



Milton Community Food Pantry
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Milton Community Food Pantry
End of Year Report
2021

WHO WE ARE

The Milton Community Food Pantry is an independent 501(c)(3) charity started in June 2014. The mission of the MCFP is to combat hunger in the Milton area. The Pantry is run entirely by volunteers and depends on donations from individuals and organizations. The MCFP distributes fresh and non-perishable food items on the first and third Monday of each month. No one is turned away.

WHAT HUNGER LOOKS LIKE IN DELAWARE

According to Feeding America, 114,190 people are facing hunger in Delaware! That's

1 in 9 people

1 in 6 children

OUR IMPACT IN 2021

- 5004 individuals were served (63% adults, 37% children)
- Food was provided for over 60,000 meals
- 41,000 pounds of fresh food was rescued and distributed
- \$27,000.00 worth of non-perishable food items were donated
- 38 volunteers donated 6,884 hours of their time to the Pantry

TOWNS SERVED IN 2021

Milton	Georgetown	Milford	Felton
Lewes	Ellendale	Laurel	Harbeson
Houston	Magnolia	Harrington	Greenwood
Seaford	Dover	Lincoln	Millsboro
Frederica	Bridgeville	Camden	

With the help of a small, but wonderful and tireless core of volunteers and a very supportive board of directors, we have been able to accomplish the following:

- We moved the entire operation of the Pantry to the Water's Edge Church on Reynolds Road in Milton without missing a distribution.
- We created a drive-through model of distribution that has proved efficient and safe for our clients and volunteers.
- We purchased a building we hope to be able to use as a dedicated food pantry pending Sussex County approval.
- We have continued our emergency partnership with the Food Bank of Delaware enabling us to get TEFAP boxes (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) provided by the federal government.
- We have created a partnership with the "Teach a Person to Fish Society," getting chef-prepared meals and fresh produce, when available, for our distributions.
- We have initiated a partnership with the Delaware "Unite Us" platform to accept referrals for people needing food.
- We have continued to build a strong relationship with many Delaware based foundations.
- We had a record level of funding this year, including individual, corporate and foundation funding. In addition, we have established a relationship with many local communities for in-kind, non-perishable food donations.
- The Pantry was featured on Delmarva Life.
- Some organizations have funded the Pantry for a third funding cycle, understanding the important work we do.
- As Pantry President, I was honored by Governor Carney for a Volunteer Leadership award. This was an amazing honor, one which could not have been accomplished without the help of our hard-working volunteers and the support of my board of directors. This award has provided additional community awareness for the Milton Community Food Pantry.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for a wonderful and successful year. This includes all of our donors (individuals, businesses/corporations, communities and foundations) without whom we could not operate and purchase food; volunteers who give so much of themselves to fulfill our mission; and the board of directors without whose support the Pantry could not succeed. Lastly, I want to thank Pastor Tim and the community of the Water's Edge Church who stepped up immediately when the Pantry was without a home and let us use their building for storage, packing and distribution. None of this would be possible without all of you!

I am looking forward to 2022! With your continued support, we will continue to serve those that need us. I ask that you continue to publicize our work through social media, word of mouth, and watch for a new and improved MCFP website! If at all possible, please support us through DEgives.org on March 3rd-4th.

I wish you all the best in 2022,
Donna Murawski, President
Milton Community Food Pantry