

# **Hatboro Community Cupboard**

June 13, 2025

May was an unusual month. Attendance from our regular clients was down from April. We served 385 families in May versus 441 in April. However, we registered 25 new families. Our inventory of non-perishable items is down considerably but we were advised that Montgomery County has agreed to allocate \$500,000 again this year to assist the smaller food pantries in purchasing these items. Our deepest appreciation to the Eickhoff family for their assistance in finding Alan's records from last year which allowed us to complete the application for the grant. We will be advised at the end of June if we have been approved and the amount of the grant.

We are also grateful to the Hatboro post office for their Stamp Out Hunger campaign on May 10. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the community.

We want to give a huge thank you to Redeemer Lutheran Church for their unexpected toilet paper drive. The congregation donated two carloads of toilet paper! We will not have to worry about buying toilet paper for some time.

We are still struggling to get drivers to replace the pick ups at distributions that Alan covered. We are blessed that the summer months bring opportunities to receive additional donations IF we have drivers to pick the food up and bring it back to the pantry. This task is complicated by the fact that summer also brings vacations for our regular drivers and volunteers.

We have been advised that Grocery Outlet has chosen our pantry again this year for their Independence from Hunger campaign. As in the past we will split the donations with Willow Grove Baptist food pantry. The campaign begins June 25 and continues thru July 31. For anyone who does not know how the program works, Grocery Outlet employees prepack bags with \$5 worth of groceries. The shoppers purchase those bags for \$5 when checking out. In return they receive a \$5 gift certificate for their next shopping trip. There is no limit on the number of bags you can purchase. The pantry then has to pick up the daily donations before the store closes for the day. Hatboro Community Cupboard has been assigned Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Putting a plug in for our pantry...if you shop on those days you will be assured that the donations will go to our pantry.

As always, we are grateful for all of the support from our pantry partners, the congregation and the community.