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L-R Food Pantry Volunteers Sharon Sullivan, Stella Nelson, Todd McClain, Margie Bush and Exalted Ruler Michael Jankowski.

## Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 Donates to Portland Food Pantry

By John Neetz

PORTLAND - Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 in partnership with the Elks National Foundation recently provided a donation of \$2000 to the Portland Food Pantry (PUMP) to assist with food and supplies needed to assist families through these struggling times.

In a December 21 ceremony, the Elks Lodge presented a check for \$2000 to members and volunteers of the Food Pantry. The Portland / Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (PUMP) was founded by Sherma LaBarre Godshalk in 1994 as an outgrowth of her dedication to provide food to needy families. It continued under her direction for twenty-one years until she passed away in 2015. It was then under the direction of Sherman LaBarre (Sherma's father), in her honor, until his passing in December of 2020. It continues with its many, hard working volunteers.

The Bangor Elks Lodge continues its commitment of support to the local community with events such as the maintaining and operating the Borough Park Train and the Annual Halloween Parade. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, these events were missed the past year, but will continue as soon as conditions permit.

## Unity Bank Donates \$34,200 to Food Pantries

By Fred Feiner

BETHLEHEM – Unity Bank and its employees have donated a record total of \$34,200 to 19 food pantries in New Jersey and Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania. The funds were contributed by Unity Bank employees and matched by the bank as part of a special annual holiday community service project that was started more than 10 years ago.

"I am extremely proud of the generosity our employees continue to show in this important community service project, which seems to break donation records every year," said Unity Bank President & CEO James A. Hughes. "More than ever before, food pantries are vitally important to many families struggling to make ends meet. As a community bank, it is a privilege to be able to support those in need through these great organizations.

"Donations of \$1,800 will be presented to a local food bank by each of Unity's 19 community branches, including: New Bethany Ministries of Bethlehem from the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Branch; and Easton Area Community Center from Forks Township, Pennsylvania Branch; FISH Hospitality Program in Piscataway, serving Middlesex, Union, and Somerset Counties, from Middlesex Branch; Flemington Area Food Pantry from Flemington Branch; St. Vincent De Paul Society from North Plainfield Branch; Franklin Township Food Bank from Somerset Branch; Highland Park Community Food Pantry from Highland Park Branch; Home First Interfaith Housing & Family Services of Plainfield from Scotch Plains Branch; Linden Interfaith Network for Community Service from Linden Branch; River of Life Food Pantry of Phillipsburg from Phillipsburg Branch; Open Cupboard Food Pantry of Clinton from Clinton Branch; Readington Area Starfish from Whitehouse Branch; St. Paul Food Pantry of Ramsey from



Unity Bank and its employees have donated \$34,200 to 19 food pantries, including New Bethany Ministries of Bethlehem. Pictured (from left): Marc Rittler, New Bethany Ministries, Executive Director, and Susan Worobec, Unity Bank Area Manager.

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