

Hatboro Community Cupboard Report for January 2023

The month of January has been full of excitement and change. First of all we can say that we finished 2022 with a significant increase in participation. 4,122 families were served during the year for an average of more than 79 families per week. The average number of families per week in 2021 was 71.

Our January 2023 use of the pantry increased by 70 families for a total of 343 families. 84 of these families were of 5 or more members and so received an extra bag. The total number of bags for January 2023 is 427.

Needless to say rising numbers of clients coupled with rising prices of products and a dash of supply chain shortages has played havoc with our ability to maintain our inventory of staples. Our priority order list of needs at this time is:

- Spaghetti
- Boxed Pasta
- Rice
- Toilet Paper
- Canned fruit
- Applesauce
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Kidney Beans
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap

For the moment we are no longer buying eggs so we are no longer in need of your egg cartons. Thank you for your faithfulness. However, we are in dire need of paper grocery bags. Up to now we have been able to exist on donations but our supply of paper bags is dwindling noticeably.

Our Facebook page is up and running with fresh updates regularly. Please check it out and "like" us at The Food Pantry at St. John's.

As announced at the end of 2022 we have started actually enrolling our client families. We ask for photo id and where that is not possible we accept any document that has the client name and address on it. At this time we have over 150 families enrolled. The data is also being kept in an Excel spread sheet program. This will allow us to have more statistical information which is often necessary when applying for grants ourselves or in helping the agencies that supply us with product to apply for grants. Currently, we participate with Montgomery Anti-Hunger Network as well as Bucks County Opportunity Council. There are others that are more seasonal in nature.

The Pantry Leadership Team held their monthly meeting on February 1 and there are some new things coming so watch our Facebook page as well as our monthly updates.

We thank you for your continued support as we battle food insecurity.