Annual Report
2014
Mission Statement

The Commission on Economic Opportunity’s Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, through its Board of Directors, staff, Advisory Council, member agencies, and community volunteer force, is committed to providing access to safe, legal, healthy, and wholesome food products to food insecure clients who reside in their Northeastern Pennsylvania service territory consisting of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties. This commitment includes an obligation to respect diversity and ensure equal and consistent treatment for all beneficiaries.

This will be accomplished through the interface of management with cross-functional teams with a focus on fiscal responsibility, documentation, education, and the utilization of recurring training. A purposeful monitoring system will ensure compliance with Feeding America, American Institute of Banking (AIB), Federal, State, and local standards, rules, and regulations. This responsibility will fall under the scope and purview of the Food Bank Executive Director, and in turn, senior management.

The CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank assists community organizations in obtaining food to provide to needy families, in particular children and the elderly, by collecting food from a variety of sources (including donations of wholesome but unmarketable food from the food industry, donations from community food drives, and state and federal programs) and distributing it to these organizations. It also works to reduce hunger and promote proper nutrition in addition to preventing food waste. The Food Bank serves a four-county region in Northeast Pennsylvania including Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties.

The past twelve months were witness to many accomplishments and new endeavors for the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank.

But our fight is not over; we need your help. By working together, we can transform our communities, one plate at a time!
How the Food Bank Works

Donated food from the community is collected and warehoused in the Weinberg Food Bank’s Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Center for Healthy Living.

Food is then redistributed to a network of charitable organizations who provide food directly to families, children and seniors in need.

Member agencies and partner organizations, utilizing a dedicated volunteer force, offer meals and groceries to families and individuals in need. The result: more than 5.8 million pounds of food was given to tens of thousands of hungry people in Northeast Pennsylvania this year.

Who is hungry?

Overall food insecurity rate:
- 85,200 people are food insecure
- 14.1%

Child food insecurity rate:
- 28,390 food insecure children
- 23.0%
Sources of Food

The Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank receives food from five main sources: Feeding America, donations from local manufacturers and retailers, donations from local food drives, the Pennsylvania State Food Purchase Program, and the United States Department of Agriculture. In addition to these sources of food, the Food Bank also purchases food at wholesale prices using grant funds.

Feeding America

Feeding America is the nation’s largest domestic hunger relief organization. Feeding America works with major corporations and businesses in the grocery industry to collect food donations. Donations to Feeding America are then distributed through the regional food bank network. In addition, the food banks in the network work together to share surplus products in their inventories.

Donations from Local Manufacturers and Retailers

The Food Bank receives product from local retailers, growers, wholesalers, distributors, and manufacturers. Donated product may be unmarketable, but it is still safe to use by member agencies. For example, it may be at or near code date, mislabeled, slow-selling, or it may have damaged packaging. Locally donated product is made available to all member agencies. Food solicited by the Food Bank, but sent directly to member agencies is included.

Local Food Drives

Local businesses, schools, communities of faith, service groups, youth programs, and other groups collect food from the community and donate it to help those in need. Food drives are one of the most significant sources of food for the Food Bank. Food donated directly to member agencies via community food drives coordinated by the Food Bank are included.

The Pennsylvania State Food Purchase Program

The state of Pennsylvania provides funding for the purchase of food for needy residents as part of the state budget. The state allocates the funds to each of the state's 67 counties. Each county selects a lead agency responsible for the use of the funds. The Commission on Economic Opportunity serves as the lead agency for Luzerne County. The Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank purchases product in bulk, which is then distributed to eligible member agencies within the county. Neighboring county member agencies are also given the opportunity to piggyback orders at the time purchases are made.

United States Department of Agriculture

The USDA provides food to states through two programs, TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance program) and CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program). In Pennsylvania, the state Department of Agriculture allocates TEFAP product in the same manner used for the State Food Purchase Program. CEO is the county's lead agency for this program, and the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank receives and distributes this product to eligible member agencies in Luzerne County.

The Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks, in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture, operates the Commodity Supplemental Food Program through its member Food Banks, distributing the food and resources made available from the USDA. The Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank receives this product and distributes it to needy senior citizens in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, and Susquehanna Counties.

Where does the food come from?

6,499,712 pounds of food received in 2014

- Feeding America Pounds
- Local Pounds
- Purchased Pounds
- Federal Commodities

Where does the food go?

6,293,927 pounds of food distributed in 2014

- To Member Agencies
- To Individuals
- To Other Food Banks
- Trash

In 2014, 5,861,806 pounds of food was given to families, children and seniors in our area! That's nearly 4.9 million meals!
Donors & Supporters

Corporate Sponsors
Blue Cross
Choice One Community Credit Union
Eastern Insurance
Gerrity's Supermarkets
GWC Warranty
Kronick, Kalada, Berdy, and Co.
Malady and Wooten Public Affairs
Mohagan Sun
National Penn Bank
PPL Services Corporation
Pride Mobility
Thom Thomas Plumbing
Trion Industries
United One Resources
United Way of Lackawanna County

Grants and Foundation Support
Delaware Community Foundation
on behalf of Navient
Feeding America
Gap Foundation
Gathering Tree Foundation
M & T Charitable Foundation
Macy's Foundation
Mericle Foundation
Paul D. Wasseron Foundation
PepsiCo Foundation
Pfizer Foundation
Prudential Foundation
Schwartz-Mack Foundation
Share Our Strength
The Luzerne Foundation
The Ross Family Foundation
Walmart Foundation
William G. McGowan Charitable Fund
Woodforest Charitable Foundation

Additionally, many individuals, small businesses, civic groups and corporations financially support the Food Bank. They are not named here to maintain their privacy.

