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Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania Coordinates 4th Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive to Support Bucks County Opportunity Council and MontCo Anti-Hunger Network

Magellan Cares Foundation Kickstarts Food Drive with Two \$2,500 Donations

Yardley, Pa. - [May 2, 2025] – Magellan Health, Inc., a leader in behavioral health and related services, announced today that Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) is coordinating the 4th Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive from May 5 through June 13, 2025, in collaboration with Bucks County Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs, Bucks County Human Services Division and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. The Bucks-Mont Food Drive will aim to collect 4,000 pounds of food and non-food donations.

<u>Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC)</u> will receive all donations collected in Bucks County and the <u>MontCo Anti-Hunger Network</u> will receive all Montgomery County donations. 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 16 drop off locations across both counties, including police departments, libraries, churches, and community locales.

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

"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."

Jim Leonard, CEO of Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, added, "We value this continued effort to work in close collaboration with both the BCOC and the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network to address the issue of food insecurity, and we are grateful for the coordination with the 16 drop-off locations across both Bucks and

Montgomery counties. We are also appreciative of the Magellan Cares Foundation to provide an important contribution to each of these community organizations. Please stop by our drop-off locations as often as you can with donations during this 4th annual Food Drive."

Food items in most need:

- Baking items (flour, sugar, baking powder, etc.)
- 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
- Gluten-free foods
- Kosher and Halal foods
- Pasta (regular, wheat, gluten-free)
- Pasta meals (Knorr, Mac & Cheese, Pasta-roni, etc.)
- Regional foods (Southeast Asian, Latin American, 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
- Pet food
- Cleaning supplies
- Bags (Ziploc and garbage)

Drop-off locations:

- (Bucks County) Bucks County Administrative Office, Main Entrance, 55 East Court Street, Doylestown
- (Bucks County) Bucks County Justice Center, 100 N. Main Street, Doylestown
- (Bucks County) Commonplace Reader, 49 S. Main Street, Yardley
- (Bucks County) Family Service Emergency Shelter, 7 Library Way, Levittown
- (Bucks County) Ferry Market, 39 S. Main Street, New Hope
- (Bucks County) HELP Center, 194 Commerce Circle, Bristol
- (Bucks County) Southampton Free Library, 947 Street Road, Southampton
- (Bucks County) TESCO, 925 Canal Street, Suite 1301, Bristol
- (Bucks County) Warrington Police Station, 892 Easton Road, Warrington
- (Montgomery County) Bethel Community Church, 575 Keim Avenue, Pottstown
- (Montgomery County) Dekalb Center Norristown, 1430 Dekalb Street, Norristown (main entrance off of Fornance Street)
- (Montgomery County) Indian Valley Public Library, 100 East Church Avenue, Telford
- (Montgomery County) Jenkintown Borough Hall, 700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown
- (Montgomery County) Hobart's Run, Hill School Center, 856 E. High Street, Pottstown
- (Montgomery County) Ludington Public Library, 5 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr
- (Montgomery County) Upper Moreland Free Public Library, 109 Park Avenue, Willow Grove

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