Javita Thompson (Admin): Our dream is making a “market.” The food pantry started with only dry food, but it has expanded to refrigerated goods. The pantry has grown and is getting hard to keep track of how many people are utilizing it, how many people they are feeding with the products, how much food was taken per person? Lots of people are taking food without checking it out so having a more efficient method of recording the inventory and the information about how many are utilizing the pantry would be helpful.

(User): I’m your average run of the mill broke college student. I work at a local convenience store to help pay for college and other necessities, but sometimes I do not have enough money to afford all the food I need. The food pantry on campus has been a blessing that has helped me fill in with what I cannot afford. The only problem is if you need anything more than one or two items it is annoying to enter all the things I need.

Ariea O’Krepka (Volunteer worker): Recording inventory and then manually updating the excel spreadsheet for each item is very tedious. It would be nice to have a more efficient way of recording this information. We also must record the temperature of the refrigerator to make sure the products withing are being properly stored. This information must be communicated to the PA food bank.

(Board of trustee’s member): If we are going to continue to fund this project, we need metrics. How many people are utilizing the food pantry and how much food is being taken? We wish to support the community, but if the pantry is not being used by people, then maybe it is not necessary.