

SUMMER 2020



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OF MERCER COUNTY

I'd like to tell you about an unsung hero in Mercer County: the Community Food Warehouse. In 10 years of volunteering and 7 years on the Board, I have watched the staff faithfully serve our county. Under normal circumstances, through our 32 member agencies such as Prince of Peace, Salvation Army and St. John's, we serve over 4,200 households a month. This is all done with 6 1/2 paid employees and many volunteers. Since the Pandemic began, they have worked countless overtime hours to make sure that our residents are cared for. There is no other non-profit in Mercer County that serves this many people and you can be assured that your donated dollars are well-spent. It has been an honor to be part of such a well-run organization with such dedicated staff who view their work time as much more than a job.

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***Lace up those shoes -
It's race time!***

**Sponsorships
Available**



**Registration
Opening
Soon!**

**Join us on Saturday, September 19, 2020
for our 11th annual
Race to End Hunger
5K / 2 Mile Walk**

**Empty Bowls
Rescheduled**

**April 15, 2021
Hope Center for Arts & Technology**





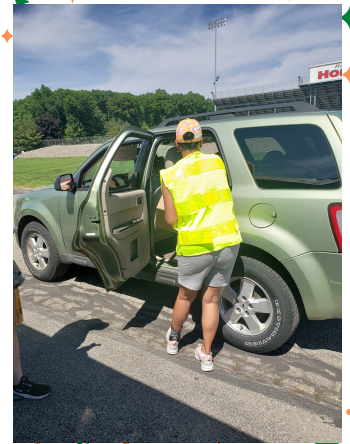
Our recent stats: March-June

A team of 7 food
bank staff members
together with over 100
food bank volunteers

Over 847,000 lbs.
of food distributed

6,528 emergency
food boxes packed at the
warehouse

1,300 emergency
food boxes brought in
from central PA





15 pantries & one mobile pantry remained open; 11 feeding programs remained open



2 public mass food distributions serving over 850 Mercer County families with fresh produce, dairy & bread



20,000 pre-made frozen meals contracted through the state distributed



We wish to extend our gratitude to the following foundations for their most generous donations in the past few months to the Community Food Warehouse for COVID-19 Relief/Response:

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PA & EASTERN OH
BUHL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION
FIRST ENERGY FOUNDATION
HIGHMARK FOUNDATION
NATIONAL FUEL FOUNDATION
PNC FOUNDATION
HUNTINGTON FOUNDATION
THE BECKWITH INSTITUTE
QUANEX FOUNDATION
FRANGAKIS FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

We also wish to thank Jeff Bezos and other anonymous donors who made (and continue to make) generous gifts to Feeding America which directly regranted funds to support the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County during this unprecedented time of need.

Each of these donors, no matter how big or how small, has supported our mission and helped us push through this crisis to meet the overwhelming need of providing food assistance to so many people. We thank you! Mercer County thanks you!

Our new refrigerated truck!



Our Starve Hunger ~ Feed Hope Spring Campaign was a huge success!

Over \$120,000 was raised from April 1-May 31!!

From the bottom of our hearts, our deepest thanks and appreciation goes out to all our local donors here throughout Mercer County for responding in an astounding way to our annual Spring Giving Campaign, Starve Hunger~Feed Hope.



Fundraiser Spotlight



Maeli Kornbau, Age 9

Dear Community food Warehouse -

Thank you for always providing food, service, and support for our community. Please accept this donation of \$100 I raised by selling snow cones at my dad's business, Westside Beverage, in Sharon PA on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from 11 to 6pm. I hope this donation can be used to help local families get through this pandemic and ease the hardships everyone is going through.

Thank you
Age 9 Maeli Kornbau Herms

MilitaryShare Recap

55 households served during May 12th distribution

Distribution held drive-thru style at the Warehouse

Many thanks to Gino Nicastro and his Allstate team for helping with the distribution!

Next distribution scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th

Know a veteran or an active duty service member that could use some help? Have them call Sarah at 724-981-0353.

