

York County Food Bank Newsletter

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"Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" -Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Mission:

- To eliminate hunger in York County
- To serve our member agencies so they can help people in need
- To encourage others to partner with us by donating and

Dates to Know:

February Special Saturday Hours	2/19
2011 Ice Bowl	2/19
York County Food Bank Anniversary	3/2
Start of the Feinstein Challenge	3/3
York Young Revolutions Basket Bingo	3/6
March Special Saturday Hours	3/19
York County Food Bank Basket Bingo	4/16

York County Food Bank Update

Another year has come and gone, and it was quite a year. With our founder retiring, his son, Jon Fisher, took the reigns from his father. With the help of a supportive community, we have had a successful 2010. We were able to distribute over 3 million pounds of food to more than one hundred and thirty distribution agencies. Because of your constant support, twenty thousand York County families were able to



have enough to eat. From our family to yours, we would like to sincerely thank everyone that donated or volunteered in 2010. With your help we will be able to feed even more families in 2011, making this year a fantastic year!

Conclusion of the Christmas Emergency Fund

The York County Food Bank would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Emergency Christmas Fund. Together, our community managed to donate \$14,692.12 to help feed those in need across York County. Talk about a community stepping up and taking care of it's own! Special thanks to the York Daily Record for helping us promote the event while telling us stories about the people affected by the donation, as well as Wachovia Bank for helping us collect donations.



“Operation Backpack” Continues It’s Mission

"Operation Backpack" is in full swing, and with the school year more than half over, we look to the future of the program. Unfortunately there are still many local students whose only meal each day is their school lunch. The simple fact is, if a child is hungry they aren't able to do the best they can in school. If a child is hungry, their one and only concern is getting food, by any means available. That is why "Operation Backpack" is so vital.

The backpacks are filled with enough food for six meals and two snacks. The food is child



The kids of Smith Middle School were all smiles when they received the food from “Operation Backpack”



-friendly, non-perishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. For more information on how to get involved check it out online at www.yorkfoodbank.org/operation-backpack.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.”
~Mother Theresa

Don't forget to check out our website. Keep up to date on York County Food Bank news and events, register food drives, find out what is going on in the community, view previous newsletters, and find your local food distribution agency!

Weekend Volunteers Wanted!

The York County Food Bank has responded to the age old problem of the busy schedule. We understand that many people would like to volunteer to help their community, but are unable to do so due to scheduling commitments, whether it be a full time job, the kids in school, or taking some classes yourself. The York County Food Bank is now open on one Saturday a month and looking for volunteers. Volunteers will be completing a variety of tasks including, but not limited to, sorting food, packing senior boxes, and stocking shelves on the main floor. We know that many people look forward to Saturdays as a day to get things done outside of work. For that reason we have set hours accordingly, opening our doors from 9 AM to 1 PM, allowing you to have plenty of your day left after volunteering. For more information on the dates of these events and others like it visit www.yorkfoodbank.org/news or call 717-846-6435 ext 104.



The group of volunteers that came for the January Special Saturday Hours were on a roll, creating 566 Senior Boxes

Senior Box Program Now Accepting New Applicants

Are you, or someone you know a senior citizen in need of food assistance? Due to a



recent increase in funding we are now able to accept more local seniors into our Senior Box Program. These senior boxes, which are distributed monthly, will provide necessary supplemental groceries for those in need providing them with a range of necessities. For more information visit www.yorkfoodbank.org/news.



Helping local Senior Citizens. Now that's something to smile about.

Basket Bingo is Back!

Basket Bingo is back and so are the fun and prizes! Come join us at the Alert Fire Company at 3118 North George Street in Emigsville. Doors open at 12:30 PM with games starting at 2 PM. Admission is \$12 for 27 games, and there are additional raffles and 50/50 drawings for purchase Food is available for purchase! Join the fun starting in April.

Saturday, April 16

Sunday, June 26

Sunday, September 11



Metro Bank Gives Back

The York County Food Bank would like to thank Metro Bank for their generous donation during the holidays. Right before Christmas the employees of Metro Bank decided to spread a little holiday cheer by donating \$500. Because of their donation many families were able to have a happy holiday season.



*“From what we get,
we can make a
living; what we give,
however, makes a
life.”
~Arthur Ashe*



The York County Food Bank would like to offer special thanks to members of the York Gethesamane # 21 Masonic Lodge and the employees of Johnson Controls for their continued generosity!



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 1982**



The York County Food Bank is now on your favorite social media page. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, and to like our new Facebook page! Special events and important information get posted on both sites right away. This is a great way to get vital food bank information without having to wait for a newsletter.

Trains and Grains



Pictures do not do this locomotive wonderland justice. Be sure to visit next January

Well, another January has come and past, and with it the celebrated wonderland that was the basement of York residents Jack and Linda Getty is closed for another season. You remember Jack and Linda Getty, don't you? They were kind enough to open their doors to the public for people to come and play with their enormous train set. Creating this annual event was important to the Gettys, believing there were few affordable things for families to do in the York area. It wasn't until recent years that any admission was charged to play in this locomotive wonderland. What did they charge for admission? Their only request was for a donation to the food bank, whether it be monetary or a non-perishable food item. The families showed up in numbers, and so did the donations. Many families brought a case of goods instead of an individual product, feeling more willing to pay admission knowing that it was going to a good cause. Sad you missed it? Don't worry, the Getty's are already making plans to not only continue the annual event, but make it a little bit better each year. We appreciate all their hard work, and thank everyone who donated. Together, they were able to collect 600 pounds of food and \$400. We're already looking forward to what new things will be included in the train set for next year. Mark your calendars for it now, time blocks fill up fast, and often starts in the middle of December.