



Milton Community Food Pantry
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Milton Community Food Pantry
End of Year Report
2022

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, 93,900 people are facing hunger in Delaware! That's

1 in 10 people 1 in 7 children 1 in 15 seniors

We have personally seen a 27% increase in the number of families served this year.

OUR IMPACT IN 2022

- 6245 individuals were served (62% adults, 38% children)
- Food was provided for 75,000 meals
- 43,000 pounds of fresh food was rescued and distributed
- \$32,400.00 worth of non-perishable food items were donated

TOWNS SERVED IN 2022

Milton	Georgetown	Milford	Felton
Lewes	Ellendale	Laurel	Harbeson
Houston	Magnolia	Harrington	Greenwood
Seaford	Dover	Lincoln	Millsboro
Frederica	Bridgeville	Camden	Delmar
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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 have continued to operate the Pantry from the Water's Edge Church on Reynolds Road in Milton without missing a distribution in spite of on-going demolition.
- We have continued to implement a drive-through model of distribution that has proven efficient and safe for our clients and volunteers.
- We have been able to purchase and provide food for our clients in spite of the rising cost of food.
- We purchased a building that we will be able to use as a dedicated food pantry. Sussex County has shown support of the Pantry by unanimously approving our conditional use application.
- 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 when available.
- We have a partnership with the "Teach a Person to Fish Society," getting chef-prepared meals and fresh produce, when available, for our distributions.
- We have 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/organizations.
- Once again, we had a record level of funding this year, including individual, corporate, foundation and government funding. In addition, we have established a relationship with many local communities for in-kind, non-perishable food donations.
- The Pantry has been featured in local newspapers and on WRDE TV.
- Some organizations have funded the Pantry for a fourth funding cycle, understanding the important work we do.

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 continue to let us use their property for storage, packing and distribution. None of this would be possible without all of you!

We have much to look forward to in 2023! This will be a banner year for the MCFP with the construction of our new pole building and subsequent use of our property as the new Milton Community Food Pantry! With your on-going support, we will continue to serve those that need us. I ask that you continue to publicize our work through social media and word of mouth. We will be starting a capital fund campaign to help cover building costs in 2023. Please consider helping us if you can, either through a direct donation, through the DEgives.org campaign on March 2nd-3rd or by volunteering to help with our expanding food rescue efforts and distribution to increasing numbers of families.

I wish you all the best in 2023,

Donna Murawski

Donna Murawski, President
Milton Community Food Pantry