

Hatboro Community Cupboard

September 4, 2025

August was a normal month. We had one week that was significantly busier than usual. Typical of a holiday week where we served more than 100 families. For the month we served 372 families. We registered 31 new families this month and are seeing more children than we have in previous months. This was a new record for us.

We received our first orders under the grant but had to return several cases of vegetables. The distributors are only offering low salt and no salt vegetables. We know from past history that our clients do not choose no salt vegetables when shopping. We are working with the suppliers and other sources to purchase the vegetables that our clients prefer.

We have been blessed to have a continuous flow of donations from many sources including our partner churches. In addition, we will be the beneficiary of several upcoming food drives. Riverside Church has delivered the first collection from their food drive. Giant Foods and St. John's Women's Ministry are up next. The Grocery Outlet food drive is scheduled for October 11 and 12.

We are currently in desperate need of a substitute team leader. Although Alan can never be replaced, we are feeling the effects of his absence. We do not have anyone who can fill in for our leaders during vacations or scheduled time off. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the pantry leadership team please let us know. The team meets once a month. Usually on the last Wednesday of the month to discuss plans, finances and current issues with the pantry. The person would also be "trained" in filling in for team leader vacations.

As always, we are grateful for our volunteers and all of the organizations that work behind the scenes to support us in our efforts to provide food and personal care items to those experiencing food insecurity.

Our current needs are:

Boxed pasta, spaghetti sauce (cans preferred), canned corn, canned meats (tuna, canned chicken, spam), Knorr sides, rice a roni, hamburger helper, canned chili.