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NOURISHING NEWS

FROM HELPING HARVEST

A Successful Thanksgiving, thanks to you!

This year, Helping Harvest received 2,000 turkeys donated from Koch's Turkey Farm in Schuylkill County, and 1500 from Giant! All of these turkeys became part of a complete Thanksgiving box which provides a whole Thanksgiving meal. With your help, we were able to give out 6,500 of those this year. We were able to purchase the remainder of the turkeys through the generous support of various individuals and organizations. Thank you to everyone who made our Thanksgiving boxes possible this year. As a whole for the month of November, we distributed 1,004,258 pounds of food!



If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please call us at 610-926-5802 ext. 206.



**Antietam High School
Student Council helping to
prep for Thanksgiving!**



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A message from our President

JAY, WORRALL,

Dear Friends—

As we approach the holiday season this year I wanted to express how grateful I am for the work we have done together, and for the support shown to us by so many of you.

I am so proud to be part of a team including board members, volunteers and staff, who work so hard to provide a helping hand to those in need in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. To those of you who have supported us this year and those who will continue to work with us in 2024—THANK YOU SO MUCH!! We simply could not do this work without you.

We have several exciting new initiatives coming next year, perhaps the most exciting of which is our Community Kitchen which will allow us to provide heat-and-eat meals to seniors and families. I look forward to sharing more with you over the next year. Thanks again, and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

— Jay Worrall



47,916
pounds of
food was
collected!

BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

Our yearly Boy Scout Food Drive achieved tremendous success! We gathered a total of 47,916 pounds of food and \$890.00! This surpasses last year's collection of 42,086 pounds. A heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff, Boy Scout troops, and volunteers who contributed their time and effort.

ADVOCACY CORNER

SNAP is the most effective anti-hunger program in the United States. In 2022, the federal program helped an estimated 40 million people put food on the table. For every meal the Feeding America network of 200 food banks provides, SNAP provides 9. We need to keep pushing our government leaders to keep extending the SNAP benefits. Read more at <https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/advocate/snap>



Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program

NEW TRACTOR TRAILER

Our brand new tractor-trailer is here, wrapped in Helping Harvest style! It has the capacity to carry 80,000 pounds of food and will greatly enhance our ability to take large donations of food from local food manufacturers and wholesalers. The new truck can transport three times the amount of food as the ones we were using before, allowing Helping Harvest to put resources elsewhere.

80,000
pounds of
food can be
transported





Thank You, Volunteers

3000 HOURS

Nancy Prann just hit her 3000th hour of volunteering. She volunteers at a ton of mobile markets in the community. Nancy volunteers at around 8-12 a month and also volunteers in the warehouse. Helping Harvest can't thank you enough, Nancy!



Nancy
Prann

A picture of
Penske
volunteers



VOLUNTEERS

Over the last three months, we have had so many amazing volunteers helping us sort, organize, and prep for our agency partners. Just a few of those organizations were Watchkeep, Brentwood Industries, Penske, Gaming and Leisure Properties, and CORE Program. If you would like to volunteer, please visit HelpingHarvest.org/Volunteer, or call 610-926-5802 ext 220

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