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New Report: Food Bank sees highest need in its history

Annual report shows Food Bank distributed 6 million more meals than its previous record last year

PITTSBURGH, PA (September 9, 2024) September is Hunger Action Month and a new report from Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (The Food Bank) shows locally, the Food Bank saw the highest need on record this past year.

"Families and seniors have had little financial relief. We saw inflation drive up prices, but now as prices stabilize, families are stuck paying high grocery bills with no end in sight. It is encouraging to see our network step up to provide a record amount of food to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment they need to thrive, but this report is a sign that our work is far from over," said President and CEO of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Lisa Scales.

The Food Bank's annual statistics shows (July 2023-June 2024):

- Distributed nearly 48 million meals (42 million meals the previous year)
- Distributed 15.7 million pounds of produce (12.5 million pounds the previous year)
- 37 percent of all food distributed was fresh produce
- Rescued 20.4 million pounds of food (rescued 18 million the previous year.)

There are many ways to get involved and be a part of the effort to help our neighbors for Hunger Action Month:

- **Donate** – Individuals, corporations and organizations of all types can make an impact through donations and sponsorships. Every \$1 donated to the Food Bank can provide up to three meals to our neighbors in need!
- **Volunteer** - a personalized, three-hour group volunteer shift that includes a lunch and learn as well as a behind the scenes tour of the Food Bank.
- **Advocate** – Joining the Food Bank's advocacy efforts ensures that legislators get the message: helping our neighbors in need is a priority today, and addressing hunger's root causes is vital to reducing hunger tomorrow.

To get or give help, visit pittsburghfoodbank.org.

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