

# **Hatboro Community Cupboard**

## **July 10, 2024**

We are in dire need of substitute drivers. This has been a request for several months now and there has been little response. Please consider helping if you are able. We make 13 or 14 stops per week at 10 different locations either picking up or dropping off items. If we could find a driver on Tuesday mornings, we could get a donation of milk in North Wales rather than having to purchase all our milk. We have needs that are in Bensalem at 11:30 on Tuesdays involving lifting of produce boxes. We need help with a team of drivers on the first Wednesday each month in North Wales around 1pm to help load product and transport it back to the Cupboard. We have Thursday needs at 11:30 in New Britain that involve lifting cases of frozen meats. Contact Alan Eickhoff at 215-675-1298 even if you can only do it one time.

The exciting news for June was the awarding of a grant of \$8,500 from Montgomery AntiHunger Network. This is the second year that MAHN has administered a grant of \$500,000 from the Montgomery County Commissioners. The grant is a credit to be used with designated food providers by December 15 (we won't have any trouble spending it). MAHN award \$460,000 in grants and will use the other \$40,000 for bulk purchasing that will be shared with agencies.

We were one of 55 agencies in the county that combat food insecurity that received a grant. We will be reporting each month the number of adults served, number of children 17 and under served, and number of seniors age 60 and above served as well as total number household visits. Tracking these numbers for the early part of 2024 was part of the application process.

We thank the Hatboro Horsham School District for two deliveries of fresh produce received at the end of the school year. We continue to work with administration from the district to establish a formal networking connection between the schools that may have families in need and our Cupboard.

We thank Horsham Giant for conducting a food drive this past month. It produced three shopping carts of product and \$125.00 in gift cards.

We encourage you to visit Warminster Grocery Outlet in July. They are currently running their annual Independence from Hunger Campaign. You pay \$5 for a prepacked bag of grocery items which they then donate to either Hatboro Food Cupboard or to Willow Grove Food Pantry (one of our networking partners). At checkout when you pay for the bag, they will give you a \$5 coupon for your next visit. There is no limit on how many times you may do this so shop early and often.

Typical of recent trends the June use of pantry numbers were second only to the 2021 pandemic numbers. 361 families used the Cupboard in June, 27 of them for the first time.

We thank you for your continued interest, support and prayers.