

MONROE FOOD PANTRY TRIVIA QUIZ

1. How many families in Monroe currently use the pantry for food?
 - a. 27
 - b. 57
 - c. 82
 - d. 165

2. What is the largest group of people using the pantry services?
 - a. Disabled/Unemployed people
 - b. Senior citizens
 - c. Two parent families
 - d. Single parent families

3. How much food does the pantry give to a household?
 - a. A 3-day emergency supply
 - b. 6 bags full
 - c. It depends on how many people live in the household
 - d. Whatever shoppers ask for

4. What is the most important job of the pantry coordinator?
 - a. Making sure there's enough food for the families in need
 - b. Making sure the distribution process is handled with dignity
 - c. Making sure there are enough volunteers to keep the pantry running
 - d. Making the community aware of our needs

5. The Monroe Post Office does a food drive on Mother's Day weekend every year. They ask people to leave food in their mailbox to be picked up and delivered to the pantry. What percentage of food from this drive needs to be thrown away because it is more than a year past it's expiration date?
 - a. 1%
 - b. 5%
 - c. 15%
 - d. 30%

6. Does the Food Pantry throw out expired foods?
 - a. Yes, they can't accept the liability of someone getting sick
 - b. No, foods are still safe after their expiration dates
 - c. Sometimes – it depends on each item

7. What does the pantry do with donated money?
 - a. Buys supplies necessary to keep the pantry operating
 - b. Pays the utility bill for keeping the freezers/refrigerators running
 - c. Buys meats and other perishable items to be distributed to Monroe residents in need
 - d. All of the above

8. What can you do to help?
 - a. Remember, when asked to donate, that the people using our services are your neighbor and sometimes even friends. Give what you would want to receive, rather than just those things that have been in your pantry for several years that you no longer want.
 - b. Donate. Sign up for the “Friends of the Pantry” email to get a monthly notice about what foods are currently needed.
 - c. Volunteer. Sign up for the “Volunteers of the Pantry” to receive emails listing special volunteer opportunities.
 - d. All of the above

HERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE PANTRY:

- We distribute birthday bags to kids, up to age 18
- We invite groups (scouts, youth groups, women’s groups, etc) to come for a tour of the pantry. Soon, we will open 1 Saturday/month for families to take a tour
- We collect and distribute Halloween costumes
- We give a turkey or a \$10 gift card to every family in November and December
- We ask volunteers to make pies and other baked goods for our Thanksgiving distribution
- We have a bulletin board to post a notice for large donated items such as furniture
- We distribute cleaning supplies and toiletry items because state aid does not cover these items

Answer Key:

1. d – We currently have 165 families on our mailing list. However, they do not all come shopping every month. We generally serve about 110 families each month.
2. c – This surprises most people. They expect that seniors are our biggest group. They are actually the smallest group we serve.
3. c – We provide a week’s worth of groceries for each family, which varies depending on how many people are in the household.
4. This is a trick question. These are all important parts of the Coordinator’s job and which is the most important varies from day to day.
5. d – Are you shocked? Just because people are struggling and need help with getting food does not mean they are willing to eat ANYTHING. Please donate what you would want to receive if you were asking for help.
6. c – We keep expired foods and put them on a special “Last Chance” shelf. These items are “extras” for those who need a little more help.
7. c – Donated monies are never used for anything but food and toiletry items to be distributed to our families. All administrative costs are covered by the Town of Monroe.
8. d – of course. Visit the town website (www.monroect.org) to learn more about our Social Services Department and other ways you can help.