

Hatboro Community Cupboard

August 9, 2023

We are still recruiting volunteers for Monday night set up (starts 5:30 and lasts to 7:00ish) and Thursday night client serve (starts 5:30 and lasts to 8:00ish). Please contact Alan Eickhoff alan_eickhoff@yahoo.com or Carol Schlegel cschlegel9@aol.com if you are able to help.

The month of July has been seriously busy for many reasons. First of all, the Grocery Outlet campaign, "Independence From Hunger" actually started in late June. We picked up donated bags every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We thank the Warminster Grocery Outlet for their hearty participation in this program.

We had another cruise night in Hatboro sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. \$60.00 was donated in addition to the large amount of product. Two more cruises remain on August 18 and September 15. Come on out in your cruiser or just turn out to see the cruisers. Donations are received at the corner of Moreland Ave and York Rd.

Willow Grove Baptist Pantry shared a major donation from Trader Joe's in Montgomeryville on July 4. Lots of fresh produce, fruits, salads and sandwiches.

We got our first order through the MAHN (Montgomery AntiHunger Network) grant that we received in the spring. This allowed us to fill in the gaps of items not received in the donation stream.

The Horsham Giant conducted a food drive in our behalf during the final two weeks of the month. It took a box truck to bring in all that was donated.

The Community Outreach Committee at St. John's conducted a "Christmas In July" food drive for the July weekends. Congregation members brought in items based on needs lists that were available at the collection table.

We were able to share surplus bread, pastry, meat, and canned goods with the Jesus Focus Ministry pantry in Southampton. We also continued our regular sharing of bread and pastry with both Moreland Towers and Charter Arms residencies. In exchange they have given us extra meat products.

We hosted the Eastern Coalition of the Montgomery AntiHunger Network meeting. The presenting speakers were from Navicate a referral service providing assistance in navigating the maze of social welfare agencies. Following that were break out sessions discussing and sharing pantry issues.

Our attendance for the month was down a little bit from last year. We served 306 families last month. However, 85 of those were families of 5 or more people so the number of basic bags distributed for the month is 391.