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Serving the emergency food needs of
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On a Wing
And a Prayer



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As always, it seems the summer months fly by! We continued our Summer Lunch Program that distributed extra kid-friendly food during the whole summer to all of our registered families and served a total of 688 children. We also completed another successful year of supplying brand new backpacks filled with school supplies to each of our school-aged children, as well as a gift card to purchase new sneakers for school. These distributions are most appreciated by our families and ease the burden of getting the children ready for the school year. In addition, 110 of our registered Veterans and Seniors also received a gift card to purchase new sneakers and they were very grateful.

COVID has once again forced us to resort to a "Drive Through" Thanksgiving Distribution that will supply a Turkey and all the items for a complete dinner to over 200 families. We have already started to gather items to be included, as the Supply Chain is still very unreliable for bulk purchases. We are faced again this year with another "Turkey Shortage" due to bird flu, according to the news. Anyone interested in pledging and bringing a frozen turkey the morning of our distribution on Saturday, November 19th can call us at (610) 873-1149 and leave a message or email us at info@LordsPantryPa.org. **NOTE: Please do not mail or drop off your Giant Turkey Certificates, as they will not allow us to redeem them.** You can choose to have your Certificate donated to us at the Giant in Exton either by telling the cashier or if the Certificate gets printed, you can take it to the Customer Service Desk.

As we approach our holiday season, I regret to say, that because of COVID, we will have to continue to give our families gift cards to do their own shopping again this year. I know many of our donors will be disappointed, as they enjoy shopping for our families. If it is any consolation, we have received positive feedback from our families saying they truly appreciated the opportunity to shop for their own children. Anyone interested in adopting a child/family for Christmas may do so by sending a check designating "Christmas" in the memo line of the check. Also, if making a donation online, please be sure to designate "Christmas" in the message box. We prefer to purchase the gift cards, as if there is a problem we will have all of the receipts here to handle it. Also, each family is required to return receipts to us for an audit trail.

During these current economic conditions, food prices continue to rise at an alarming rate. I remember when price increases on an item might go up by \$.05 – today so many of the items we purchase have increased by \$.30 or more! When you multiply that times the number of families we serve, you can see how crucial your support becomes to us. The Supply Chain has continued to be a challenging factor and has caused us to order from multiple sources to meet our weekly distribution needs.

All of us at the Lord's Pantry would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday and healthy new year!

Jan Leaf, Executive Director

"No One Should Suffer From Hunger"



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Please consider using AmazonSmile Foundation when shopping on Amazon. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.05% of the purchase price of all eligible products when you select "Lord's Pantry of Downingtown" as your charity.





ADOPT A CHILD OR FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS



Our Christmas Program is modified this year for the safety of our clients and volunteers.

We will only be able to accept monetary donations due to the logistics of this Program.

All qualifying families will receive one Gift Card per Child to do their own Christmas shopping. We know many donors may be disappointed, as they enjoy to shop and wrap, but the parents love being able to shop for their own children.

If you would like to participate this year, please designate your monetary donation for "Christmas" and send to :

Lord's Pantry, 141 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335

To donate online visit our website at : lordspantryofdowningtown.org.

On "Donation Summary Page" designate "Christmas" in the message box.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Beverages
Coffee , Juice

Boxed Goods
Pasta, Rice, Mac & Cheese, Breakfast Cereal,
Peanut Butter & Jelly, Brownie Mix

Canned Goods
Fruit, Vegetables, Tuna, Ham,
Chicken, Beef Stew & Pasta meals

Soups
Progresso & Campbells Chunky,
Cream Soups-Chicken & Mushroom,
Broth- Chicken & Beef

Toiletries
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant,
Shaving Products, Soap, Shampoo

Paper Goods
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

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BOARD CORNER

The last several years have presented significant (and hopefully once-in-a-lifetime) challenges to our community. The pandemic changed so many things - the way that many people work, how our children went to school, the way that people shop, and how we serve our clients at the Lord's Pantry.

Just as a very small sense of "normalcy" was returning, Downingtown was hit by a catastrophic flood from Hurricane Ida in September 2021. Today, as we see images of people in Puerto Rico, Florida, and the Carolinas attempting to recover from Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, I am reminded of the destruction and devastation so many people experienced throughout the area.

While the pandemic and flood were totally different events, one thing was obvious; our community is comprised of people who care for and about each other. We saw neighbors helping neighbors, groups of students coming together to assist residents, numerous food drives, and donations large and small.

Inflated food prices continue to present challenges for far too many. Schools are no longer serving free breakfast and lunch, which puts additional pressure on already stretched budgets. The approaching holiday season brings excitement and joy but can also bring stress and uncertainty. While the way we provide holiday traditions to our clients has changed, one thing remains the same. It is only possible because of the dedication of our 100% volunteer staff, our faithful volunteers and the generosity of our donors.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lord's Pantry of Downingtown.

Sandy D'Amico, Board President

\$10,000 Donor Challenge

A very generous donor will match every dollar donated to the Lord's Pantry up to \$10,000 during the months of November and December. Please consider participating in this challenge!!!

**Send donations to:
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and please designate "Donor Challenge" in memo.**