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Urbandale Food Service Team Is Nurturing Lives Beyond The Cafeteria

The Urbandale Food Service Team supports the Urbandale Food Pantry with substantial food drive

URBANDALE, Iowa – December 20, 2012 – Not only does the [Urbandale Community School District Food Service Team](#) prepare and serve meals for over 3,800 students on a daily basis, they also make time for organizing, promoting, and participating in food drives for the [Urbandale Food Pantry](#). On December 12, 2012, the 37 member team donated over seven times their size in non-perishable food items for the Urbandale Food Pantry.

“We are blessed to be part of such an amazing community! The Urbandale Community School District does so much for the Urbandale Food Pantry,” said Eileen Boggess, Executive Director, Urbandale Food Pantry. “During this holiday season, Jensen Elementary donated 10 Thanksgiving meals, Valerius Elementary had a huge food donation, Urbandale High School students donated food and personal care items, the student senate adopted a family for our holiday program, and now the Urbandale Food Service Team has donated much needed food items! I am sure I have forgotten someone because the Urbandale School district is so generous. We appreciate all that you do for our neighbors in need.”

This is the second year the Urbandale Food Service Team has conducted a food drive for the Urbandale Food Pantry. In order to top last year’s donations a fun incentive was created; all team members that donated food items were invited to wear blue jeans for the day.

“By collecting food items for the Urbandale Food Pantry, our team feels a great deal of pride as we know we are providing for some of the families we feed during school,” said Cathy Conklin, Director of Food Services, Urbandale Community School District. “To make it even more meaningful, we picked 12/12/12 as our donation day and added an extra bonus of wearing blue jeans all day. As you can tell from the photo, we had lots of participation.”



If you, your team, or your organization would like to find out more about how to help the Urbandale Food Pantry, visit www.urbandalefoodpantry.org or call (515) 251-6688.

Pictured with Eileen Boggess, Executive Director, Urbandale Food Pantry, are 27 of the 37 Urbandale Food Service Team members. Fourth row left to right: Rebeca Berber-Rodriguez, Becky Kestner, Laura Clark, Shirley Terry, Cynthia Young, Edina Mehic, Jim Epstein, and Joni Sokol. Third row left to right: Martha Hutzell, Fikreta Mahic, Esmira Dubinovic, Refija Hrnjicic, Jill Rivera, Dawn Ipson, Lynne Van Wyk, Karen Robertson, Vicki Dannen, Leora Sourwine. Second row left to right: Mary Jo Woolf, Jennifer Herman, Kristen Knight, Eileen Boggess, Carol Hayes, Merima Grahovic, Bunny Steinmetz. Front row left to right: Mary Treese, Cathy Conklin, and Donna Reeder. Not pictured: Vicki Langford, Vesna Djuric, Lesa Smith, Amy Dolic, Amy Gardner, Cheryl Claus, Wendy Mueller, Janelle Lutz, Fehim Beganoivic, and Todd Warming.

About Urbandale Food Pantry

The Urbandale Food Pantry is a collaborative community effort to reach out to our neighbors to provide food assistance with dignity and compassion. Since the Pantry opened in 2008, the average number of families served per month has steadily grown. To become a part of this vital service in our community, please call (515) 251-6688 or visit www.urbandalefoodpantry.org

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About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves approximately 3,800 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 42 different languages are spoken. Urbandale prepares students for becoming life-long learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. For more information, visit: www.urbandaleschools.com

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