

Magellan coordinates the 2nd Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive

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, hosted the 2nd Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive from September 11-October 30. The beneficiaries for the food drive were 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 collected approximately 2,000 pounds of donations at the 14 drop off locations across both counties. The collection sites included several police departments, local libraries, a YMCA, a hospital, and county/township administrative buildings. To see pictures from the collection sites, please visit the 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. 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 so appreciative for this continued effort to work in close collaboration with both the BCOC and the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network. It's also important to realize that efforts such as this food drive help to bring attention and donations during the initiative, 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."