

BATESVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY
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Dear Friends,

The one question we hear these days more than any other is: "When are you moving into the new building?" The short answer is that we just don't know yet. Many things must happen before that can occur: The space needs plumbing work, electrical work, insulation, walls need to be moved or removed, the new and existing walls need to be painted, shelving needs to be installed, etc., etc. The permits are being applied for and workers have been identified. The roof work is already underway, thanks to the Batesville Area Resource Center having received a \$20,000 Sally Morris Impact Grant from the Ripley County Community Foundation! From what we understand, the work will move very quickly once the permits have been acquired, and the best guess of those in the know is that the move will take place some time in May.

In the meantime, the Food Pantry has distributed enough holiday meats and extra treats to ensure that our clients had plenty of good food to share with their families this Easter. And there have been plenty of clients to serve! Usage at the pantry has been extremely high lately with the exception of February. That was a pretty brutal month with bad weather causing the closure of the pantry during the third week. Over the past six months we've averaged 230 households per month. If February's number is removed from that equation the average becomes 244. Either way, it's considerably higher than we are used to seeing. Unfortunately, without the Feinstein Challenge to help motivate food drives, donations have been down....WAY down! In fact, a client who went through very recently said she'd never seen the pantry so bare! Now would be a great time for youth groups, businesses or other organizations to conduct a food drive.

How about it folks? Are you up to the challenge???

Sincerely,

Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry