

Hatboro Community Cupboard  
May 11, 2023

Attendance in the past month has been much like the weather. Totally unpredictable. One week we had 94 clients and another week we had 66. The monthly total matches last year's total with 313 families visiting the pantry. 87 of those were families of 5 or more members so the total number of bags distributed is 400.

We were able to provide a special entrée to any family who wished it for their Easter meal. Immediately following Easter we received a large number of cakes from Rillings Bakery. The beautifully decorated bunny shaped and egg shaped cakes were greatly appreciated.

We have been able to make a connection with another pantry to receive our leftover rolls and unsliced bread at the end of the week. We already had been sharing leftover sliced bread and pastries with Moreland Towers and Charter Arms living facilities. This adds to our goals of reaching out to help others and also our goal of avoiding waste of products.

Alan Eickhoff and Carol Schlegel attended the April meeting of the Eastern Coalition for Pantries held by MAHN (Montgomery Anti-Hunger Network). The purpose of these meetings is to share information, update pantries on new programs. It is always interesting to hear from other pantry operations and tour the host facility. In this case it was the New Life Church in Glenside. Hatboro Community Cupboard has offered to host the July meeting.

The biggest news item for April was the notification that we have received a grant from MAHN for food supplies. The grant is in the form of credits at two local food suppliers. We have some extra paperwork to do tracking the number of Montgomery County residents helped and how often they receive help. Those aged 60 and above as well as 17 and below are enumerated as they attempt to identify specific groups being served. This is the first grant the current Leadership Team has received.

Our current priority list of needs is:

Toilet paper

Applesauce

Canned Beef Stew

Peanut Butter (standard size jar not family size) both creamy and chunky

As always, we appreciate your prayers and support.