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Hospitals Help the Hungry



From Left: Marilyn Fabbicante, Chair of the NSHC Communications Committee and Director, Public and External Affairs, for St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, NY; Marilyn Weller, Volunteer at Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry; Josephine Raleigh, Volunteer at Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry

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(Hauppauge, NY . . . April 20, 2009) Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry volunteers accept a food donation from Marilyn Fabbicante, Chair of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's (NSHC) Communications Committee and Director, Public and External Affairs, for St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, NY. Members of the NSHC's Communications Committee collected the food during their winter food drive. The NSHC represents Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals, and its Communications Committee is comprised of the key public relations professionals at each of those hospitals. The pantry, located in St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, collects donations from seven area churches, schools, businesses, and town employees. Volunteers from each of the seven churches staff the pantry on a rotating basis throughout the year. The other churches are Byzantine Church of the Resurrection, First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown, Smithtown United Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, St. James Episcopal Church, and St. James Lutheran Church. Founded 24 years ago, the pantry provides about 12,000-14,000 meals to Smithtown residents each year. "It has always been the hospitals' goal to maintain healthy communities and providing proper nutrition to residents is the first step, especially during these tough economic times. The annual winter food drive's purpose is to do just that," said Fabbicante.

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