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### **Shopko Foundation & Valley View Elementary School Contribute to The Pantry Partnership**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – December 22, 2009** – The Pantry Partnership, a collaboration between the Ashwaubenon School District and The Stocked Shelf Food Pantry, received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Shopko Foundation, along with food and clothing items collected by Valley View Elementary school.

The grant from Shopko, which will be used to purchase perishable food, supports The Pantry Partnership's cause to help local families in need. It is the result of the partnership expanding its reach to community businesses.

The school district is doing its part by organizing nine food drives this school year. In December, Valley View Elementary's Student Council held a food and clothing drive. They collected 850 food items along with 161 hats, scarves, mittens and socks. To date, Ashwaubenon students have donated over 5,000 food items, 320 personal hygiene items and \$460.00.

The Stocked Shelf Food Pantry operates out of St. John's Church in Ashwaubenon, where food is distributed by appointment. They accept non-perishable food, personal hygiene products and monetary donations to purchase perishable food.

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*Attached picture (StockShelfPantry-VV-02.jpg) shows the presentation of the Shopko Foundation grant, surrounded by the Valley View Student Council. Pictured left to right are: Dick Lindstrom, The Stocked Shelf Food Pantry; Lyle Nass, The Stocked Shelf Food Pantry; Mike Bettiga, Shopko; Sharon Brecklin, Valley View Elementary School; David Schmidt, Ashwaubenon School District.*

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