

Faculty, staff, students, school board members, as well as community members and contributors to the Career Magnet School's Food Pantry gathered recently to celebrate its first anniversary.

A proclamation from Chambersburg's Mayor Darren Brown was shared with guests. The proclamation read in part, "Whereas with school pride as the mighty Trojan warriors, the students of Chambersburg Career Magnet School bravely battle hunger around them and whereas in the spirit of Thanksgiving we celebrate your foresight and hard work on this one year anniversary of the Chambersburg Career Magnet School Food Pantry, I, Darren Brown, Mayor of the Borough of Chambersburg do hereby proclaim November 22, 2016 as Chambersburg Career Magnet School Food Pantry Day".

"Students can't 'do school' very well when they are hungry. Students in the Excel Club, which is a leadership group, started the Food Pantry initially as a way to help prepare military donation packages. Students quickly became overwhelmed by the generosity from community members, students, and faculty and staff," said Mrs. Deborah Crawford, CMS teacher and advisor to the Food Pantry project.

"My family really appreciates the assistance. It is a relief to know that food is available. It makes my world a better place and I appreciate how caring everyone is," said Arianna Finn, a senior at CMS, who was one of two speakers at the celebration who had benefitted from the Food Pantry.

Marg Gillispie expressed that it was difficult to make 'ends meet' after her son and grandchildren had to move in with her and a husband due to a fire that destroyed their home.

"We receive food once a month because my grandson attended CMS. It really has made a difference," Mrs. Gillispie said.



Fifty two families received food boxes from donations made to the CMS Food Pantry



Heidi Leibitz reads a proclamation from Chambersburg mayor, Darren Brown.



No One Should Be Hungry is the saying on this cake prepared for the first anniversary.