



# YORK COUNTY FOOD BANK NEWS

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Pounds distributed for the first eight months of 2010 exceed same time period 2009 by 31%!

## Meeting the rising demand for food Your support feeds hungry people in York County

“The new racking in our warehouse doubles our storage space, but food isn’t staying in storage very long, says Jon Fisher, York County Food Bank Executive Director, adding, “The demand for food in York County continues to grow.”

You may be surprised to learn that 13.3% of the people living in the York-Hanover Metropolitan Statistical Area answered “yes” when asked *Were there times this year when you did not have enough money to buy the food that you or your family needed?* \*

Through August 2010, York County Food Bank provided over 2 million pounds of food to its network of pantries, shelters, and agencies. An increase of more than 30%.

As adults, children affected by hunger face a greater likelihood of limited employability, lessened workforce productivity, and poorer job performance.\*\*

### More than twelve thousand pounds of food each weekday!

Hunger and food insecurity are expensive.

Did you know that people who are hungry or food insecure are 1.3 times more likely to be hospitalized and require longer hospital stays? Hungry children are 2.07 times more likely to require special education, 1.6 times more likely to miss days of school, 1.44 times more likely to repeat a grade, and nearly twice as likely to be suspended from school.\*\*

Your support means that York County Food Bank can continue to meet the rising demand for nutritious food throughout our county. Thank you for helping us successfully meet this challenge!

\*Food Research and Action Center annual survey; [www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org)

\*\* *The Economic Cost of Domestic Hunger: Estimated Annual Burden to the United States*, Dr. J. Larry Brown, et al Harvard School of Public Health.

## You may wonder where all that food comes from

York County Food Bank is the county’s lead agency for the State Food Purchase Program; the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (senior boxes); The Emergency Food Assistance Program; and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Under these government programs, we receive food for re-packing and distribution throughout the county, or we receive funds to purchase, pack and distribute food.

Your cash donations allow YCFB to purchase food at below-wholesale prices. When you donate food through community, church, and corporate food drives, it is sorted and combined with food donated by groceries, food processors and manufacturers, farmers, backyard gardeners, reclamation centers, trade show vendors, and individuals. All of this food is then distributed to hungry and food insecure people living in York County.

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### DAYS

Join your family and friends, and YCFB staff, on Saturdays to pack boxes of food for hungry people throughout York County.

**September 11 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm - help pack 3,200 boxes of food and household items**

**October 2 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm - help pack Senior Boxes**

#### Events

Basket Bingo - September 26 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Alert Fire Company, 3118 North George Street, York. Great prizes.

Follow us on:



Recently installed racking in York County Food Bank’s warehouse increases our capacity to accept, sort and distribute food.



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## Community Support - Food drives and more.



Bring one non-perishable food item to CiCi's Pizza at 351 Louck's Road York from September 20 - 26, 2010 and CiCi's will donate 10% of your order to York County Food Bank. Bring five non-perishable items and be entered automatically into the *Family Night Out* drawing.

September 15 is Community Courier Day at the York Fair. Donate non-perishable food items at the Community Courier booth. Enjoy WJTL's live broadcast and meet Jonathan Fisher, York County Food Bank's Executive Director, from noon to 1:00 at the Community Courier Booth.

A Patriotic Basket Bingo will be held at the Alert Fire Company, 3118 North George Street, York on September 26. Doors open at 12:30 pm and games begin at 1:45. This event features door prizes, games of bingo, three special games, and three raffle baskets. Hot and cold food items will be available for purchase. Dress in Patriotic Attire for chance to win an additional prize.

Bailey Coach will host *A Country Gospel Christmas* on Sunday and Monday November 7 and 8. A portion of ticket sales will benefit York County Food Bank. Stuff the bus on November 8.

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