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2nd Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive Collects Donations for Bucks County Opportunity Council and MontCo Anti-Hunger Network

Magellan Cares Foundation Kickstarts Food Drive with Two \$5K Donations

Newtown, Pa. - [Sept. 14, 2023] – [Magellan Health, Inc.](#), a leader in behavioral health and related services, announced today that [Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. \(Magellan\)](#), in collaboration with [Bucks County Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs](#), [Bucks County Human Services Division](#), and [Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services](#), is coordinating the [2nd Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive](#) from Sept. 11 through Oct. 30, 2023 with a goal of collecting 3,000 pounds of donations. The beneficiaries for the food drive are the [Bucks County Opportunity Council \(BCOC\)](#) 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.

Food and non-food donation suggestions are indicated at the end of the release. There is also a list of 13 drop off locations across both counties, including several police departments, hospitals, libraries, and community locales.

To further illustrate a commitment to addressing food insecurity, [Magellan Cares Foundation](#) contributed \$5,000 each to the Bucks County Opportunity Council and the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network in August.

“BCOC is proud to partner with organizations like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania and the 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 40,100 individuals are facing food insecurity. This support is 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, “We are not able to sustain our alliance of over 60 hunger relief organizations in Montgomery County without community support from partners like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania. As hunger continues to grow, so does the urgency to act. Each donation also shares awareness, reminding us all, we play an important role in being hunger relief champions that can eliminate hunger from our community.”

Jim Leonard, CEO of Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, commented, “We are appreciative for this continued effort to work in close collaboration with both the BCOC and the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network, and we are grateful to the diverse list of drop-off locations across both counties. We are also very thankful for our Magellan Cares Foundation, and their financial support in helping these two food organizations. Please look to stop by these drop-off locations as often as you can with donations during this 2nd annual food drive.”

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) Bensalem Police Department, 2400 Byberry Road, Bensalem
- (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) Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library, 680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol
- (Bucks County) Morrisville Free Library, 300 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Morrisville
- (Bucks County) Southampton Free Library, 947 Street Road, Southampton
- (Bucks County) The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury, 93 W. Ferry Street, New Hope
- (Montgomery County) Greater Philadelphia YMCA (Pottstown), 724 N. Adams Street, Pottstown
- (Montgomery County) Indian Valley Public Library, 100 East Church Avenue, Telford
- (Montgomery County) Jefferson Lansdale Hospital, Main Lobby, 100 Medical Campus Drive, Lansdale
- (Montgomery County) Jenkintown Library, 460 York Road, Jenkintown
- (Montgomery County) Ludington Public Library, 5 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr
- (Montgomery County) Norristown Public Library, 1001 Powell Street, Norristown

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