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Team Up Against Hunger in Bucks County and Montgomery County through December 16

Two special events on December 10 will include former NFL players and cheerleaders

Newtown, PA - [November 10, 2022] – [Magellan Health, Inc.](#) today announced that [Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. \(Magellan\)](#), in collaboration with the [Philadelphia Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association](#), [Bucks County Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs](#), and [Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services](#), is coordinating a [Team Up Against Hunger food drive](#) through December 16 with a goal of 5,000 pounds of donations collected. The beneficiaries for the food drive are the [Bucks County Opportunity Council](#) for all donations collected in Bucks County and the [MontCo Anti-Hunger Network](#) for all donations collected in Montgomery County. Magellan currently administers behavioral health benefits throughout Pennsylvania with HealthChoices contracts in Bucks, Cambria, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton counties.

Donation suggestions for food and non-food items along with 13 drop off locations across both counties are outlined below, to include several police departments, local hospitals, health centers, and county/township administrative buildings that have graciously agreed to participate in this community effort to help local residents needing a helping hand. If you are interested in becoming a drop off location for this food drive or to be considered for future opportunities, please send an email to MBHofPA@magellanhealth.com.

On December 10, this collaborative effort of organizations will host two special events to offer a Saturday drop off opportunity for food and non-food donations listed below. During these events on December 10 only, the general public and kids in particular have an opportunity to receive basic football and cheerleading skills training from former NFL players and cheerleaders. In addition, drive-thru drop offs of donations are encouraged, and will include volunteers assisting with box/donation collections from vehicles. Additional details will be shared soon on the [Team Up Against Hunger food drive](#) webpage to include parking suggestions. The locations and times for each special event are:

- December 10, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., [Norristown Regional Health Center](#), 1401 Dekalb Street, Norristown
- December 10, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., [H.E.L.P. Center](#) at Bucks County Opportunity Council, 194 Commerce Circle, Bristol

"BCOC is proud to partner with organizations like Magellan, NFL Alumni and Bucks County Government to fight hunger. Right now, in Bucks County we help feed our community through over 75 food pantries and direct distributions. In our County alone, over 50,200 individuals are facing food insecurity, with 17,000 of them being children. This effort and support are so necessary to make sure families are getting enough to eat every day," says Elizabeth Zbinden, food program manager for Bucks County Opportunity Council.

Amanda Musselman, executive director for the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network, commented, "Our emergency food network is at a pivotal moment as the need for food assistance continues to rise. We are not able to support our alliance of over sixty hunger relief organizations in Montgomery County without community support from partnerships like this. We all play an important role in being hunger relief champions that can eliminate hunger from our community."

Lee Woodall, former NFL player and president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association, commented, “Food is needed to nourish the body and needed for our children and our communities to survive in the time when no one should go without a meal, but people do. NFL Alumni try hard to make a difference in caring for kids and caring for our communities. We pledge to ‘Team Up Against Hunger’ and make an impact that gives hope, joy, nourishment, and change.”

Jim Leonard, CEO of Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, commented, “We are so appreciative for this collaborative effort, and we look forward to impactful results across Bucks County and Montgomery County. It’s also important to realize that efforts such as this food drive help to bring attention and donations during the winter months, but on a year-round basis there continues to be need for our neighbors. We encourage everyone to keep aware of organizations such as the Bucks County Opportunity Council and the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network and assist as you are able to.”

Food items in most need:

- Baking items (flour, sugar, baking powder, etc.)
- Beans
- Boxed drinks (juice, milk – dairy and non-dairy)
- Breakfast foods (Cereal, Pancake mix, Coffee, Tea)
- Canned soups, vegetables, fruit
- Canned/jar nuts, peanut butter, dried fruit, jelly
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc.)
- Ensure
- Flour (Almond, All-Purpose, Masa, etc.)
- Gluten-free foods
- Kosher and Halal foods
- Oils (Canola, Olive, Avocado, Flaxseed, etc.)
- Pasta (regular, wheat, gluten-free)
- Pasta meals (Knorr, Mac & Cheese, Pasta-roni, etc.)
- Regional foods (Southeast Asian, Latin American, etc.)
- Rice (White, Brown, Jasmine, etc.)
- Sugar-free foods

Non-food items in most need:

- Pull up diapers (2T, 3T, 4T, etc.)
- Diapers (large sizes 5, 6, 7)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Drop-off locations:

- (Bucks County) Bristol Borough Police Department, Main Entrance, 25 Pond Street, Bristol
- (Bucks County) Bristol Township Police Department, Main Entrance, 2501 Bath Road, Bristol
- (Bucks County) Bucks County Administrative Office, Main Entrance, 55 East Court Street, Doylestown
- (Bucks County) Bucks County Opportunity Council, 136 Mill Road, Quakertown
- (Bucks County) HELP Center at Bucks County Opportunity Council, 194 Commerce Circle, Bristol
- (Bucks County) Yardley Police Department, 56 S. Main Street, Yardley
- (Bucks County) Bensalem Police Department, 2400 Byberry Road, Bensalem
- (Montgomery County) Jefferson Lansdale Hospital, Main Lobby, 100 Medical Campus Drive, Lansdale
- (Montgomery County) Lower Salford Township Building, 379 Main Street, Harleysville

- (Montgomery County) Montgomery County Human Services Center, Main Entrance, 1430 Dekalb Street, Norristown
- (Montgomery County) Norristown Municipal Building, 1700 Markley Street, Norristown
- (Montgomery County) Pottstown Hospital, Main Lobby, 1600 E. High Street, Pottstown
- (Montgomery County) Abington Township Building, 1176 Old York Road, Abington



On November 1, the drop-off location for Team Up Against Hunger kicked off at the Bucks County Administrative Office in Doylestown. Providing the first donations and pictured from left to right are Bucks County Hub intern, Kaylee Lagler; Bucks County Hub resource navigator, Katey Marseglia; and Bucks County community engagement officer, Ivone Kovalsky.



On November 1, the drop-off location for Team Up Against Hunger kicked off at the Montgomery County Human Services Center in Norristown. Justin Chisholm provided the first donations, and he is the managed care solutions program manager for Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

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