

Hatboro Community Cupboard

January 7, 2026

December was a busy and stressful month. We no sooner put away the items from the Thanksgiving fixings table and we began planning for the Christmas dinner fixings table. Because Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were Wednesday and Thursday we decided that it would not be fair to bring in the Tuesday volunteers for one day. We decided to distribute the Christmas turkeys and fixings the week before so that we could close Christmas week. We gave out more than 100 complete dinners for Christmas. In addition to the regular grocery items.

We registered 17 new families in December serving 339 families. A lower number because of the one week shutdown of the pantry.

The donations continued to arrive all during the month of December from too many organizations to list. Giant Foods provided us with more than 40 hams that we will hold for Easter. Grocery Outlet has continued to provide meats and other staples for us. We are fortunate to have a close relationship with HatPacks. They have directed many donations to us from businesses and organizations that have contacted them for advice on which pantries were most in need.

We are reorganizing our stock room and our freezers in anticipation of the new grant from MAHN which will begin in January 2026. In addition we have received funds from a donor to purchase a new high efficiency commercial refrigerator to replace our old refrigerator-freezer. We used some of the donation to purchase two new carts for loading and unloading donations. They were much needed and are a hit with the volunteers/

We continue to search for a substitute team leader. We are confident that the right person is out there. We just have to be patient.

As always, we are grateful for our volunteers and all of the organizations that support us in our efforts to provide food for those in need. As we continue to reorganize our stock room our needs are focused more on personal care items. They are as follows:

Toilet Paper - Shampoo --Body Wash --Toothpaste --Toothbrushes --Deodorant