

BATESVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY
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Dear Friends,

Now that we are in our wonderful new location at the Batesville Area Resource Center (BARC), 920 County Line Road, things have been decidedly less cramped. At last we have enough space to store our inventory, which makes stocking the shelves far less of a challenge than it used to be. In fact, the good features are too numerous to list, which is why we hope that everyone who can make it will visit us during the BARC Open House on Tuesday, October 18 during the hours of 4:00 – 6:00. You can tour not only the new Food Pantry, but the Southeast Indiana Health Center as well, which is another BARC tenant. We will have light refreshments and a silent auction as well, as a way to raise funds so that we may continue the work of renovating the BARC building. This will enable other non-profit organizations to move in and perform their good work, and those in need will have a lot of what they need at one handy location. So please drop in and take a look!

Speaking of raising funds, there is something you can do for the Food Pantry that will help us with our expenses, but which will not cost you a cent. The Kroger Community Rewards Program is easy to sign up for and doesn't reduce your fuel points. Last quarter we received around \$130, and that's with just 11 households signed up. Can you imagine if we had 10 times that many? Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up. Our Organization Number is 68840. It sure would help!

On a more somber note, I'm saddened to report that a member of our Food Pantry family has been taken from us. Donna Hamblin of Moores Hill passed away on September 22. She had been with us for several years, and liked to refer to herself as "The Bag Lady" since her favorite job with us was making sure all of our volunteers had access to nice, straight plastic bags for them to fill with the foods our clients go home with. She had a lot of trouble with mobility, but not with her sense of humor, and she loved to tell stories about her Pygmy goats and her dog, Fluffy. We miss her witty comments and her laughter, but we are glad that we had a chance to make her part of our world for a while.

Sincerely,

Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry