

Salvation Army in Ansonia seeks to streamline food pantry

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - Streamlining the way the Salvation Army Greater Valley provides healthy food to its clients is the focus of Majors Juan and Caroline Ramos.

The couple has led the Valley corps for about nine months.

Major Caroline Ramos said clients who visit the pantry at 26 Lester St. are now greeted with a more organized process to pick up their family's groceries, produce, and meats.

Ramos said the Corps is providing more healthy, fresh produce than in the past, with less of an emphasis on breads and pastries.

"We have seen an increase in new cases since we changed our distribution toward healthy foods," she said.

"We have a lot of seniors and parents with children that use our pantry and we know that health problems and food are related."

A back room at the pantry filled with shelves of non-perishable items that once was accessible to clients is now used for storage, Ramos said.

That change has made the distribution process go more smoothly, she said.

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All food for distribution is out in the public area. .

Pantry hours are from 10 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m.-noon on Fridays.

Volunteers are needed to perform heavy tasks such as stocking refrigerators and freezers with frozen meats, Ramos said.

For information or to volunteer call 203-736-0707.



The cardinal is patiently awaiting the return of Spring on the Ansonia Hilltop. As are the rest of us...
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