

NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of....

Thank you! I just cannot say it enough. We receive donations from churches, organizations, farmers, school sport teams, Octorara School and many others.

We just received a \$1000 grant which we used to put in 6 new raised beds for our garden. Also, a thank you to the Genuardi Foundation which helped us provide more protein to our families and a healthy snack each month to our school age children.

We know our clients — they are not the unfortunate. They are our neighbors, friends and family. We are all children of God!

2016—2017, we have been blessed.

Judy Dougherty, Director

Note from the Chairman....

The Octorara Area Food Cupboard has made great strides over the last year to meet the demands of our community. It is our mission to provide food support to qualifying individuals and families in the greater Octorara area. The contributions made by our supporters and the efforts made by our volunteers has resulted in success for our organization. Walt Disney said, "you can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful idea in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality." We currently serve 1000 people a month. The term 'serve' is significant because it is our purpose to do nothing less. I am proud to be a part of this community and I am proud of the individuals who work tirelessly to sustain our mission. If you can find it in your heart to give, donate or volunteer please feel free to contact us at 610-857-4000. You can rest assured that your contribution will make a difference.

Scott Rohrer, Chairman, O AFC Board of Directors

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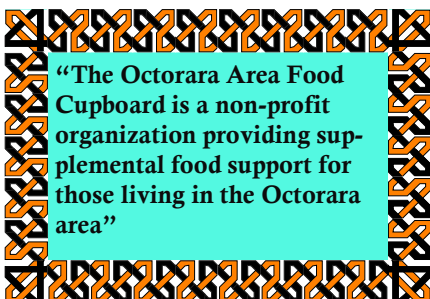
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Genuardi Grant.....

In the spring of 2016 we were awarded \$5000 from the Genuardi Foundation. O AFC applied for this grant in early 2016 and the award came with the following goals:

1. Increase the amount of food to families in need during the summer months (July-August).
2. Provide proteins on a consistent basis (January-December)
3. Provide specific food for holiday dinners (November, December, April)
4. Provide nutritional information every month (January-December)
5. Provide a Back to School Healthy Snack Program (September-June)

With the help of this Grant, donations from the community and partnering with Chester County Food Bank, we have been able to accomplish all of the 5 goals set forth in the Grant. We thank the Genuardi Foundation for these funds as it has enabled us to expand our quality of support to our clients during this past year.



Holiday Dinner Give-Aways

Regular clients of the O AFC were given a complete turkey dinner during our Turkey Drive-Thru event. We provided coupons for a ham at Christmas from a local grocery store and during April we provided an extra bag of groceries for Easter dinner along with a ham or turkey. This all would not be possible without the assistance of the Food Drives local organizations sponsor and our partnership with Chester County Food Bank.

How We Have Grown

December 2012 - Opening Month — Served:

52 Large Families
141 Seniors
244 Adults
226 Children
611 People
228 Families

October 2016 Served:

5 Extra Large Families
51 Large Families
170 Seniors
353 Adults
248 Children
771 People
271 Families

How you can help!

Non-perishable donations of the following are needed:

- Meaty Soup*
- Spaghetti Sauce*
- Spaghetti Noodles*
- Applesauce*
- Canned Fruit*
- Canned Beans*
- Peanut Butter/Jelly*



Mission Statement

Based on the belief that no one should suffer from hunger, the Octorara Area Food Cupboard exists to provide supplement food assistance to eligible, low-income individuals and families in need. We deliver this service in conjunction with government food programs, through community donations and a network of committed volunteers in a manner that places high value on respect and dignity.

Thank you to everyone who supported our special events in 2016:

- LC Auto Body: Car shows in May & October
- Octorara Area School: Empty Bowl in November & the Christmas Concert in Dec.
- Choo-Choo Barn: Food Donations in lieu of Entrance fee in December
- St. Patrick's Church (Malvern) & Moose Lodge 1153-153 (Downingtown): Food drives in Spring and Fall

Thank you to the following for support:

- Denise Martzell for holding an Empty Bowl held in Christiana in March 2017. It was very successful.
- Our community churches whose combined giving totalled 14,952 lbs. of non-perishable food for the year 2016.

The growth and support of our Cupboard has enabled us to remodel a small area and expand our office space to accommodate additional much needed office staff support.

OCTORARA AREA FOOD CUPBOARD

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL: *Would you like to honor someone meaningful in your life? Remember a special occasion--like a birthday, an anniversary, a holiday (Christmas), or bereavement. If so, you can make a donation to OAFc, and we will send a certificate saying that a donation has been made in their name, from you. Just fill out the form below and mail to OAFc, P.O. Box 424, Parkesburg, PA 19365.*

Your information:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Recipient's Information

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Circle one: *In Memory of* *In Honor of*

How would you like the card to be signed _____

Thank you for your tax deductible donation!

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