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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Food Bank launches Passcards to make registration easier**

**PITTSBURGH, PA (September 12, 2022)** Starting this fall, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) is launching a new Passcard system. A Passcard is a small, scannable plastic card, easily attached to a keychain. With the new Passcards, families will no longer need to pre-register for food distributions.

"We wanted to create something that would make it easy for the families we serve to access our distribution events without having to fill out monthly paperwork. A Passcard will help someone attending a Food Bank distribution simply scan their card and pick up their food when it is their turn in line," said Director of Partner Network and Distribution Programs Erin Kelly.

Paperwork is necessary for the Food Bank to stay in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Rules and Regulations. With the new Passcards, the Food Bank can record guest visits quickly and accurately.

Anyone interested in signing up for a Passcard can attend one of the Food Bank's regularly scheduled distributions.

People can pick up their Passcards at the distribution where they originally completed the self-declaration of need form. If the card isn't picked up at the next month's distribution, staff will mail the card.

To find a local distribution visit [pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org)

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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](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org).