



**2017-18 NBA Ministry and Mission Grantees**  
**Impact Report:**  
**Disciples Personal Care Pantry**  
**Burkburnett, Texas**

The **Disciples Personal Care Pantry** provides cleaning products, toiletries & personal items and household supplies that cannot be purchased with government-issued EBT cards to members of the Burkburnett community who demonstrate financial need.

**Mission Area:** Older Adults, **Catalyst Grant:** US \$2,500

**Goals, Outcomes, and Learnings:**

- In March 2018 the pantry territory expanded to include all of Burkburnett Independent School District and not just the city of Burkburnett.
- Our clientele increased 8 % (January-July 2018) over the same time period in 2017
- We had 275 clients registered in 2017, but that number increased to 322 active clients by 2018.
- We finalized a procedure to allow home bound clients to receive assistance.
- Margaret Arlington and Rev. Christina Haworth gave a presentation on the Disciples Personal Care Pantry on March 13th to the National Benevolent Association at their Dallas Conference with gratifying, positive feedback from the attendees.

- Our Pantry Endowment Fund initiative was featured in the March 2018 issue of Christian Church Foundation newsletter.
- We are striving to maintain a balance in pantry endowment fund giving (long term) and active pantry fund giving (short term)
- We are working to extend our advertising beyond word-of-mouth in order to make more clients in need aware of our existence.
- We want to expand our territory to match that of Grace Ministries, our local food bank. This would include a small portion of Oklahoma just across the river from Burkburnett.
- Our advice to other like-minded ministries and projects would be to pay for grant writing training, get an active database in place as soon as possible to help build your program, and continuously strive to increase your financial and volunteer bases.



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