

Hatboro Community Cupboard

December 13, 2023

The first major holiday distribution is complete and we are looking forward the next one and the final one for 2023. We are happy to report that we were able to offer a turkey or turkey breast to every client who wished one in the days immediately prior to Thanksgiving. 86 families took us up on the offer which included an opportunity to make their selections from what we call “the fixings table.”

We registered 37 new families in the month. Our pace for new families is a fairly steady 6-10 per week now.

The week of November 7 we set an attendance record of serving 111 families. That record only lasted for a week as the very next week we served 118 families. By the end of the month we had served 461 families with an addition 65 bags of basic grocery items for the large families. This is the most served in November since we started keeping records in 2015.

Meat items have become very scarce in the donation stream. We have tried to bolster the protein for our clients by increasing offerings of items such as beans and canned meats.

Our current needs list in priority order is:

- #1 Chunk light tuna
- #2 Boxed pasta
- #3 Canned fruit (especially peaches - they are a big mover and we have been out for weeks)
- #5 Manwich
- #6 Chef Boyardee
- #7 Canned baked beans
- #8 Canned black beans
- #9 Pancake mix
- #10 Rice a Roni

There are many folks and groups who made donations in November that allowed us to make a good Thanksgiving season for our clients. Donors from all our sponsoring churches kept up their regular pace of both monetary and product donations.

Additionally, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogt once again got a grant from Thrivent and purchased turkeys. Numerous individuals brought in their local grocery store free turkey receipt for us to redeem. Bunn’s Natural Foods contributed, Endo Pharmaceutical conducted their annual campaign, Grocery Outlet, Horsham Giant made donations as well. Horsham Rotary donated the largest sized pumpkin pies any of us had ever seen. Business Network International and Nourishing Storm Yoga conducted food drives. The Happy Hour Committee of Gloria Dei Farms made a donation as well. The Safersoftware Gives Back program provided gift cards and items for the “fixings” table.

Cub Scout Pack 17 conducted the annual Scouting for Food and covered all of Hatboro. Plus a collection was taken up during the annual Holiday Parade. A collection was also received from Keith Valley Middle School.

Redeemer Lutheran conducted a special holiday campaign. Church of the Advent not only made their monthly challenge donation but added a monetary donation as well.

We continue to share with Jesus Focus Ministries in Southampton as well as Willow Grove Baptist.

As always, we thank you for your support.