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Fred Fisher, Executive Director of the York County Food Bank, Inc is announcing his retirement after 28 years of community service.

More than 100 people will honor Fred Fisher at a banquet being held at the Wisehaven Banquet Expo (2985 East Prospect Road York, PA 17402).

Fred began his food banking career in 1982 when he became the first appointed Director of the York County Food Bank. He and others established a food bank in the basement of the Salvation Army, in York PA. They distributed almost 500,000 lbs of food to those in need within York County from that facility.

In 1985, Fred guided the Food Bank through the purchase and renovations of the first of two city buildings that the Food Bank would revive from being condemned. The building located at 331 South George Street (formerly known as Fischer Meat Market) became the new home of the York County Food Bank.

With the blessing of the Salvation Army, Fred established the York County Food Bank as its own 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity in 1987.

Outgrowing their facilities once again, the Food Bank purchased their second condemned building (7 Up Bottling Company destroyed by a fire) in 1994. More than a year later and half a million dollars in renovations, the building located at 254 West Princess Street became the home of The York County Food Bank. Today, the facility offers more than 11,000 sq ft of warehouse space and two tractor-trailer loading docks. Full operations in the renovated facility began in 1996 in which the Food Bank had a record year of distributing 3.7 million pounds of food. The record still remains today.

Fred is 73 years old, one of the two surviving founding fathers of the Food Bank and a former Salvation Army Officer. Born and raised in New York, Fred relocated to York, PA in 1968. Fred has two children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. When he's not helping others, he enjoys reading, collecting coffee mugs and baseball caps and watching basketball, particularly the Syracuse University Orangemen.

Tonight, Fred will pass the torch to the new Board of Directors and newly appointed Executive Director with a benchmark achievement of the distribution of more than 60

million pounds of food, over 1.5 million dollars in assets and two, debt-free facilities totaling 20,000 square feet of space.

Fred has dedicated 28 years of his life to bettering the lives of others in York County. He will truly be missed by many. Fred's parting words are "Although I leave the helm of the ship, you will find me in the chapel of the ship."

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