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Headline: Relief Fund receives new support

Putnam County citizens are stepping up to help their friends and neighbors who have been adversely affected by the economy. Here are a few of the new resources that have been created by members of our community. The Putnam County Relief Fund was established in 2008 at the Community Foundation for persons wishing to help Putnam County residents who need temporary assistance due to economic conditions. Anyone can make contributions to the Fund and new contributions will be matched dollar for dollar by the Brookshire Family Fund. Contributions to the fund are needed and encouraged. Contributions may be made payable to the Putnam County Community Foundation for the purpose of the Putnam County Relief Fund and mailed to 2 South Jackson Street, Greencastle, Indiana 46135. Grants from the fund will support charitable organizations providing food, shelter, health care, utility assistance, and job re-training to Putnam County residents.

A new food pantry in Bainbridge, the Two Fish Food Pantry, opens on April 4, and is located at Bainbridge Christian Church at 402 South Washington Street. The pantry serves residents of Clinton, Monroe, Floyd, Russell, Franklin, and Jackson townships in northern Putnam County. Persons seeking assistance must provide proof of residency, such as an ID card or a utility statement. The pantry is open on the first and third Saturday of the month, the second Thursday of the month, and the third Tuesday of the month. For other food pantries in the area, call 765.653.8606.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Greencastle is opening a “Non-Food” pantry. Recognizing that food stamps do not cover the purchase of items such as soap, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies, Mary Mountz, a member of St. Andrews Church, submitted the idea to church leaders. A grant from the Old National Fund, administered by the Putnam County Community Foundation helped the Church get started. “Each person receives a reusable grocery bag with several items in it and then they get to choose a few more items from a selection of tooth brushes, tooth paste, personal hygiene items and more,” says Mountz. Persons seeking assistance must provide a food stamp card and picture I.D. Cash donations are most appreciated, though items may also be donated. The Non-Food Pantry is open the last Sunday of each month from noon to 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Church.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985 to administer endowments, award grants and provide leadership, enriching the quality of life and strengthening community in Putnam County. The Community Foundation administers more than 184 funds for donors, supporting a variety of charitable purposes. For additional information or to find out how you can help, contact www.pcfoundation.org or 765.653.4978.