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# A Celebration of Community & Hope SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 • 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ARROW STUDIO & EVENTS, 316 N. CENTRE STREET, POTTSVILLE, PA

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Dear Friend of Helping Harvest,**

As President of Helping Harvest, and Chairman of the Helping Harvest Board of Directors, we are pleased to announce our Schuylkill County Celebration of Community & Hope on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Arrow Studio & Events, Pottsville, PA.

Formerly known as Greater Berks Food Bank, Helping Harvest was founded in 1983 by a group of local leaders concerned about the community's hunger problem. Helping Harvest has been providing food to churches and charitable partners in Schuylkill County since 1988.

Hunger continues to be a serious global crisis. Our Schuylkill County communities are not exempt. According to the United States Census Bureau, 12% of the population in Schuylkill County live close to the federal poverty guideline and qualify for food assistance. In addition, nearly 60% of school-aged children are eligible for the National School Lunch Program's free and reduced lunches. Unfortunately, these statistics continue to grow while government funding has significantly decreased.

Last year, Helping Harvest supplied \$4.3M (2.4M lbs.) of nutritious food to 108 Schuylkill County charitable food programs serving 33,814 neighbors in need. Our Weekender Program provided 44,799 bags of food to school-aged children and the Senior Food Box Program provided 6,000 boxes of food to lower-income seniors in Schuylkill County.

We invite you to join us in lending a helping hand and supporting our mission of feeding as many of our hungry neighbors as possible by becoming an event sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities and an application form are included.

Sincerely,

Jay Workall

President

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Ryan Hassler Chairman, Board of Directors

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Every Friday, a bag of nutritious food is provided for students who struggle with food insecurity. Helping Harvest supports

#### 21 Schuylkill County Weekender Program

sites. Last year, the program filled 44,799 bags for 1,496 schoolaged children in Schuylkill County.



As the school nurse, I interact with so many of our youth and see first-hand what so many children have to live without. Sixty percent of our students live at or below the federal poverty level.

Most of us are fortunate to have the luxury of stocked cabinets, full refrigerators, and regular meals. While we are throwing leftovers away, young children in our communities are going to bed hungry. I can personally attest to many instances of students coming to see the nurse for simple hunger pains.

Helping Harvest's Weekender Program is a game changer for so many students, alleviating some of the financial burden of increasing grocery bills and guaranteeing that there is a solid nutritional content in their meals.

A child cannot learn if they are hungry. Every child deserves a chance to succeed.



Kelly Valentine RN, MSN Certified School Nurse Minersville Area School District

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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#### \*EXCLUSIVE Presenting Sponsor \$6,000/16 seats/full pg. digital ad

Welcome Sign Sponsor Recognition Invitation Sponsor Recognition (due 2/22/24) \$5,440 contribution = 725 Weekender Bags

#### \*Community & Hope Sponsors \$4,000/8 tickets/full pg. digital ad

Welcome Sign Sponsor Recognition Invitation Sponsor Recognition (due 2/22/24) \$3,720 contribution = 496 Weekender Bags

\*EXCLUSIVE Video Sponsor \$3,500/6 tickets/half pg. digital ad/ logo on video \$3,290 contribution = 439 Weekender Bags

\*EXCLUSIVE Welcomp Reception Sponsor/ Display Space \$3,000/6 tickets/half pg. virtual ad \$2,790 contribution = 372 Weekender Bags

- \*EXCLUSIVE Dessert Reception Sponsor \$3,000/6 tickets/half pg. digital ad/ display signage \$2,790 contribution – 372 Weekender Bags
- Community Partner Table Sponsors \$1,500/8 tickets/half pg. digital ad \$1,220 contribution = 163 Weekender Bags
- Spirit of Community Partners \$450/4 tickets/quarter pg. digital ad \$310 contribution = 41 Weekender Bags
  - Hope Tickets \$140/2 tickets \$70.00 Contribution = 9 Weekender Bags
  - Helping Hand Ticket \$75/1 ticket \$40 contribution = 5 Weekender Bags

#### \*Sponsors will be announced during the program.

All contributions in excess of "fair market value" are tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law. The "fair market value" is \$35.00/person.

#### DIGITAL TRIBUTE PROGRAM SPONSOR ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements will be displayed on large screens during the program and will be included in the digital tribute program available on the Helping Harvest website beginning April 10, 2024.

#### AD SIZES: Closing date for artwork: Friday, April 5, 2024

- Full page/screen: 16" wide x 9" high Presenting Sponsor and Community & Hope Sponsors
- Half page/screen:
  7.375" wide x 8" high
  Video, Welcome Reception,
  Dessert Reception and
  Community Partner Table Sponsors
- Quarter page/screen: 3.6" wide x 7" high Spirit of Community Partner

#### We hope you will join us!

Please complete the form on the back and submit it to: Helping Harvest, Attn: Development Department, 117 Morgan Drive, Reading, PA 19608

#### **Event Information**

Contact Jennifer Bauman at jbauman@helpingharvest.org or 610.926.5802, ext. 228.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!

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EXCLUSIVE Presenting Sponsor (16 tickets)	\$6,000	Community Partner Table Sponsors (8 tickets)	\$1,500	
Community & Hope Sponsors (8 tickets)	\$4,000	Spirit of Community Partners (4 tickets)	\$450	
EXCLUSIVE Video Sponsor (6 tickets)	\$3,500	Hope Tickets (2 tickets)	\$140	
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EXCLUSIVE Dessert Sponsor (6 tickets)	\$3,000			
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