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PASSAIC COUNTY CLERK, DANIELLE IRELAND-IMHOF, **ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL H.O.P.E. DONATION DRIVE**

Paterson, NJ – Passaic County Clerk, Danielle Ireland-Imhof, is pleased to announce the second annual *Passaic County Clerk's Office H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Eat) Donation Drive* supporting the United Passaic Organization (UPO) Food Pantry, located in Passaic, NJ. UPO was incorporated in 1997 by an interfaith group of clergy and laypeople, who wanted to improve the quality of life in Passaic by addressing issues of common concerns. UPO was declared a Community Action Agency as a soldier in the War on Poverty and over the years, the organization has developed a strong track record of effective service on behalf of the community's residents. Through active advocacy, UPO is committed to eradicating poverty in the City of Passaic and the surrounding area. UPO partnered with Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in the City of Passaic to provide a full-service food pantry, equipped with a community refrigerator and free Saturday meals from a food truck. Twice weekly, the food pantry is open to eligible clients.

The following list of non-perishable food items best serves the Food Pantry:

Dry beans	Rice	Tomato sauce
Gravy	Canned vegetables	Canned fruit
Canned salmon	Canned tuna	Stuffing
Pasta	Cup of noodles	Granola bars
Cereal	Pancake mix	Instant oatmeal
Syrup	Baby food	Baby formula
Individual juice packs	Bottles of water	

In addition to the specific list of non-perishable food items, gift cards to *ShopRite, Stop & Shop, BJ's, and Costco* in any amount, can be donated as well.

Donations can be dropped off at the Passaic County Clerk's Offices in Paterson, 401 Grand Street, Room 130 and Wanaque, 1237 Ringwood Avenue, during regular business hours from Monday, November 7 through Friday, December 9, 2022.

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