

York County Food Bank

Newsletter

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“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”-Anne Frank

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 volunteering

Dates to Know:

Volunteer Appreciation Day	6/10
United Way “Day of Action”	6/21
Special Saturday Hours	6/25
York County Food Bank Day at the Ballpark	6/25
Special Saturday Hours	7/16

York County Food Bank Update

On Tuesday, May 3rd 2011, the York County Food Bank was informed that we would be receiving the TEFAP Federal grant. The news came as a mixed blessing when we learned the State Food Purchase Program would leave York County. This news caused us to have to do some restructuring, and we unfortunately had to lay off two of our staff members. Although this struck a deep blow for us, we are continuing to fight hunger in every manner that we have available to us. We are looking to have some more volunteer and community involvement, which will be outlined in the rest of the news stories. Should there be any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to send them to info@yorkfoodbank.org.

AWI: Investing in the Community

Associated Wholesalers Incorporated (AWI) has always done an excellent job at giving back to the community. In recent months they have really stepped up their good works. During their annual Spring Food Expo they donated all showcased products to the York County Food Bank, a donation totaling over 47,000 pounds. The employees of AWI have gotten involved on an individual level, providing food for Operation:Backpack Program. Every week they are kind enough to send us a variety of food and products to be distributed to the people that need them most. A big thank you to AWI for all of their hard work and generosity

School's Out for Summer

The school bell is ringing signaling the beginning of the long anticipated summer vacation. Let's face it, many kids dream of this day starting in November. Unfortunately, for many kids in our county, this dream is more of a nightmare. This is the beginning of the hungry season. Kids that often receive only their school lunch each day now cannot count on even that reprieve from hunger pains. It is over these months that we must work hardest to make sure these children and their families have enough to eat. As we stock the refrigerator and cupboards with picnic essentials, clean out the soup and cold weather favorites and donate them to the York County Food Bank. We are also looking for volunteers to help us complete our mission of ending hunger in York County. If you would like to get involved, visit our website, www.yorkfoodbank.org, and click on Volunteer at the top of the page.

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!

Grainger Steps Forward

We are appreciative for every gift and donation, fully aware that each and every one is from the heart. Once in a while though, we get an organization or company that really works hard to do whatever they can to give back. This could not be more true in the case of Grainger.

Grainger works to sell everything from power tools to body wash. Over the past few years they have stepped up to help York County, providing boxes for food drives and senior boxes, or making various donations. Recently they went above and beyond a regular donation. After a visit to our facility on Princess Street they offered us a check for \$10,000. Scrawled in the memo section on the check was a simple reminder, "to feed the poor in York County." This simple message reminds us all of our mission, and the importance of completing it. The York County Food Bank recognizes a very important fact. We don't do this for a paycheck or for recognition. This isn't even about a warm fuzzy feeling at the end of the day. We do this because it is necessary. We do this because somewhere, there is a family who may not be as well off as we are, wishing only for a hand up to a better life. We will work to provide that bit of hope, one bag of food at a time. With Grainger's help, we can provide a lot of hope for a lot of families. Thank you Grainger!



A big thank you to the folks at York Property Management Group. They held a fundraiser, food drive, and volunteer day. Together they were able to donate 450 pounds of food and \$615. The best part is they had a great time doing it!

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
~Dalai Lama



A big thank you to the girls of Central York 7th and 8th Grade Basketball team. They are quite possibly the most energetic volunteers we have ever had.



The Summer is Heating Up

As we get ready to kick off summer, we start looking for our favorite activities; whether it be a summer trip to the beach or just walking around down town. Maybe you are really looking forward to the festivities of July 4th. Well, we want to give you more things to look forward to, but we need your help. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping us plan community events to benefit York County. If you like to meet new people and have some fun while working in the community email jeremys@yorkfoodbank.org for more information.



Walmart Gives Us a Reason to Celebrate

Recently the Northern Hanover Walmart had a celebration. After a lengthy and stress filled renovation, they finally had a brand new looking, rearranged store. The York County Food Bank was invited out to take part in the celebration. Both the North Hanover and Shrewsbury Walmarts offered \$1000 grants. Our executive director, Jonathan Fisher, was able to accept the award on behalf of the York County Food Bank. Walmart has also shown an incredible interest in having employees volunteer within York County and with the York County Food Bank. We are really looking forward to working with them in the future!



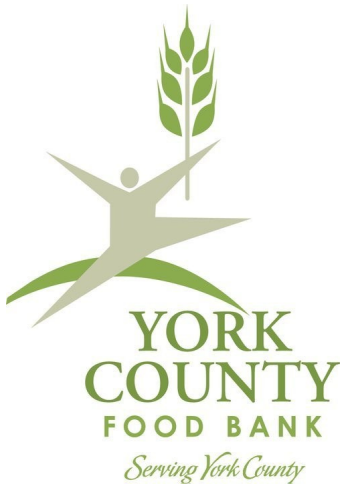
"Sometime in your life, hope that you might see one starved man, the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope that you might have baked it or bought or even kneaded it yourself. For that look on his face, for your meeting his eyes across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot, or die a little, even."

~Daniel Berrigan

Curves

Springwood Hospitality and the York branches of Curves had a fantastic set of food drives to benefit York County. Between the two groups they raised over 4,700 pounds of food. Thank you for a fantastic job!





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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. Food is available for purchase! Join the fun!

Sunday, June 26

Sunday, September 11



“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.”

~Mother Theresa