

# Hatboro Community Cupboard

## November 15, 2023

This Thanksgiving Season the Cupboard Leadership Team would like to highlight the many people whose regular efforts keep the operation going. Throughout the year we have highlighted “special” actions and we are deeply appreciative of those. However, it takes a small army of people to keep things running on a daily basis.

First, a huge thank you to those who volunteer their time for the benefit of the Cupboard. These are the volunteers who work the shifts, the drivers who pick up donations and purchases, the volunteers who then sort and store the inventory in preparation to offering it to our clients.

Next to be recognized are those who make donations. There is a cadre of donors at Redeemer Lutheran and we regularly receive items that reflect their reading of our needs list. Church of the Advent has conducted special campaigns on a monthly basis. Hatboro Baptist collects items on a regular basis. Each church has also found folks who will deliver these items to us. St. John’s has a collection bin in the narthex. We also need to recognize those who write checks and donate gift cards so that we can purchase the things we need.

Members of the business community support us on a regular basis beyond the special campaigns. Grocery Outlet and Giant Supermarkets are the leaders in this field. The generosity is heartwarming. We get a donation of bread and pastry three times per week from the Wilson Senior Center in Warminster. There is a donation of bread and pastry once a week from Willow Grove Giant and another each week from Jamison Giant.

Then, too, there are the youth. Young people needing community service hours fill in the volunteer gaps during our shifts as we are open. We host young people from the Abington Achievement Program.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, Redeemer Lutheran is mounting a special campaign for turkeys, gift cards and what we call the “fixins” table. The Community Outreach Committee at St. John’s has a “fixins” campaign going as well. Church of the Advent has written an extra check for the purchase of holiday supplies.

And finally, there are those of you who pray for us and the people we serve. Bless you all this Thanksgiving Holiday Season.

If you have earned a turkey at your local super market but don’t intend to use it, we will gladly accept it. Please get donations to us as soon as possible. Currently we are advertising two needs lists. One is to keep our normal inventory in stock while the other is to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.