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September is Hunger Action Month

PITTSBURGH, PA (September 1, 2022) September is Hunger Action Month™—the Feeding America network’s annual nationwide campaign designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of hunger in the United States.

Food shouldn’t be an impossible choice. For millions of people in America, a daily meal isn’t a choice between different dishes. It’s a choice between food and other crucial needs—like medicine, electricity or childcare. It’s a choice more and more people are forced to make locally.

This summer, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) saw a spike in the number of people coming to us for emergency food assistance. Unlike other seasons, inflation has kept these numbers consistently high.

In the past fiscal year (July 2021 – June 2022) the Food Bank:

- Distributed 42 million meals in our 11-county service area
- Received more than 16,000 direct calls for food assistance
- Distributed 10.4 million pounds of fresh produce
- Rescued 13 million pounds of food rescued that would’ve been sent to landfills
- Harvested 35,500 pounds of produce from local farms that would’ve gone to waste
- Distributed more than 56,380 backpacks to 17,741 students through the Backpack program.

The Food Bank is urging the community to help end hunger by donating, fundraising, volunteering, learning about hunger in your community or advocating for food assistance.

People can visit pittsburghfoodbank.org to get involved.

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About Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that distributes food for more than 45 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of more than 1,000 agencies, partners and programs. The Food Bank was founded in 1980 and is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S. For more information on hunger in our region or how to get involved, visit pittsburghfoodbank.org.