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## **FAYETTE CHAMBER, FOOD BANK PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES SATURDAY**

**Uniontown, PA** – With Easter just around the corner, the Fayette Chamber of Commerce is gearing up to host its annual spring food drive.

As part of its ongoing support of the Fayette County Food Bank's mission to aid county families, volunteer chamber members host the Fayette Chamber Cares Food Drive each spring and fall.

They collect non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations, which are used to purchase hams for Easter in the spring and turkeys for Thanksgiving or Christmas in the fall.

Operated by the Fayette County Community Action Agency, the Fayette County Food Bank is the primary hub for the collection and distribution of food, supplying 49 food pantries countywide.

The 2019 spring food drive will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Uniontown Walmart's grocery entrance. For every dollar or item donated, participants will receive a chance to win a Walmart gift card.

Chamber members are encouraged to "buy" a ham with just a \$10 donation. Checks can be made payable to the chamber's nonprofit branch, The Redstone Foundation, and all donations are tax deductible.

Following the 2018 Spring Food Drive, the chamber purchased and delivered 200 hams to the food bank for distribution. Approximately 500 pounds of non-perishables and about \$500 in cash was also collected.

Not including 2018, the biannual drive has garnered over 25,000 pounds of food and 30,000 pounds of hams and turkeys.

Chamber Executive Director Muriel Nuttall previously said the chamber is made of businesses who understand the need for such an event in Fayette County.

"Many years ago, in response to critical need for food at the Fayette County Food Bank, one of our members stood up and took the lead in bringing our businesses together to feed our neighbors in need," she said.

Food drive chairman and chamber board member Chris Kennedy founded the initiative more than a decade ago.

Chamber members, along with Fayette Young Professionals Network volunteers, often turn the food drives into community events, featuring concession stands.

The food bank distributes about 1.8 million tons of food to more than 10,000 county residents annually.

In addition to combating hunger and increasing access to healthy foods, donations also help families come together to celebrate traditions, which, in turn, help maintain family connections and communication.

The Fayette County Community Food Bank is located at 108 North Beeson Ave. in Uniontown. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.fccaa.org](http://www.fccaa.org) or call 724-437-6050.

The Fayette Chamber of Commerce is located at 65 West Main St. in Uniontown. For more information on upcoming food drives, call 724-437-4571 or email [info@fayettechamber.com](mailto:info@fayettechamber.com).

To learn more about Fayette County, visit [www.FayetteCountyPA.org](http://www.FayetteCountyPA.org).

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