

**BATESVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD
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Dear Friends,

We now find ourselves in the midst of another growing season and our clients are delighted to be receiving fresh local produce. Fresh nutritious food is so important to one's health and well-being – it simply cannot be overstated. For many of these people what they get from us is the only fresh produce they consume. We are grateful that the good people of our community have made this dietary choice possible.

We are also grateful to Indianapolis Food Bank Gleaners and our local Kroger store. Together they have arranged for our pantry to be a part of a "Direct Pick Up" program. Through this program we are able to pick up frozen meat directly from Kroger (rather than them donating it to Gleaners and our purchasing it from Gleaners). So instead of this product making a long round trip to and from the food bank, it comes directly to our pantry, free of charge, from the source. Our only problem is that our freezers capacity is limited and our building's electrical circuitry will not support any additional load – at all! This is a good problem in one sense, but a bad one in another. It's for sure that we need not only additional electrical capacity but additional space as well. Also, it would be lovely to have a roof that didn't leak! We are currently looking into possibilities, so hopefully there will be updates on that situation in the future!

In the meantime, we continue to see many new clients coming in every month. Fortunately some of our clients seem to be getting back on their feet, but the new ones are causing our numbers to remain steady, if not increase. Thanks to the generosity of the good folks of our community we are keeping our heads above water, financially, but it seems that we will be having some expenses coming up in order to remedy the aforementioned problems. Never a dull moment, that's for sure!

Sincerely,

Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry