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Hungry families to receive food for four months

York County Food Bank is one of only three Pennsylvania organizations to be awarded a contract through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Food Bank Executive Director Jonathan Fisher explained, "York County Food Bank has been allocated \$225,714 through an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, for the purpose of expanding food bank services."

Under the TANF program, York County Food Bank staff, volunteers, and temporary employees will package 193,920 pounds of food and 75,520 pounds of household items for distribution in June, July, August, and September 2010. "We will deliver boxes of food and household items to 21 pantries and agencies in our State Food Purchase Program network. Those boxes will then be distributed to families with one or more children and who have household incomes of less than 235% of poverty," said Fisher.

Food Bank Assistant Director Deb Eichelberger added, "The purpose of the program is to provide families with a consistent supply of nutritious wholesome food over that four-month period."

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