



Mission Statement

The purpose of The Hempfield Area Food Pantry, Inc. is to show the underserved of the Hempfield communities the gracious love of God by feeding the body, mind, and soul of its clients, with dignity and respect.

Hempfield Area Food Pantry Report

Business Year 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022

August, 2022

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Hempfield Area Food Pantry,

The Board of Directors would like to thank you and take this opportunity to give you some information about some of the workings of your pantry. HAFP supplements client's other food sources. Please feel free to contact us for more information or a tour of the facility at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Landisville.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

The source of this portion is Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and our records. HAFP purchased about 98,600 pounds of food for the 2021/2022 business year, July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Every two weeks we pick up free food from Community Action Partnership (CAP) in Lancaster; they receive it from Central Penn. That amount was about 36,800 pounds for the same period for a total of 135,400 pounds just from these two sources. We spent about \$51,000 for this food which is, according to Central Penn, **35 cents per pound**. The \$51,000 does not include the \$19,000 we received in grant money from the state through Central Penn. These numbers are not exact because Central Penn may add money to our grant from other sources; this especially occurred during the Covid period.

The 135,400 pounds just from these two sources represent about 112,900 meals calculated at **1.2 pounds of food per meal** (PA Dept, of Agriculture). Over this period the pantry has averaged feeding 1325 "mouths" per month. Let me explain this datum: Clients may come once a week, and many do so; records show the number of adults, children and seniors that receive food for a month. On average, people had an opportunity to eat food from us 1325 times.

Other Purchases

The pantry also makes purchases as needed such as produce twice a week and groceries for food that was not available through Central Penn. Due to Covid, we have had to buy boxes and bags for the client's food that is delivered to their car. The food boxes are packed according to family size. We also purchased another upright freezer, new shelves for food storage, sturdy carts for moving food, cushioned floor mats, and office supplies including electronic equipment for Central Penn Food Bank's new initiative, a "paperless" record keeping system. We do not anticipate any major equipment purchases in the near future.

Community and Church Support

We receive thousands of pounds of free food from many sources including food drives from you, the members of the **nineteen** churches that support this mission. Other sources are Giant Mount Joy, Weis Stony Battery, Weis Columbia, Stauffers, the boy/girl scouts, Hempfield School District staff and students, Hempfield School District Retired staff, Retirement Communities, US Postal Service, WayStock, Koser Tennis Tournament, Kellogg, Ugrow, S. Clyde Weaver, local businesses and civic groups, Penn State Extension, Mathew 25, and many individuals that contribute food and money. In addition to any grant money, HAFP spent \$82,781 of its own money during calendar 2021.

Business Status

Pennsylvania requires the pantry to keep a variety of detailed records; we are a 501c3 tax exempt organization. The pantry has procedural audits from Central Penn Food Bank once a year and one from the U.S. Department of Agriculture every three years. The audits focus on our record keeping and interactions with clients.

Volunteers

St. James: *"Show me thy faith without works, and I from my works will show thee my faith."*

We have wonderful volunteers from various churches that pick up, sort, pack, and distribute food for the clients. Due to Covid, we lost a number of great volunteers from the past but have a solid core that keep the pantry functioning. We are blessed for the "home" Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Landisville, provides to the mission of serving those in our Hempfield Community who need food support.

We hope this little report will give you insight into the operations of the HAFP. Thank you for all your support of our mission.

HAFP board of Directors