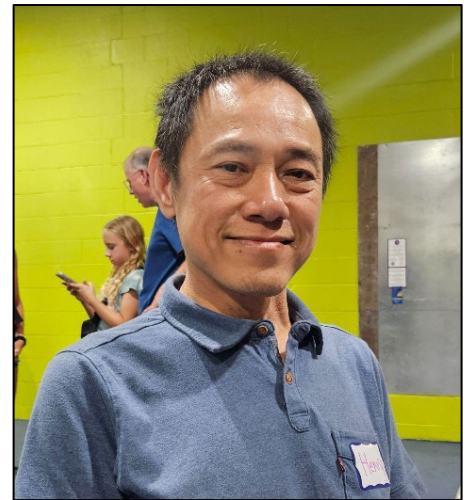




A Pantry Story

Meeet Henry. Henry's story is a heartfelt example of how community and kindness can make a world of difference during tough times. After suffering a stroke on July 20, 2022, Henry's life took an unexpected turn. He lost his job as a manager at an Asian restaurant on Hilliard Rome Road, and without disability assistance, he had to rely on savings to get by. When those funds ran low, a friend introduced him to the pantry seven months ago.



From the moment Henry walked through the pantry doors, he felt the warmth and care of the people there. "When I first came to the pantry, I could feel that everyone was very friendly. It touched my heart to see that we do have quite a lot of caring people in this world, especially in Hilliard," said Henry.

As he reflected on his journey, Henry realized that his stroke had given him a new perspective on life. "I used to take life for granted," he admitted. Wanting to give back to the community that had supported him, Henry decided to start volunteering at the pantry, and he's already volunteered half a dozen times. **"I have a second chance at life. I'd better treasure it and do something useful and meaningful. It makes me happy to be able to help others in need."**

