

Hatboro Community Cupboard

October 4, 2023

Have you ever considered doing something for the benefit of the community? A form of public service, perhaps? If so, the Hatboro Community Cupboard has immediate openings for volunteers on Monday and Thursday nights. Monday night is set up night and starts at 5:30pm until about 7pm. It does involve some lifting but does not involve client contact. Thursday night also starts around 5:30pm for volunteers and involves serving clients from 6pm to 7:50 pm. Contact Alan at alan_eickhoff@yahoo.com or Carol at cschlegel9@aol.com You won't regret it.

The month of September was not as busy as September 2022 or August 2023. Still, 342 families were served. 105 of those were families of 5 or more members so they got a 2nd bag for basic commodities. That is 447 bags of packaged goods going out in a month's time.

There were 23 new families added to our registrations during the month. That gives us 369 families registered for 2023. Our average number of families served is running around 85 per week.

We were blessed with yet another major donation from the Chamber of Commerce's Cruise Night on September 15. Church of the Advent delivered their August collection of toilet paper as well as a substantial financial donation. We have been able to redirect the extra bread and pastry that previously went to Moreland Towers and Charter Arms. We now deliver twice each week to Jesus Focus Ministries in Southampton as they are open 5 days per week. They in turn have provided an abundance of individual snack items which we have passed along to HATPacks for their use. HATPacks needs 360 units for each of their distributions and we have transported enough product to complete this number 8 times. It is indeed a blessing to see the "community" part of our name being fulfilled.

Our donation stream of meat has slowed to a trickle. Thankfully, Warminster Grocery Outlet made a spontaneous donation of chicken. They followed that up with a second donation of a variety of products and commodities.

HATPacks distributed a flyer to each family that they serve in the Hatboro-Horsham school district that listed the Cupboard days and times. We hope this will increase community awareness of our availability.

Our current wish list in priority order is: Toilet Paper, Canned Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Canned Pasta Sauce, Boxed Pasta

We thank you all for your continued donations, support and prayers.