

Volunteers of the Month - Give & Take Pantry

For the last three years or so, the little Give & Take Pantry in front of 202 Laurel St. has been silently but steadily “volunteering” to help the residents of the neighborhood. It has provided its service free of charge all day and night every day of the year. It’s been the tiniest of minimarts, but with the best prices, and the friendliest of service, and it’s hard to say how many have benefited from its presence.

Of course its most obvious service is to provide food to those in need, but it goes beyond that, in that it provides a very simple, convenient opportunity for those so inclined, to voluntarily give. In addition, it reminds everyone who sees it,

of the need, the opportunity and the means to give to others in need.

What it doesn’t do however is thank those who drop off anything. It keeps no record, no tally of those who have donated nor those who have received. So any gratitude must go unrecognized and unacknowledged; from life to life.

It was built long before anyone imagined this pandemic in which we live, but it’s safe to assume



that it’s value to the community has increased in the last few months. So if you’re going that way, and you think of it, or even if not; stop by. If you need something, help yourself; if you have anything extra, drop it off. If you’re experiencing both, even better. It’s waiting for you. The photos here were all taken in a 24-hour period.

