Pantry, and the citizens who support these groups, enrich people's spirits and literally save lives. ”

The Montclair Times, 2003



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## Our Mission

The Human Needs Food Pantry provides food, clothing and other services to people in need who live in Montclair and neighboring communities in Essex County.



## Our Clients

The Pantry provides over 2,000 bags of groceries each month and the number of clients is growing. Our diverse client base includes the elderly, the disabled, the unemployed and underemployed, single parents, the homeless and homebound as well as others with food insecurities. Eligibility to receive food is determined by federal income guidelines which base need on income. Our clients are residents of Montclair and surrounding communities in Essex County with no existing food pantries.



## Our Work

Located at 9 Label Street in Montclair, The Pantry distributes meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as non-perishables, to our clients between 12:30 and 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Food valued from \$25 to \$30 per bag is distributed. Families with three or more members receive 2 to 4 bags of food. We also provide infant formula, baby food and diapers for parents with infants. More than half of the food distributed is received through programs coordinated by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The remainder is obtained principally from food drives and the purchase of supplemental fresh food. We also provide clothing, housewares and medical screenings in conjunction with Mountainside Hospital.

