



## 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 **155 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.

November was a very busy month and demonstrated some challenging circumstances in the community. Our client population of large families increased by 24%, year over year, while more new families registered than at any time this year. Fortunately, most were also registered for the Turkey Dinner Distribution on 12/9. Home deliveries also doubled over last November.

In addition to the regular food provided monthly, supplemental food boxes were distributed to over 350 children in need during the summer months. The Children's Back Pack Program continues with over 80 kids regularly receiving weekend food assistance.

The "Garden for Life" growing program involved 16 families in 3 of the local housing communities and will expand this spring. Cooking demonstrations for healthy meals are now conducted during each distribution and our initial offering of medical screenings, provided by Chester County Hospital, are slated to begin in December. A Money Management Workshop, presented by the Housing Partnership of Chester County, was also held this quarter.

The resources of the pantry are quite stretched because we function in a community without a large business presence to assist with in-kind and financial donations. Your assistance will help us further increase the quality of the experience for those we serve. Our staff is 100% volunteer and all of the money contributed goes directly into the community

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

Kenneth R. Ross, Board Chairman

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