



Friends of Swoop's

Fall 2018



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Dear Friends of Swoop's,

We had a very busy summer planning events and food drives for the new school year. We want to be sure to keep you in the loop of all the exciting things we have going on in the pantry!

Upcoming Events

September 4, 11a-3p

First Open House

Using a food pantry can be intimidating – there is still stigma that comes along with “asking for help.” This year, we are hosting our first open house so people can see what it's really like inside of the pantry and have the opportunity to get to know our team. Refreshments will be served and you may win a prize! Students, staff, faculty, donors, and community members are all welcome! We'd love to see you there – even if you have seen the pantry before!

November

Annual Thanksgiving baskets

Stay tuned for information about how to donate to our annual Thanksgiving baskets for EMU students. We will be sending out more information and a link for interested donors to sign up!

Passing the Torch

As many as you know, our founder and Graduate Assistant (GA), Haley Moraniec, has officially graduated. We are so appreciative of her for starting the pantry that has helped so many students. She will always be around in spirit, and physically when she misses us (we hope).

It is our pleasure to introduce, Joelle Summers! Joelle has been with the pantry since fall of 2015. She has been a fantastic team leader since 2016. A Flint, Michigan native, Joelle came to EMU ready to take on the world of psychology. Her goal was to learn all the tools she needed to help people with special attention to children and families.

After finding Swoop's, Joelle discovered a calling in Social Work and chose to minor in it. On her first day, she encountered a hesitant shopper who told her the pantry would only be a temporary thing for her and she assured her that the pantry would always be there for all students when they needed it. Haley feels so

comfortable leaving the pantry in Joelle's capable hands! Haley appreciates Joelle's thoughtfulness and her strong work ethic.



Joelle has always exemplified our quest to make life easier for EMU students. Now with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, she will return this fall for her master's in social work and to help the pantry thrive.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOELLE?

Joelle did an interview on our blog where she talked about her experience, interests and more. Head over to https://orgsync.com/162789/news_posts/252138

Swoop's Supporters

In addition to donations from students, professors, community members, and sponsors, Swoop's also receives food from Food Gatherers. This organization is dedicated to distributing safe and nutritious foods to the community to combat hunger. FG is where we get a lot of our produce like the fruit pictured below.



Below: In the summer of 2017 Swoop's started a Community Garden. The garden offers fresh herbs and vegetables. Anyone is welcome to take from the garden for free.



Thank you for your continued support! If you know other people who may be interested in receiving Swoop's newsletter, please feel free to share this with them or put them in touch with us!

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Or visit us in person:

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MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Often Swoop's team members are asked what people can donate. We can accept any foods that are sealed and unexpired. Here is the current list of what's popular & needed now.

- Peanut butter/Jelly
- Salad dressing
- Oatmeal
- Mac N' Cheese
- Canned Ravioli
- Clean reusable bags
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Dish/Laundry soap
- Any school supplies

Be on the lookout for our October newsletter!

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