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Little Free Pantry opens in Chiefland



Christina Buscher and Chad Austin stand near the Little Free Pantry they donated.

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CHIEFLAND – A new resource for people to give and to receive has seen success on the grounds of the Tri-County Community Resource Center (TCCRC) in downtown Chiefland.

The TCCRC is located on the east side of U.S. Highway 19, just north of the traffic light at Park Avenue.

Little Free Pantries have popped up all over the country, inspiring neighbors to help neighbors address food insecurity in their community.

Smaller than a traditional food pantry, the little free pantry can't stock the same amount or variety of food as a food bank.

The one in the grassy area (on the northeast part of the property) next to the TCCRC was donated by Gainesville residents Christina Buscher and Chad

Austin.

Norinda Yancey, Director of Community Impact with United Way, was the person that facilitated placement of the donated pantry at this location in Chiefland.

The Little Free Pantry is open 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week with no qualifications to receive food. Passersby will not know whether someone accessing the pantry is donating or receiving (or both).

The pantry is stocked by community members with a desire to give back.

Wondering what to donate?

Unopened, unexpired non-perishable food (canned vegetables and proteins, crackers, granola bars), personal care items, paper goods, children's items (school supplies, etc). Ideally, items should be new and sealed in their original packaging.

Everyone is asked to leave what they can – Take what they need.

Notice a problem, call 352-507-4000.

