

Clare Carroll is nominated because of her unrelenting service to the community. Clare put in almost 200 hours of community service throughout 2017. She coordinated the church group pick up of Panera bread each week. She introduced The Food Pantries to groups like Angels, who now regularly donate food and hygiene items to our food pantries. She assisted as a weekly office volunteer, doing a variety of administrative work and other tasks as needed. Clare is a member of our Community Ambassador team. She tables at events such as Mohawk Hudson Road Runners Club events races and the Rensselaer Department of Social Services- as part of our "Filling the Gap" service. She reaches out to people at DSS who may not be aware of their local food pantry and/or other available resources. As a part of our pilot Food Connect Program, Clare provides resources and information to the Mechanicville area, which provides fresh produce and resource information to families with children availing of the summer lunch program. Clare assisted with the Community Auction, procuring baskets/gifts for this event. She is a member of the Harvest Evening Committee, where she assists with silent auction planning and execution. Clare worked the registration table at Have a Heart for Hunger. She assisted Mount Ida, one of our member pantries, as they moved their pantry. She assisted Salvation Army Albany's food pantry renovation. Clare was a volunteer at The Food Pantries Annual Auction. She helped with CANstruction and DeCANstruction events.