



# HERSHEY FOOD BANK

& COMMUNITY  
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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023



# OUR MISSION:

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“Our purpose is to serve the Derry Township community by providing food and assistance with the temporary needs of families and individuals in financial distress.”



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# WHO WE ARE:

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The Hershey Food Bank is a 501 (c) (3) all-volunteer organization that has served the Hershey/Derry Township community for 57 years. In **2023**, our dedicated volunteers gave over **10,000** hours of service to the food bank.



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## BOARD MEMBERS 2023

PRESIDENT...*DON ZAPRAZNY*  
(CONCLUDED 4/23)

PRESIDENT ... *JIM MULVEY*  
(COMMENCED 4/23)

TREASURER... *MARYANN PRUDEN*

ASST. TREASURER... *DOUG GRAY*

SECRETARY... *ROXANNE GIES*

OPERATIONS CHAIR...*BARBARA ALLEN*

FACILITIES CHAIR...*GARY JOHNSON*

PURCHASING CHAIR...  
*NANCY MONTGOMERY*

AT LARGE MEMBER...*EDIE HARTER*

AT LARGE MEMBER...  
*CRAIG FASNACHT*

PUBLIC RELATIONS....  
*LEIGH-ANNE DORNBERGER*

# WHO WE SERVE:

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Clients of the food bank must be residents of Derry Township, or attend a church in the township. Prospective clients go through an application process, and must be recertified annually. The food bank does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of its activities or operations. The bulk of our clients are the working poor, underemployed, senior citizens, single parents, and/or those with disabilities. Some families use the food bank twice a month, some once, and some less often. The number of clients changes slightly from month to month as families no longer require our support, move out of the area, or new clients apply.

- In **2023**, the food bank provided assistance to an average of **837** individuals each month; December saw the highest number of clients at **1,118**. The total number of individuals for the year was **10,043** which includes **3,909** children.
- A total of **3,597** families were served

## Client Voices:

“Thank you for all you have done for me”

“”Christmas is Love! Our Father wants us all to love on another and spread the love, compassion and inner generosity (which may be kindness or even a simple smile). Please know you all express this year round in what you do!”

“Many thanks for all your hard work. We appreciate it so much.”



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# THE FOOD WE PROVIDE:

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We are a choice food bank. Families use a shopping cart to shop and select items they use or need. As much as possible, we accommodate special diet needs and requests. At each distribution (twice monthly) clients receive:

- 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, juices
- Bread and dessert items
- Paper products, household cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products

- In **2023**, a total of **96,545** pounds of food was donated to the food bank from various organizations, businesses, and individuals.
- **195,936** pounds of food was purchased by the food bank for distribution to clients.
- **292,734.5** pounds of food in total was distributed to our clients in **2023**



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# ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

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We may, on an as-needed basis, also provide emergency financial assistance primarily for utility bills and rent payments if funds are available. Many cases may also be referred to Social Service agencies or Financial Budgeting counseling for further assistance.

- In 2023 we provided **\$28,333** in emergency assistance.
- At Christmas **241** children received gift cards for clothing. In addition to those provided by the food bank, many were generously donated by local churches, and individuals.



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# OUR FUNDING:

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We are blessed by a very generous and caring community that supports our organization's mission and those we serve. In **2023**, our funding was comprised of:

- **34%**...Individual
- **28%** ...Estate (Endowment)
- **19%**...Businesses/Corporations
- **12%**...Churches
- **6%**...Clubs/Organizations
- **1%**...Workplace Giving

\*Fundraiser donations accounted for **31%** of our proceeds (included in Individual and Business funding above).



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# FUNDRAISERS:

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Two fundraisers were held in **2023** to benefit the food bank. Feed the Need is the food bank's largest fundraiser, which is made possible by donations and partnerships from many generous community restaurants, businesses, and individuals. We also held a Giving Tuesday drive in November.

- Feed the Need proceeds...**\$109,942**
- Giving Tuesday proceeds...**\$3,937**

We are grateful for the many Partners who joined us in making Feed the Need a very successful fundraiser. Please see the following page for a list of those who partnered with us.



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# Feed the Need Partners 2023

## **Premier Partner**

Hershey Entertainment & Resorts

## **Presenting Partner**

The Hershey Company

## **Cocktail Partner**

Dauphin County Commissioners

## **Entertainment Partner**

The Milton Hershey School

## **Diamond Partner**

Jack & Joann Fornadley

## **Platinum Partner**

The Chocolate Avenue Grill

Fort Pitt Capital Group

Hiilary Peery Vesell, Esq.

Madeira Chiropractic Wellness Center, Inc.

Northwest Bank

Penn State Health

Highmark

Senior Citizens Council of Derry Township

## **Gold Partner**

Accord Restoration

Bryn Mawr Trust Company

Color & Culture

Global Confection Connections, LLC

Country Meadows Retirement Communities

Dental Associates of HERSHEY

Chip & Angie Dye

Enders

The Giving Tree of Hummelstown and Hershey

Hershey Auto Center

Hershey Lions Club Foundation

Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course

Kevin & Marilou Cockroft

Marcel & Jennifer Naum

McQuaide Blasko

MidAtlantic Machinery

Joe & Mary Moyer

Rose Marie Smith

State Representative Tom Mehaffie

Maria Hamilton & Kevin Black



## Feed the Need Partners 2023 (cont.)

### **Silver Partner**

ARM Group, Inc.  
Central PA Food Bank  
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage - David Drobnock, Realtor  
Good's Auto Service, Inc.  
Harmony Road Advisors  
Hershey Federal Credit Union  
Hershey Ministerial Association  
Korch Orthodontics, LLC  
Miller Oral Surgery  
Mister Bobbin Embroidery, Inc.  
National Hockey League Officials' Association (NHLOA Zebra Care)  
Rick Yazinski, DMD Family Dentistry  
Simmons Motel  
St Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council 6693

### **Bronze Partner**

Chris & Andrea Abruzzo  
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Homesale Realty, The Judy Stover Team  
Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz  
EnVision Financial Group  
First Commonwealth  
John Fugate  
The Hoover Family  
Steven & Peggy Lucking  
Tom & Julie DeDonatis  
John & Leigh-Anne Dornberger

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