



## **GIFT OF HOPE INC., CHARITY OF NEC, ACQUIRES LOCAL FOOD PANTRY AND COMMEMORATES WITH RIBBON CUTTING**

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On Friday, April 10, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to commemorate the event. Owner and CEO of National Enzyme Company and Gift of Hope, Inc. Anthony Collier and his wife Robin Collier, newly appointed Director of My Neighbor's Pantry, were both onsite to address attendees of the event and participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

My Neighbor's Pantry is designed to assist Taney County residents who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances with basic food needs. The Gift of Hope team hopes to grow and expand the program so that no family in the Taney County community ever goes hungry. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Robin Collier at 417-546-8098.

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# **GIFT OF HOPE, INC., CHARITY OF NATIONAL ENZYME COMPANY, ACQUIRES LOCAL FOOD PANTRY TO PREVENT SHUTDOWN**

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In recent months Gift of Hope, Inc.'s Board of Directors had been considering expanding its programs to include a food pantry. When they became aware of the dilemma concerning My Neighbor's Pantry, the Board recognized an immediate means of expansion through a mutually beneficial acquisition. Gift of Hope, Inc. founder, Anthony Collier, states, "We saw an opportunity for Gift of Hope to expand its outreach to families in need and are excited about this acquisition and the ways in which we can continue to grow this program in the future."

Backed by the employees of National Enzyme Company, Gift of Hope, Inc. has been serving the needs of children and families in Taney County for over 20 years. Currently Gift of Hope, Inc. sponsors programs to provide children with school supplies, food and clothing. In addition, Gift of Hope, Inc. provides assistance to qualified families in need with rent, utilities, food, and Christmas gifts, particularly during the winter months when the need can be the greatest in Taney County.

For more information about Gift of Hope, Inc. visit [www.giftofhopeinc.org](http://www.giftofhopeinc.org).  
To learn more about National Enzyme Company, visit [www.nationalenzyme.com](http://www.nationalenzyme.com).