



OCTOBER 2022

HAVEN HELPERS



Happy Halloween!

It was quite a frenetic summer with lots of movement and changes. The Haven served more people this summer than in previous years, as grocery and gas prices were at an all-time high; and with heating prices where they are at, we expect to continue at this rate through the fall and winter. Staffing wise, the Haven saw some wonderful people off, including Lori, who helmed the food shelf for 11 years. We are excited to welcome Sara as a food shelf associate, Nathan as the food distribution driver and Morgan as a food shelf and front end associate. The food shelf has been uncharacteristically low on certain foods due to distribution complexities and for a few months our café was unable to cook food (but we're back!). Despite all the changes, our volunteers have continued to serve our community graciously and patiently, and for that we in Volunteer Services are greatly appreciative. Now fully settled into autumn, we are prepping for Turkey Day and the winter months.



Lori on her last day in the food shelf.

New Faces at the Haven



Sara Glennon
Food Shelf Associate



Nathan Rosenbeck
Food Distribution Driver

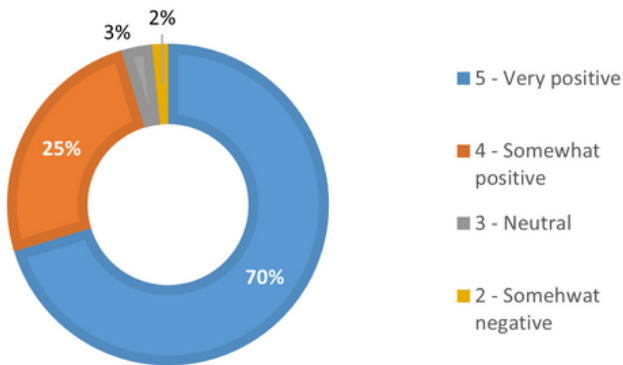


Morgan Bertholdt
Food Shelf & Front End
Associate

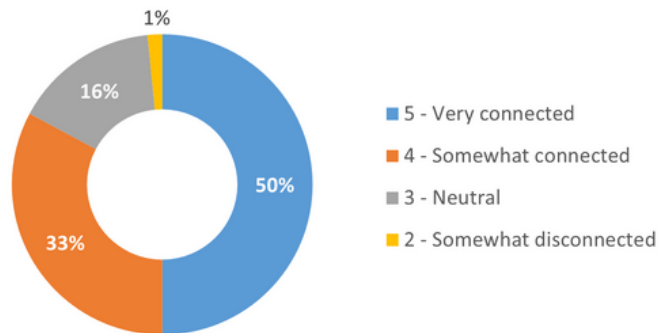
Volunteer Survey Says:

Thank you to all the volunteers who filled out the survey!
Here are some results from 64 respondents:

OVERALL EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERING AT THE HAVEN:



HOW CONNECTED DO YOU FEEL TO THE WORK OF THE HAVEN?



If you missed filling out the volunteer survey and/or still have some thoughts to share, we have implemented a suggestion box, both online and in Byrne. The physical box and forms can be found in the volunteer break area, and the online form can be found on our newly created volunteer info page at upppervalleyhaven.org/volunteer-info. We want to hear from you!



The Haven is currently looking for a food shelf manager and some other positions, too. If you know anyone who you think would be a good fit here, check out the opening(s) at <https://upppervalleyhaven.org/about/jobs/>



Unfortunately, the Haven won't be able to move forward with the low-barrier shelter and resource center. [Read more about it on our website.](#) However, we do have cooking back in the café! The zoning commission unanimously voted to re-allow cooking as part of our food distribution. Plus, we have acquired a replacement stove and oven combination, as well as a new fridge for the kitchen because the last ones decided to stop working. And just in time for soup season! Upon hearing the good news, Café Food Programs Coordinator Hope said unemphatically, "It's great."