

## WHAT BEING A VOLUNTEER MEANS

...It means giving a few hours a month of your time

...You may sign on as an interviewer or a bagger or a stocker or unloader

...The interviewers learn to qualify individuals who apply according to a set of established guidelines

...The baggers pack the items, also in keeping with a schedule provided

...Volunteers attend an orientation session to make them feel comfortable with the procedure

...Baggers, in most cases, may help clients to their cars, since many are elderly or disabled

...Serve as a Volunteer Director on ICAC Board and Pantry

...Food receivers pick-up donated food from stores and food outlets

## IF YOU CANNOT VOLUNTEER

...You can donate food or make small monetary contributions, or

...Support the annual Walkathon - a major source of contributions to the Pantry's operations.

## For Further Information To Volunteer

Call **Therese Campbell**  
**(301) 653-7976**

**reesekin\_2@aol.com**

For all general information and/or to be put on Walkathon mailing list

Send an email to [oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com) or Call and leave message 301-899-8358

Clients must show a valid ID indicating they live in one of the following ZIP codes: 20607 Accokeek, 20613 Brandywine, 20623 Cheltenham, 20735 Clinton, 20743 Capitol Heights, 20744 Fort Washington, 20745 Oxon Hill, 20746 Suitland, 20747 Forestville/ District Heights, 20748, 20757 Temple Hills, 20772, 20773, 20774, 20775, 20792 Upper Marlboro

**Mailing Address**  
**Interfaith Community Action Council, Inc.**

**OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY**  
**P. O. Box 934 Temple Hills, MD**  
**20757**

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## 37 YEARS OF SERVICE **OXON HILL** **FOOD PANTRY**



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## **WHAT IS THE OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY?**

### **How and Why Did It Begin?**

In 1969 a group of area churches of all denominations banded together to try and solve some of the many problems they became aware of in the community.

At the time a most urgent one was drug use among the youth and young adults. This affiliated group was organized as the **Interfaith Community Action Council, Inc. (ICAC)**. It was organized as a Non-Profit with a Board consisting of a member from each of the constituent churches. Eventually their efforts led to an active counseling center to deal with the drug problem.

As time went on, other programs larger in scope and many sponsored by government entities came on the scene and ICAC looked for other areas of concern.

Studies showed that the two major social concerns were

hunger and homelessness. These are still concerns **52 years** later.

Thus, in 1984 the ICAC established the **Oxon Hill Food Pantry**.

The Pantry's mission is to provide an emergency supply of food to those in need.

The Pantry is a major asset to the community. With job layoffs and other conditions impacting the lives of area families, the need grows.

**As the Pantry celebrates its 37 years of service** to the community in 2020, the records indicate that each year it serves close to 1,650 families, which represents over 5,000 or more individuals.

### **How Can You Help?**

The Pantry is a purely volunteer operated organization. It has a dedicated staff of volunteers on duty 3 times a week: Tuesday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and

Thursday 6 - 8 p.m. Its funding is provided by the sponsoring churches, by generous business establishments, grants, civic organizations and individuals and one annual fund raiser, a Walkathon in the Spring.

We receive substantial food and monetary donations from schools, churches, individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

The dedicated volunteers give their time to the Pantry but there is always a need for more. There is a philosophy among them that "To Be a Volunteer Is To Serve God". Perhaps you or a friend or neighbor could find a few hours per month to provide this service.

**DURING PANDEMIC PERIOD YOU NEED TO CALL FOR APPOINTMENT. WE HAVE NO REGULAR OPEN HOURS FOR WALKUP.**

### **Walkathon**

We accept Paypal donations through our Website: [www.ohfp.org](http://www.ohfp.org).