

# SGA Student Food Pantry Moves to New Location in Kilcawley Center

**Youngstown, OH (11/09/2017)**—The YSU Student Government Association Student Food Pantry has moved to the space previously occupied as the National Guard office adjacent to Wendy’s on the first floor of Kilcawley Center. This location is larger and more evident than the previous location, which will allow the Food Pantry to serve a larger number of students.

The Student Food Pantry was launched by SGA in the Spring Semester of 2016 to bring aid to in-need students on YSU’s campus. Since then, the variety of food items offered has expanded, and the number of students served has increased.

SGA brought this initiative to YSU’s campus to create a welcoming and supportive environment for students. Food insecurity and hunger are striking realities everywhere—research suggests that approximately one in four all college students in the U.S. suffer from food insecurity. SGA aims to help students that are in-need by providing them with nutritionally balanced food packages and other items, such as toiletries. SGA also recognizes the importance of allowing students to maintain anonymity when using the Food Pantry, and our goal is to meet students’ needs in a comfortable and private space.

Donations build the basis of the Food Pantry’s ability to serve students. SGA is accepting food and monetary donations at any time. Donations can be dropped off at the SGA Office any day of the week and checks can be made out to the YSU Foundation with memo to the “YSU Food Pantry.” SGA is proud partners with many YSU entities, including but not limited to the ACE Union, OEA Union, YSU Greek Life, Campus Recreation, Dental Hygiene Students, International Studies Office, Students in Dietetics, Honors College, and the YSU Fraternal Order of Police.

The Student Food Pantry is open on Mondays from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Tuesdays from 2:00-5:00 PM, and Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 PM. Any questions can be directed to the SGA President, Rayann Atway, at [ratway@student.ysu.edu](mailto:ratway@student.ysu.edu) or 330-941-3593.

