## Hatboro Community Cupboard March 2024

The month of March has been something of a whirlwind. Our average number of families served per week was 95. Consider that the 2023 weekly average was 81. Numbers of clients has been increasing since last fall.

Despite this increase in demand, we have been blessed with the ability to offer a special holiday meal to any family that was interested. While we had hams, we also had turkey breasts for those who might not want ham. Plus, we had lasagna dinners for those who might not wish to have meat. Engineering all of this took a lot of time and refrigeration space. We thank those of you donated your grocery store gift receipt to collect a ham or a lasagna dinner.

We were called upon once again to offer immediate help to family from a Hatboro-Horsham Elementary school community. We are working to establish a relationship within the district and particularly to connect with the counselors at the schools where need may be the greatest.

Simmons Elementary School in the Hatboro-Horsham District conducted a food drive. Directed by assistant principal, Dr. Robert Campman, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes a few years ago started an annual tradition of conducting a collection which is then shared with the pantry at Lehman Methodist and with us at Hatboro Community Cupboard. This campaign has been deliberately timed for when our needs are great but the donation stream may be slowing in the postholiday period. Thank you to the students and families of Simmons Elementary.

Our current needs list in priority order is:

Boxed pasta
Chef Boyardee
Canned Chili
Canned Beef Stew
Baked Beans or Pork and Beans
Canned Chicken
Canned Chicken
Canned Chicken
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper

Also, we are looking for a driver on alternate Tuesdays to share driving to Bensalem to pick up produce at 11:30. This will be during the growing season, most likely June to September. Please contact Alan at 205-675-1298 if you are interested or have questions.

Finally, if you are doing spring cleaning and have a useable metal storage cabinet that you wish to donate, we will gladly take it. Call Alan at 215-675-1298.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.