

**BATESVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY**  
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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to report that our food pantry was recently inspected by a very knowledgeable member of the Gleaners Food Bank team. She praised the cleanliness and organization of the pantry and called it a “model food pantry” and we received many kind comments.....BUT.....we were also informed that food pantries are not allowed to receive donations of food items or money during open hours. Well, that wasn't good news, since so many good people in our community do come in to donate while we're open, and we've always encourage the practice.

Once we move into the new facilities (no, we do not have a date yet, sorry to say!) we should be able to accept donations around the back side of the building, since we plan to have a buzzer installed at that door. The idea is that the clients should not see donations being made(?!?!?) so if contributions come in through the back door, that should solve the problem. We certainly do not want to discourage donations, so we can also accept them prior to and after open hours. There is generally someone there on Wednesdays as early as 11:15 and as late as 5:00 (our open hours are Wednesdays, noon – 4:00). If anyone wants to schedule a donation on a different day, please go to our website ([www.batesvillefoodpantry.org](http://www.batesvillefoodpantry.org)) and send a brief message with your contact information. You will be responded to and arrangements can be made.

With autumn here and winter approaching, now is the time of year when donations are more crucial than ever. The usage at our pantry continues to climb and food prices are doing the same. Unfortunately, past experience has shown that during the “holiday months” of November and December we notice a sharp increase in traffic through the pantry. With everyone's help and cooperation we'll get through the next few months and the new donation procedure will become routine.

Sincerely,

*Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry*