

The 4th Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive Continues Through June 13

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with Bucks County Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs, Bucks County Human Services Division, and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, is hosting the 4th Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive from May 5 through June 13. The beneficiaries for the food drive are once again 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.

This year's food drive collection goal is 4,000 pounds of donations (The '24 food drive collected just over 2,700 pounds of donations) at the 16 drop off locations across both counties. The collection sites include police departments, libraries, churches, and community locales. To find a convenient location, visit the food drive webpage here. If you are interested in becoming a drop off location for future food drive opportunities, please send an email to MBHofPA@magellanhealth.com.

"BCOC is proud to partner with organizations like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County government to fight hunger in our community. Right now, more than 56,000 Bucks County residents, including over 9,000 children, are facing food insecurity. Through our network of over 75 food pantries and distribution sites, we're working every day to make sure families have access to the food they need. Support from efforts like the Bucks-Mont Food Drive plays a vital role in helping us reach our neighbors with care and dignity," says Elizabeth Zbinden, food program manager for Bucks County Opportunity Council.

Shannon Isaacs, executive director for the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network, commented, "It is because of partners like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania that we are able to support our network of over 70 food pantries and free meal providers. Hunger has grown rapidly in recent years and with it the urgency to act to address hunger. Each donation also helps create awareness, reminding all of us that we play an important role in eliminating hunger from our communities."

To further illustrate a commitment to addressing food insecurity, <u>Magellan Cares Foundation</u> contributed \$2,500 each to the Bucks County Opportunity Council and the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network in May.



