

## Hatboro Community Cupboard Report for February 2022

February may be known as “the short month” but there was plenty of action at the Cupboard. First of all, you by now have noticed our name change. For years we were the “Pantry at St. John’s Lutheran” in an effort to not exclude our co-sponsoring churches, Church of the Advent, Hatboro Baptist, and Redeemer Lutheran, Jamison. Given that we are no longer a stand alone pantry but are networking with other agencies and churches in the area to combat food insecurity we have changed our name to more correctly reflect what we do and how we do it. Our focus is still to operate the pantry but we now also work with other nearby pantries such as Lehman Methodist, Willow Grove Baptist, and Jesus Focus Ministries in Southampton. We have had a long history dating back to before the pandemic of working with Moreland Towers and Charter Arms living facilities. Recently we have been able to help Hatboro Baptist with their meal program. Thus, we felt it was time to rename our operation.

February is also known for the Super Bowl and while the Eagles may not have won, the clients at the Cupboard were winners. Thanks to the “Souper Bowl” efforts of both Redeemer Lutheran, Jamison and Hatboro Baptist special collections were held and the Cupboard is now well stocked with soup products.

Use of the Cupboard was up by 48 families in February 2023 for a total of 251. Plus, 96 additional bags of food were provided to families of 5 or more members for a total of 347 bags of basic food items being distributed. The news media has recently made mention of the curtailment of SNAP benefits that were enhanced during the pandemic. In the last two weeks of the month we saw 12 new client families so that our registered family count is now in excess of 200 families. We will continue to track and note any potential increases in registration and usage.

Our priority list of items needed is:

- Boxed Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Applesauce
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Carrots

Like us on Facebook, thanks for your supporting prayers and donations as we face a changing reality in our efforts to assist those suffering from food insecurity.