



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees  
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning  
Date: 11/21/24  
Re: Community Partners

Trim Hunger is currently working with Wienke's Market and we received 15 bins of assorted squash from the farm for those in need on October 31. A big thank you to Wienke's Market for driving the produce here all the way from Algoma.

The Modern Woodmen of Appleton made a winter clothing donation on November 12<sup>th</sup>. I met one of their staff members at a business card exchange and they wanted to assist in our efforts in helping the community. They brought over brand new waterproof mittens, snow pants, and long underwear. Then they returned on November 18<sup>th</sup> with food for the Little Free Pantry. We are so excited to have them as a new partner. They are hoping to sponsor an event for us in 2025.

The KHS Civic Engagement class conducted their annual food drive for us. We filled three vehicles and students helped transport items from trucks into the library as well. This year students were kind enough to sort the donations by expiration date into boxes to increase efficiency. The pantry will remain well stocked for several months now. A huge thanks to all who donated, the Civic Engagement class, Mr. Roehrig, Mayor Penterman, and DPW for helping carry food and providing equipment. The students responsible for the project will be honored at a December council meeting.

We have several groups helping with lights this year! Kaukauna Utilities spent time helping us bring up all the decorations from the basement to get ready to decorate. On November 20<sup>th</sup> members of 4Imprint came and helped us put up lights. It was the furthest we have gotten in decorating in one day to date! Then, on November 21<sup>st</sup> the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin Fox Cities Day Camp joined us to put up some lights and help to wrap the boxes we use to weight down decorations in our windy garden. We had a great time with them all and greatly appreciate their service.

This month, the JJ Keller Foundation will also be donating 100 boxes of shelf-stable meals for the holiday. Our thanks to the JJ Keller Foundation for helping so many Kaukauna families.