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## Northern New York Community Foundation Supports Local Pantries

WATERTOWN, NY (March 22, 2019) – Watertown Urban Mission received a generous grant from the Northern New York Community Foundation in support of the Food Pantry. The gift is part of a \$40,000 initiative to support food pantries and soup kitchens throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties.

“This comes at the perfect time, as so many local residents are struggling to get caught up financially after a long heating season,” said Dawn Cole, executive director for Watertown Urban Mission. “We truly appreciate the longstanding support of the Northern New York Community Foundation and the generous donors who make this gift possible.”



Funds were used to purchase an array of juices, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, protein, and other staples from the Food Bank of Central New York, a nonprofit organization supplying food products to local pantries and soup kitchens at dramatically discounted prices.

Watertown Urban Mission’s Food Pantry is the largest in Jefferson County, serving an average of 440 families a month.