



**NEW COMMUNITY BASED EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OPEN;
PARTNERSHIP EFFORT BETWEEN THE ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT &
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**

TIME/DATE: **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
Thursday, January 20, 2005, 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: **Jefferson Elementary School**
750 Saint John Street, Allentown

BRIEFLY: A ribbon-cutting event will celebrate the opening of a community based emergency food pantry. The pantry is a joint project between the Allentown School District and Second Harvest Food Bank. Wood Dining Services/Sodexo was the major donor in funding this initiative. The event is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School. The food pantry will be open to serve families on the first and third Wednesday of each month between the hours of 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. It will be the second food pantry to be established at a school in the Allentown School District (the first is located at Central Elementary).

The pantry construction was an Eagle Scout Project for Student Jonathan Kost. Jonathan will be recognized for his service project during the ceremony. Jefferson Elementary School was erected in 1910 and currently has a student population of around 590 children. America's Second Harvest is a national food bank network with a chapter located in the Lehigh Valley. The Lehigh Valley chapter serves six counties and annually distributes over 4.5 million pounds of food.

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