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Donations Help Circle of Concern Food Pantry Buy New Van

Valley Park, April 3, 2018 . . . Circle of Concern Food Pantry can rest assured that donations to the organization from area grocery stores and large food drives will be picked-up and delivered to the food pantry thanks to a newly purchased delivery van. The vehicle replaces Circle's existing van that had accrued nearly 300,000 miles in pick-ups over the years. The new purchase was made possible through donations raised last November at the non-profit's 50th anniversary gala dinner.

"We consider the van a gift from our supporters," said Cyndi Miller. "Through their generosity, we were able to make this purchase and still leave the lion's share of donations to fund the food pantry and programs. We are eternally grateful for their support."

Circle collects approximately 250,000 pounds of donated food each year from community food drives and area grocery stores, including Subway, Shop & Save, Costco, Straubs, Aldi's, Dierbergs, Schnucks, Big Lots, Papa Murphy's, Target, and Fresh Thyme. In 2017, the food pantry handed out more than 31,000 bags of food to Circle clients who live within the organization's geographic footprint of Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school districts.

For more information about Circle of Concern Food Pantry, visit www.circleofconcern.org or call (636) 861.2623.

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About Circle Of Concern

Circle Of Concern is a non-profit food pantry and social services agency serving low-income families in West St. Louis County. The organization helps feed approximately 1,100 households annually and offers financial support, scholarships, job mentoring, children's programs and holiday events to allow its clients to use their limited resources to regain their financial footing.

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