

FALL 2021

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Dear Friends,

Time sure does fly! As we enter the fourth quarter of 2021, I would be remiss if I didn't extend my thanks and appreciation to each of you for your steadfast support of our mission to feed our friends and neighbors in Mercer County.

We've accomplished so much over the summer with your help!

Myron's Meal Mobile, Community Food Warehouse's summer feeding program, completed its first season and provided 5,000 hot meals! The retrofitted school bus traveled to the communities of Farrell, Grove City, Greenville, Sharpsville, Sharon and Transfer.

Special thanks to Emily Wood, Meal Bus Coordinator and Bus Driver, Jean Sinkus, Weber Catering & Events, Whole Life Services and the dozens of volunteers, donors, Board of Directors, and staff who made Myron's Meal Mobile a success!

In addition to Myron's Meal Mobile, you may have noticed our truck in your neighborhood distributing fresh produce and shelf stable food. We have started to expand access to nutritious food throughout the county by hosting Mobile Pantry food distributions.

The Mobile Pantry food distribution model is designed to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors who reside in rural communities and/or communities where there is limited access to grocery stores and traditional food pantries. So far, we've reached hundreds of households in Greenville, West Middlesex, and Hermitage!

Produce season was and continues to be plentiful and greatly appreciated by those who receive the bounty! Thousands of pounds of tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, squash, cucumbers, corn, potatoes, onions, peaches and apples flowed through the Warehouse and into the hands of our hungry friends and neighbors.

Summertime may have ended, but our work to feed those who are hungry continues. As the months grow colder and holidays draw near, the need for food assistance will undoubtedly increase. The good news is, we have opportunities for you to help!

September is Hunger Action Month—a month dedicated to driving awareness and inspiring action to help end hunger in America on a national scale and right here in Mercer County. Hunger should not be an impossible choice. Please visit our website to learn how you can join the movement!

We are excited to be hosting two of our biggest fundraisers this fall – the 12th annual Race to End Hunger at LindenPointe on September 18th and Empty Bowls Mercer County at the Hope Center for Arts and Technology on October 21st. We hope to see you there!

It's hard to believe I have been the executive director of Community Food Warehouse for an entire year. With so many uncertainties in the world right now, there is one thing I am certain about and that is Mercer County's commitment to ensuring no one goes hungry.

With a grateful heart,

Becky Page, Executive Director

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Feed Hope



**Sponsorships
Available!**

*Empty Bowls
Mercer County*

**Thursday, October 21,
2021**

3:00-7:00pm

*Hope Center
for Arts and Technology*

115 Anson Way Sharon, PA 16146

**Interested in
volunteering?**

Contact
Sarah at

724-981-0353 ext. 106

**Accepting basket
raffle donations!**

**Buy Tickets
Here**

**Or stop by the Warehouse and purchase your
tickets M-F between 8:00am-3:00pm.**

2021 Hunger Champion

We are so excited to introduce our 2021 Hunger Champion,

Marlyn Bell

Marlyn has been volunteering at the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County for more than 7 years. She has recently surpassed 2,000 volunteer hours-- quite an achievement!

Marlyn has spent most of her time volunteering at the reception desk, greeting folks with her welcoming smile and keeping us organized! She has also volunteered at The Race to End Hunger, Empty Bowls, Farm Day in Town and has been a big help with the Senior Food Box Program; registering seniors, packing and delivering their boxes.



Marlyn chose to volunteer her time at the CFWMC because "everyone deserves to have food. As a volunteer, you want to do something good with your time and when I started volunteering at CFW, it was like joining a family-- a family doing something special for the community." Her most memorable volunteer experience was watching the little ones taste vegetable soup for the first time at Farm Day. "They were so excited to taste the vegetable soup for the first time and so many wanted more! That was really special to see." We are so thankful for her and her commitment to supporting our mission.

Thank you, Marlyn!



Myron's Meal Mobile Recap

Just as quickly as the launch of Myron's Meal Mobile came upon us in June, ten weeks of providing lunch to our neighbors from the meal bus seemed to pass just as fast. With the help of our Meal Bus Coordinator, Emily Wood, Bus Driver, Jean Sinkus, Weber Catering and staff from Whole Life Services and the numerous volunteers, we were able to provide 5,000 meals to folks in Sharon, Greenville, Transfer, Sharpsville, Farrell and Grove City!

Thank you for welcoming us into your neighborhoods this summer! Stay tuned for where you can find Myron's Meal Mobile next summer!



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Over \$19,000 raised!

Race to End Hunger



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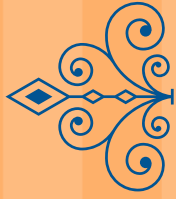
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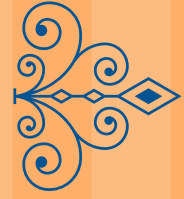
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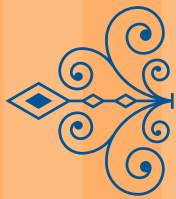
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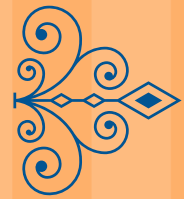
Truck Full of Hope



Food drive hosted by Taylor Chevrolet of Hermitage
November 1 - December 17



Holiday Campaign



Annual giving campaign
November 1 - December 31

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH IS
ALMOST OVER!**

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN STILL TAKE ACTION TODAY:

Donate

Volunteer

Host A Food Drive

FOOD SHOULDN'T BE AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE. TAKE ACTION TODAY.