



## Hershey Food Bank

### 2017 Report

The Hershey Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) *all-volunteer* organization that has served the Hershey/Derry Township community for 50 years. In 2017, our volunteers gave 12,410 hours of service to the food bank.

**The Families We Serve:** The food bank has 375 registered families, representing 1,015 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 move out of the area and new ones apply.

- Nearly 25% are seniors.
- There are 350 children in the remaining families.
- Many are the working poor, underemployed, single parents, and people with disabilities.
- We serve families of many backgrounds: White, Black, Hispanic, Eastern European, Nepalese, African countries, etc.

An average of 446 families used the food bank each month.

- **Families Served in 2017: 5,352**
- **Individuals Served in 2017: 15,292**

**The Food We Provide:** In 2017, the food bank clients received **341,099** pounds of food.

Food from Inventory: 8,269 lbs.

Food Purchased: 257,420 lbs.

Food Donated: 75,410 lbs.

We are a choice food bank where families use a shopping cart to shop and select the items they use or need. They select food, personal care, and paper products based on family size.

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

Each family receives a variety of:

- Meats
- Frozen vegetables
- Dairy products such as milk, eggs, and cheese
- 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: 56 families** (total of 209 individuals)
- **Christmas gift certificates given to 350 children.** We also provided the children with other gifts generously donated by parishioners of 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 and those we serve.

Our financial support is received from:

- Local churches
- Businesses
- Individuals
- Civic clubs
- Grants
- Fundraisers



## **Our Clients' Voices:**

Thank you SO much for taking the time out of your day to do the best you can to make sure everyone knows when to come in! You guys go ABOVE & BEYOND to help people like us, down on their luck. You are wonderful and so kind to my family and so many others. God bless you.

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I am so thankful for the Hershey Food Bank. You have truly been a blessing to me. I went through a very challenging time this year financially. The food bank was so willing to help. You genuinely care for the people in our community. What a wonderful organization. I will be forever grateful for the kindness, compassion, and nourishment offered me. What a gift!!!!

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Thank you to everyone involved in the Hershey Food Bank Program. Your time, dedication, and caring are beyond compare. You helped me through a most difficult time in my life and I thank you!

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Thank you again for today. It's a tremendous help for me and my daughter! It's a blessing to have people like you to help families in need. I look forward to seeing and talking with you in the future.

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I can't thank you enough for your help with our rent. This brings tears to my face that you are there for us in this very difficult time in our lives. God bless you all.

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The food bank has been an incredibly generous organization. As a single mother, your selfless donations have undoubtedly saved my family a great deal of money, and for that I am very grateful. I am also very grateful to all who donate to you. The staff and volunteers are amazing individuals that have always treated me and my family with kindness. I thank you all for your love and support.

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Thank you for everything you and the food bank provided for us in our time of need. And always thinking of me and calling me to come in around our crazy kid schedule. There aren't enough words to be able to convey our sincere gratitude. I hope to be able to find a way to give back in the near future!!