

FOCUS ON FOOD

Pierce's is a positive summer vibe on Northside

Given that Pierces has been open a few months now, shoppers were asked following questions:

1. Is there enough selection at Pierce's?

2. Are you completely satisfied with Pierce's?

And these are their reactions.

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"We were out of a store for a long time. We were going to Copp's or Woodman's, way out of our district because I stay over this way." ~ Betty Jones



"Pierce's? So far so good, but we need those Parker House (sausages)." ~ Dalerond Jefferson



"I won't ever, ever shop at Copp's again. I love it. It's a great store; it's a neighborhood store where people talk to each other. It has a really great atmosphere. I like the folks that work here." ~ Michael Christopher



"(Pierce's has a) much nicer atmosphere than other grocery stores. Because it's my profession, I really liked the flooring (in Pierces)." ~ Kelly Hickman



"The store is well organized. I think it's very attractive and even though the departments are small, they've got everything you need, they just don't have the quantity...they have pork chops they just don't have three feet of pork chops. They've got everything I need. It doesn't take a long time to get through the store. I think it's very conveniently laid out and our neighborhood needed it." ~ Gladys Novak



"It's one of a kind; I love it. What other grocery store has a plasma TV and a fireplace? It's a blessing; we love our new store." ~ Ruby Jones



River Food Pantry is growing: Over 600 families served

By Andy & Jenny Czerkas

The River Food Pantry opened in March. In the two months of operation the pantry has grown tremendously. The 30 families we served the first evening have swelled to over 100 per

Friday evening. The pantry has had the privilege of serving over 600 families and 1200 meals since opening.

Many of the pantry clients are also becoming volunteers, helping and serving others as true neighbors. Donors are continuing to support us

with food and clothing donations. We are generally blessed with 20 – 30 volunteers on a typical Friday.

We are located in an 8,000 square foot warehouse at the end of Northport Drive, at 2201 Darwin Road. The River Food Pantry will be open every Friday evening to all Dane County residents who declare a need for our services. While people are waiting to shop, they can enjoy a nutritious meal in a friendly atmosphere. Registration starts at 5:00 P.M. and dinner is served starting at 6:00 P.M.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have offered help and financial support and invite you to stop by to lend a hand.

We are open on Thursday evenings 5 – 8 PM for cleaning, sorting, stocking and preparing for Friday.

We strongly encourage anyone in the community to participate in this effort. Individuals or groups interested in donating food, clothing, financial support or volunteer time should call us at (608) 442-8815 or e-mail us at riverfoodpantry@yahoo.com.

100% of all donations are used for operational expense. The pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers. All donations are tax deductible.

Send checks to The River Food Pantry and mail to: 2201 Darwin Road, Madison, WI 53704.

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