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# Health Information: The Friendly Center kicks off Client Choice Food Pantry

The Friendly Center located at 1324 N. Superior Street, Toledo, OH 43604 will be hosting a Client Choice Food Pantry kick-off event on Tuesday, November 19th from 12:00 pm -2:00 pm that will highlight their commitment in offering opportunities for healthier food choices for community residents that are in need.

In partnership with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's Creating Healthy Communities Program, grant dollars have helped to convert The Friendly Center’s food pantry into a *Client Choice Food Pantry*.

A *Client Choice Food Pantry* provides clients a grocery store like atmosphere, with products arranged on shelves. Clients are provided with a food card as they shop, guiding them to nutritionally balanced selections. This upholds the dignity of the client, while at the same time, meeting their specific health needs.

For more information on the Client Choice kick-off event contact Amelia Gibbon, Executive Director of the Friendly Center at agibbon@friendly-center.org.

For more information on the Client Choice Food Pantry initiative, contact Tony Maziarz, Toledo Lucas County Health Department, Creating Healthy Communities coordinator, maziarza@co.lucas.oh.us

**WHAT:** Client Choice Food Pantry kick-off
**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** The Friendly Center
 1324 N. Superior Street, Toledo, OH 43604

**AVAILABLE:** Tony Maziarz, Creating Healthy Communities Coordinator - maziarza@co.lucas.oh.us

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