

Press Release for Camden Life Center Outdoor Food Pantry

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Camden Life Center Outdoor Food Pantry Installed

The Camden Life Center at 20 Main Street has installed a small outdoor cupboard that houses a brand-new outdoor food pantry. Similar in style to the “Little Free Library” book lending cabinets available in towns across the country, the pantry will provide 24/7 access to non-perishable food items, hygiene products and other essentials to any members of the community who may need them. Access to these items on a continuous basis will offer a tremendous benefit to individuals and families who may have difficulty receiving services during regular business hours, or may need additional assistance beyond existing programs they participate in. Receiving items will be on the honor system.

The cabinet was built by the “Construction Crew” campers from the Camden School District’s “Camp-Sum-More-Fun” Summer Enrichment program under the direction of Teacher Jeremy Calkins.

The campers worked together over two weeks in July to tackle the project, and tackle hunger in their own community. They were involved in every aspect from beginning to end. The students designed the structure, cut lumber, assembled the exterior, added shelves, created doors with plexiglass windows, and installed a roof.

The pantry is open and ready for business! To make the outdoor pantry a truly community effort, ongoing donations are needed. Some of the most popular items are peanut butter, canned soup, pasta, cereal, grain products, toilet paper, any kind of hygiene products, any kind of child-friendly snacks and pet food. Please keep in mind that perishable items cannot be accepted for this purpose.

So next time you are strolling the River Walk, stop by the Outdoor Food Pantry behind 20 Main Street – whether to give or to receive – or to admire a Camden Community effort.