

# **Hatboro Community Cupboard**

March 13, 2025

Last month we shared with you some of the surprises. This month the surprise train continued. Again, the weather was a surprise as we saw more snow than we have in several years. We were forced to close on Thursday 2/6 which meant both the day and night shifts were cancelled. Total visits for February were well off the pace of 2024. 305 families were served this year compared to 443 for last year.

Our regular donation stream from Redeemer Lutheran, Church of the Advent, Wilson Senior Center, Warrington Giant and Horsham Giant had several surprises. We got surprise donations from Willow Grove Moose and VFW Lodge #9788 of Horsham. The staff at the Administration Building for Hatboro Horsham School District held a "Souper Bowl" collection for our benefit. The Community Outreach Committee at St. John's Lutheran held a pet product collection for cat and dog items. Grocery Outlet made two substantial donations during the month.

The month ended with a "mixed" surprise. Our newest 50 cubic foot freezer stopped working on Saturday February 28. Luckily, we found it in time and were able to save the contents before the meats thawed. Also, the unit is only a little over four years old so the compressor was replaced under a warranty claim. Sadly, the labor wasn't covered under the claim.

We look forward to things going back to "normal" in terms of our equipment but welcome any and all "surprise" donations.

Hatboro Community Cupboard needs volunteers with an SUV or truck to pick up donations the first Wednesday of every month from Noon-2:00 PM in Lansdale. Some lifting is involved. You do not have to commit to every month to get on the volunteer list. Contact Alan Eickhoff 215-675-1298 if you are interested.

Thank you for your support.