



December 2018

Some of you may be wondering where Maiya Lueptow has been since she hasn't been at the pantry on a regular basis for a while. Maiya is doing well. She and her husband have been traveling a lot this past year. During the summer, however, Maiya stepped down as Director of the Hillside Food Pantry. She's got a pretty full schedule these days and hasn't forgotten about us. She will stop by the pantry on occasion and continues to help with some special events as needed. In fact, on Sunday, December 9, Ten Thousand Villages on Main Street in Evanston will be holding a Community Shopping Event from 2-5 pm and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to Hillside Food Pantry. Maiya and Faith will be there so come by and say hello, maybe do some holiday shopping, and support the food pantry and fair trade at the same time!

The pantry has continued to function as it has been under the leadership of Pastor Pat and Faith Albano. At this time we will not be replacing Maiya. Instead, Faith Albano's title is changing to Pantry Operations Manager.

Susan Gottlieb, our wonderful volunteer coordinator, will continue to keep the volunteers coordinated. She does the most amazing job and we are grateful for what she does to keep the pantry staffed in all areas.

We also have a few others we would like to introduce to you that are helping behind the scenes:

Shara Frankenfeld, a church member who also helped in distribution in the past, has been writing our pantry newsletters. You may have noticed seeing them on a more regular basis this year. We plan on publishing one every other month.

Mary Fulton, a long time volunteer who used to help in stocking and has been over in check-in on Wednesday's, is our grant coordinator. It is our intention to search for more grants in the coming

year to sustain ongoing pantry operations. If you are aware of any grants that might help the pantry, please let Faith or Mary know and we will investigate.

Did you know that Cabot has a program called **Reward Volunteers**? It is a free, easy way for volunteers to track the time they spend volunteering in their community — and to earn rewards for their contributions. By honoring their farmers' commitments to their communities, Cabot Creamery Co-operative developed Reward Volunteers in order to be able thank individuals engaged in community service and the organizations they serve. One of our regular, long-time volunteers logged all her hours and they selected us to receive \$500 based on her volunteer hours! How about that! Check it out: <https://www.cabotcheese.coop/log-reward-volunteers-time>. They also have a Rewards Volunteers Facebook page. If you are aware of other places that do this, please let us know and we'll get the word out.

Can you believe the Hillside Food Pantry will be celebrating 10 years in May of 2019! We will be planning something special to mark the occasion. More information to come in the spring.

Thank you to everyone who has been faithfully volunteering at the pantry.

We are very grateful for each and every one of you.

May your holiday season be filled with joy and may your new year be blessed.

