

Hatboro Community Cupboard

February 13, 2025

January 2025 has contained several surprises, most them have been neutral or positive in their impact. Certainly, the weather has been a surprise. Luckily, none of the storms forced the closing of the Cupboard during January though attendance for the month was down slightly from January 2024. This year we served 412 families as compared to 448 in 2024. When inclement weather occurs we follow the Hatboro Horsham School District. If they close then so do we. We are not impacted by any two-hour delays that they may employ.

The year started with a surprise monetary donation from co-sponsor Redeemer Lutheran. This was in addition to their regular product donations.

Church of the Advent conducts month long campaigns from their congregation and then matches the amount of the donation. This produced 144 boxes of pasta and 214 boxes of cereal.

The students of Hallowell Elementary in the Hatboro Horsham School District conducted a food drive and delivered their collection to us at the start of the new year. This was part of our working with the district to help not only keep our shelves stocked but to educate students about food insecurity and community responsibility.

The really negative surprise came on Monday January 27 when we discovered that a 50 cubic foot freezer had stopped working. It was full of meat and lasagna family meals. All of that was lost. However, in this tragedy we have found good news. Though the fan motor burned out, the compressor was still in working condition and did not need replacing. Also, because this is a commercial unit it means a company that serves commercial units is needed. We have not had a need for such a company until now. We found a local company that responded the same day that we called them. They diagnosed the problem, ordered the part and installed it in under a week's time. We are back to full storage capacity again.

We are thankful for your continued support and prayers as we help our neighbors combat food insecurity.