



## Hershey Food Bank

### 2020 Report

The Hershey Food Bank is a 501 (c) (3) *all-volunteer* organization that has served the Hershey/Derry Township community for over 50 years. In 2020, our volunteers gave 9,013 hours of service to the food bank.

**The Families We Serve:** At the end of the year the food bank has 297 registered families, representing 705 individuals. Some families use the food bank twice a month, some once, and some less often. The number of families changes slightly from month to month as families become successful and no longer need our support, or move out of the area or new ones apply.

- Nearly 26 % are seniors.
- There are 248 children in the families.
- Many are the working poor, underemployed, single parents, and those with disabilities.
- We serve families of many backgrounds: White, Black, Hispanic, Eastern European, Nepalese, African countries, etc.

An average of 338 families used the food bank each month.

- **Families Served in 2020: 4,053**
- **Individuals Served in 2020: 10,460**

**The Food We Provide:** In 2020, food bank clients received **280,920** pounds of food.

Food from Inventory: 1,170 lbs.

Food Purchased: 171,164 lbs.

Food Donated: 108,586 lbs.

We are a choice food bank where families use a shopping cart to shop and select the items they use or need. Unfortunately in the last nine months we had to adapt to new protocols due to Covid to keep everyone healthy and safe.

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## **The Food We Provide (continued):**

Each family receives a variety of:

- Meats
- Frozen vegetables
- Dairy products such as milk, eggs, cheese and yogurt.
- Fresh seasonal produce, such as potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers, apples, grapes, and peaches
- Non-perishable items, such as fruits, vegetables, pasta, canned meat, cereals, and juices
- Bread and dessert items

## **Additional Assistance We Offer:**

- **Emergency utilities and rent: 43 families** (total of 126 individuals)
- **Christmas gift cards given to 245 children.** We also provided the children with additional gift cards generously donated by local churches, groups, clubs, and individuals.

## **Our Funding Sources:**

We are blessed by and very appreciative of a wonderful and caring community that is very supportive of our organization's mission and those we serve. Thank you!

Our financial support is received from:

- Local churches 13%
- Businesses 5%
- Individuals 48%
- Organizations 14%
- Grants 9%
- Fundraisers 11%



## **Our Clients' Voices:**

Being a single mom of three teens has not always been easy. This is such a huge help for my family. God bless you and all the work you do for the community.

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I appreciate all you have done for me and my kids. You are making a huge difference in their quality of life. I don't know what I would have done if not for the help from the food bank. I am forever grateful. God bless you.

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Thank you so very much for helping my family with the emergency car repair. It was greatly needed for us to go to work. We are trying hard to pay bills and become independent.

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I wanted to let you know that I won't be needing Food Bank services as currently I'm doing ok; I'm praying that continues. It's hard to express to you how much all the help I received meant to me. Truly; you and your team are Gods' angels.

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Thank you so much for all you've done for me and my 2 children over the years! I am so grateful for your love and support. I am touched beyond words. God bless you for all the good you do in our time of need.

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How special you are! Thank you so much for your help with paying rent in my time of great need. I thank God that the Food Bank was there for me. You don't know the stress I was under but you came and rescued me. Your kindness, compassion, and your love will never be forgotten. God bless you and your donors for all you do for people like me.

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My wife and I are so thankful for the Hershey food bank and the many wonderful people who volunteer their time. All the help you give us makes a big difference to our family. It is nice to know we don't have to worry about not having enough food because we know you are there to help us. God bless all of you.