

Hatboro Community Cupboard

April 5, 2023

The Hatboro Community Cupboard wishes to thank the students at Keith Valley Middle School and Simmons Elementary School in the Hatboro Horsham School District. The Student Council of Keith Valley Middle School conducted a food collection drive and donated to the Cupboard. The 5th grade of Simmons Elementary also did a school wide collection and donated half of their collection to the Hatboro Community Cupboard and half to the Fishes and Loaves Pantry at Lehman Methodist.

On Wednesday March 15 we experienced a first along with significant portions of the immediate community. Police action in the area of York Rd and Moreland Ave. caused the immediate area to be closed and a shelter in place order issued. All of the Hatboro Horsham School District closed for the day. Following our policy of closing when the Hatboro Horsham schools close for an emergency the Cupboard was shut down for the day.

The reduction in SNAP benefits which has made the news nationally has impacted the Cupboard in that 29 new families have signed up during the month of March. Due to the closure the number of families served in the month was slightly decreased when compared to February. 333 visits to the Cupboard were recorded for the month and 93 of these visits were by families of 5 or more members. Thus, the total number of bags of basic groceries distributed is 426.

Members of the Pantry Leadership began to meet with leadership from the co-sponsoring churches to share visions and plans. One of our goals from these meetings is to attempt to even out some of the peaks and valleys in the donation stream. We are also sharing the changes that have prompted the name change. To date only one meeting has been held as it was necessary to cancel one for the emergency in Hatboro.

On March 31, 2022 the Client Choice model was tested in preparation of resumption of indoor service to clients in April of 2022. Thus, we are observing the one year anniversary of having clients come into the building and select the products that best suit their needs.

The current priority list of needs for the pantry is:

- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Toilet Paper
- Applesauce
- Canned fruit
- Beef Stew
- Chef Boyardee canned pasta
- Rice
- Knorr side dishes (rice or noodles)

We deeply appreciate the support of our community sponsors and individual sponsors. Thank you one and all for your prayers and support.