

OAFCC NEWS

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Parking

When entering the parking lot you will notice arrows on the pavement surface to direct traffic entering the Point campus/OAFC, please follow the traffic flow as laid out to minimize confusion.

Hours of Operation

Starting Sept 5, 2023 OAFC will be open during the following hours:

- *Tuesdays 10am - 12:45pm and 2pm - 3:45pm
- *Wednesdays 11am - 12:45pm and 2pm - 4:45pm

NOTE: No orders will be filled after 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 4:45pm respectively. This rule will be strictly enforced. All clients waiting to be served after these closing times will need to come back the next scheduled opening time.

Office Hours

- *Tuesdays 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 3pm
- *Wednesdays 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm



Your Donations Matter

At OAFC, we place a high value on respect and dignity for all and will continue to serve our community faithfully. The sole mission of the Octorara Area Food Cupboard is to provide food support to qualifying individuals and families in the greater Octorara area. Over the years, donors like yourself have contributed generously to our organization making it possible for us to fulfill our mission.

2023 has turned out to be a challenging year for us. With the downturn of the economy, higher cost of food, housing, utilities, etc, food insecure families and seniors are struggling to put food on their table. 2023 has also brought us changes to our operation which was directed by the Department Of Agriculture. Prior to 2023, food distribution to families/individuals was a once-a-month allowance. Now families/individuals are allowed to receive a weekly allowance putting a further strain on the Cupboard’s ability to accommodate the need.

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With food and monetary donations all down, the need to spend additional reserve funds becomes essential in meeting our mission. These reserve funds are used for food purchases, utility bills, insurance, transportation, rent, and other operational costs. The Cupboard is fully supported by volunteers—no paid staff.

As of October 1, 2023, we have 337 families on our rolls with 1028 individuals being served—458 children, 342 adults, and 228 seniors. The growth rate in new signups is expected to reach over 400 families by Thanksgiving.

The above is all leading up to the help we need from you. Help can take any form of: food drives, churches/businesses to collect food, grocery gift cards, and cash donations. We are a non-profit organization serving the needs of the Octorara area community—your relatives, neighbors, friends and possibly even you. Help us to meet our mission and show we care for others.

Here are the ways you can make a monetary donation:

- Make a donation online at [<https://octfood.com/donations>]
- Send a check (no cash, please!) to [O AFC Box 424, Parkesburg, PA. 19365]

Sincerely,

Judith A Dougherty
Executive Director