

HOLYOKE

United Way, HCC partner to open food pantry

In partnership with Holyoke Community College, the United Way of Pioneer Valley recently opened a pantry providing shelf-stable food for Holyoke residents in the Picknelly Adult and Family Education Center 206 Maple St. The cupboard is open by appointment on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In a geographic area with significant need for food, this pantry opened just as extra pandemic SNAP benefits came to an end on March 2. "United Way is excited to partner with HCC to expand our food programs, particularly in the downtown Holyoke area," says Megan Moynihan, interim president and CEO for United Way.

"Today, more than ever, we need to help our community and provide these kinds of essential services to put food on peoples' tables. It is very important, so thank you so much for what UWPV is doing," added Holyoke Ward 6 City Councilor Juan C. Anderson-Burgos.



The United Way of Pioneer Valley and Holyoke Community College have partnered to open a food pantry in the Picknelly Adult and Family Education Center in Holyoke. Above, from left, are Stacey Graves, Stephen Fay, Holyoke Ward 6 Councilor Juan C. Anderson-Burgos, Jennifer Feldman, Walter Rice, and Jeff Hayden.

United Way of Pioneer Valley also operates a Chicopee Cupboard at 226 Exchange St., as well as a Springfield

Cupboard at 1441 Main St., each located in a food desert.

For more information,

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