

MARCH 2024

NOURISHING NEWS

FROM HELPING HARVEST

Helping Harvest Community Kitchen

Construction has officially started on the Helping Harvest Community Kitchen Project which will be located at 201 Washington Street, Reading PA.

The Community Kitchen will allow Helping Harvest to create ready-to-eat meals that will be packed, frozen and then distributed through our network of 350+ charitable food programs. This will also allow us to receive bulk food donations through food industry partners that we currently aren't able to take.

Lastly, this Community Kitchen will serve as a culinary skills center for those in need of job training. It will provide on-staff social workers who will help provide job placement assistance, and SNAP Outreach Coordinators to provide application assistance. Construction should be completed by the end of 2024.

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





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2023 STATISTICS



Helping
Harvest
Recap

Thank you to our staff, donors, and volunteers for making 2023 possible. Below are a few statistics to recap 2023. Follow us on social media for a thorough breakdown between Berks and Schuylkill County.

- Total Pounds Distributed: 9,523,630 lbs
- Total Value: \$17,006,274.24
- Approximate number of people served: 144,549
- Total Number of Weekender Bags Distributed: 133,676
- Total volunteers: 2,506
- New Volunteers: 653
- Total Volunteer Hours: 29,063
- Total SNAP Applications Completed: 365
- Total # of CSFP Boxes distributed: 25,362
- Total pounds of CSFP distributed: 744,388lbs
- Total # of CSFP Sites: 103
- Total # of bags provided to Meals on Wheels: 7,979



Schuylkill
County
Event

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY EVENT

Join us on April 11th from 5:30- 7:30 pm at Arrow Studio & Events in Pottsville, PA. Learn more about our mission to end hunger in Schuylkill County. Follow us on social media for more information.

BERKS COUNTY EVENT

Join us on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Reading, PA. Stay tuned for more information regarding tickets and sponsorship opportunities.



Berks
County
Event

\$200,000 GRANT

We are thrilled to announce that Helping Harvest has been granted \$200,000 by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation to fund the Food Rx program! This initiative is designed to offer healthy food options to pregnant and postpartum individuals. This grant will also enable us to assist these individuals in applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a vital resource for our low-income neighbors.



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CELEBRATING SANDY

Sandy is an amazing, dedicated, invaluable asset to Helping Harvest. On 1/29/2024, Sandy completed 5,000 volunteer hours with us! THANK YOU, Sandy, for all the time that you spend with us helping our neighbors in need.



5,000
Volunteer
Hours

One of Our
Amazing
Volunteer
Groups



VOLUNTEERS

Helping Harvest couldn't exist without our amazing volunteers. We're forever grateful for every individual and organization that takes the time to volunteer with us.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit HelpingHarvest.org/Volunteer, or call 610-926-5802 ext 220

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