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ACC STUDENT FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES DONATION FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ALPENA

ALPENA, MICH. — Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Alpena recently conducted a food drive in support of Alpena Community College's student food pantry. More than 40 bags of non-perishable food items were collected and donated to the college to help students facing hardships.

In January of 2018, ACC opened its food pantry in a direct response to a growing need to combat student hunger. Faculty and staff were seeing hungry students every day and many staff members kept extra food on hand in their offices to assist hungry students. Dean of Students Nancy Seguin said, "Food insecurity is a barrier to college success for many students' ability to concentrate, their mental and physical health, and their academic success."

Six years later this special initiative continues, making this vital service available to ACC's students. The pantry is located in the Besser Technical Center, next to room 120. The pantry isn't staffed, and students can enter anytime during normal school hours. Pantry items are also available to students at the Huron Shore Campus in Oscoda.

According to ACC Foundation Interim Executive Director Penny Boldrey, "We try to keep the experience anonymous and we trust that students take only what they need." The food pantry helps ensure that all students have access to adequate food, regardless of their economic situation.

ACC's food pantry runs solely on donations and carries non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, and hygiene products. Anyone interested in donating items can contact Boldrey at ACC's Foundation (989)358-7297 or email boldreyp@alpenacc.edu.



Photo: First Presbyterian Church of Alpena's Mission & Education Committee include from left to right: Tom Brindley, Committee Chair Karen Brindley, ACC Dean of Students Nancy Seguin, and the Rev. William Rayment. Committee members not included in the photo include Doris Feys, Val Furman, Diana Standen, and Debby Edgar.

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