



## THE HONEY BROOK FOOD PANTRY

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*TO RESPECTFULLY SERVE AREA RESIDENTS IN NEED WHILE EMPOWERING THEM  
TOWARD FOOD SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE.*

### Pantry News from the Board Chairman

HBFP is expanding operations and now completing its fourth year in the local community, serving nearly 800 people per month. The current pace will add nearly **200 NEW** families seeking help this year alone, which, in an area of this size, is quite surprising and does continue to demonstrate the need that exists.

Many of the clients have serious disabilities and many are elderly, driving a dramatic increase in the need for home deliveries. It is also important to note that 48% of the households served by the pantry are families with children.

The first three quarters of 2017 recorded a 20% increase of individuals seeking help. This is particularly noteworthy since the number of families increased by 12% confirming the trend that more and more large families are in need of assistance.

In addition to the regular food provided monthly, supplemental food boxes have again been distributed to over 350 children in need during the summer months. The Children's Back Pack Program will begin again this month with over 80 kids regularly receiving weekend food assistance

We have expanded the "Garden for Life" growing program involving 16 families in 3 of the local housing communities. The harvests have been truly overwhelming with much to share among neighbors. Cooking demonstrations for healthy meals are now conducted during each distribution and our initial Money Management Workshop, presented by the Housing Partnership of Chester County, will be held this month. We will then turn our focus to employment information and support.

87% of the 140 families recently surveyed expressed satisfaction with the quantity and quality of food received. With the recent reductions in retail support, we encourage donations that will assist with the purchase of larger quantities of more nutritious food (meat, produce, milk), since there are more people to feed than ever before.

Please contact me with any questions or further needs and many thanks for your support!!

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Honey Brook Food Pantry where donated food and financial support are always needed.

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