

**Eastern Plains Community Pantry**  
**Board Meeting Summary**  
May 1, 2023

Fourteen board members and two guests were present. The April 3, 2023, minutes were approved.

Revenues were greater than expenses for April. Revenues were up because a large donation from Gathering Stones Community Church. Thanks go out to Gathering Stones along with WireNut, Pro Players Association, and several individuals that donated to the Pantry in April.

The Pantry provided food to 1,031 client contacts last month. Clothing and household items were provided to an estimated 550 people.

Thirty-eight volunteers donated 776.5 hours last month.

Clothing and small household item donations are being accepted Tuesdays through Thursdays. Donors with large donations are asked to call the Pantry before delivering. The volunteer staff is asking for these donation considerations to keep donations manageable because of the small sorting area and limited amount of sorting volunteers. At times, the facilities and volunteers are overwhelmed with donations.

The Board made changes to the Pantry's days of operation and summer operating hours. The Pantry will be open every Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Summer hours will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Mondays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturdays (April 1 – Sept 30). Winter hours will stay the same; 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Mondays, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturdays (Oct 1 – March 31).

The Pantry will have an entry in the Loyalty Day Parade on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

A pork sandwich dinner will be offered by the Pantry at the Calhan Summerfest on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the closing of the Good Samaritan Center in Simla. It was the consensus of the Board that the closing will be a loss to the surrounding community.

The Pantry needs blankets, bed linens, pots & pans, dishes, small appliances, girl's clothing (sizes 3 – 14), women's jeans, recipes for the website, and King Sooper customers to register their Community Rewards for EPCP.

The Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry will be on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, 6:00 pm, at Calhan United Methodist Church.