Volunteers from all walks of life join the Food Bank's fight against hunger.
- Corporate Employee groups
- Colleges & Universities
- Civic Organizations
- Youth Groups
- Retired Senior Volunteers
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Religious groups

Plus, thousands of families, children and individuals who have made volunteering part of their daily life and family traditions.

Most member agencies and partner sites are run exclusively by volunteers.

In 2014, 2,800 volunteers donated 34,554 hours of service to the Weinberg Food Bank.

Food Donors come from every part of the Food System. Here are a few* of them:

Growers
Rowlands Pennsylvania Produce

Manufacturers
Kraft
Quaker—Tropicana—Gatorade
ConAgra

Distributors & Wholesalers
McLane
Prime
Race West

Retailers
Wegmans
Gerrity's
Sam's Club

Consumers
Letter Carriers Food Drive
Feed-a-Friend Food Drive
Corporate, Community and Religious organization Food Drives

*Many more food donors participate. This is not an exhaustive list.
MEMBER AGENCIES

LACKAWANNA COUNTY
ADOCVACY ALLIANCE
AMERICAN RED CROSS
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NEPA
BREAD BASKET
CARBONDALE YMCA
CARE NET OF SCRANTON
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY INTERVENTION CENTER
DAY NURSERY ASSOCIATION
DICKSON CITY CIVIC CENTER
DOWNTOWN SENIOR CENTER
DUNMORE SENIOR CENTER
EOTC
ELM PARK FOOD PANTRY
FRIENDS OF THE POOR
GATHERING CHRISTIAN CENTER
GATHERING PLACE ANIMAL RESCUE
GREATER SCRANTON YMCA
GREEN RIDGE ASSEMBLY OF GOD PANTRY
LEAHY FREE CLINIC
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
MAIN STREAM REHABILITATION CENTER
MARANATHA MINISTRIES
MOOSIC ASSEMBLY OF GOD
MOOSIC UM CHURCH PANTRY
NHS HUMAN SERVICES
NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
NORTH POCONO FOOD PANTRY
NORTH POCONO PRE-SCHOOL
OUR FATHERS HOUSE
OUR LADY OF PEACE RESIDENCE
PA TREATMENT & HEALING
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
SALVATION ARMY SCRANTON
SALVATION ARMY ARC
SCRANTON RESCUE MISSION (KRMA)

KRMA SHELTER
ST FRANCIS ASSISI
ST FRANCIS ASSISI FOOD PANTRY
ST JOSEPH CENTER
ST. PAUL'S/ST. CLARE'S CHURCH FOOD PANTRY
ST TIKHON
STEP BY STEP
UNITED COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY
UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS
VILLAGE PARK APARTMENTS
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
WORSHIP CENTER OF NEPA
YOUTH FOR CHRIST

LUZERNE COUNTY
AL BEECH / WEST SIDE FOOD PANTRY
AMERICAN RED CROSS
ASHLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
AVOCA FOOD PANTRY
BACK MTN FOOD PANTRY
BACK MTN HARVEST ASSEMBLY (CARE SHARE FOOD PANTRY)
BEAR CREEK CAMP
BETHEL AME CHURCH PANTRY
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NEPA
BRUENINGSEN MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY
CAMP ORCHARD HILL
CATHARINE MCAULEY
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
CATHOLIC YOUTH CENTER
CDC: WILKES BARRE
CDC: HAZLETON
CDC: SOUTH W/B CENTER
CDC: HEIGHTS CENTER
CDC: NESBITT CENTER
CDC: WEST PITTSTON
CHILDREN'S SERVICE CENTER
CLEM MAR HOUSE - WOMEN
CLEM MAR HOUSE - MEN
CEO: HAZLETON
CEO: FATHER NOLAN RESIDENCE
COMMON GROUNDS MINISTRIES
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER
DUPONT FOOD PANTRY
EBENEZER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Operation Blessing)
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH/CEO FOOD PANTRY
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
GREATER PITTSTON FOOD BANK
HAZLETON ENLARGED MINISTRY DAY CAMP
JCA - SARA'S TABLE
JCA - SENIOR CENTER
KIRBY FAMILY HOUSE
LA CASA DOMINICANA DE HAZLETON INC.
LUZERNE CO HEAD START
MCGLYNN LEARNING CENTER
MERCY CENTER
MOTHER THERESA HAVEN
MOUNT ZION - OUR DAILY BREAD
MOUNTAIN TOP FOOD PANTRY
NANTICOKE AREA FOOD PANTRY
NESCOPECK AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
NEW HOPE
NORTHEAST COUNSELING SERVICES
PATHWAY TO RECOVERY/SERENTO GARDENS
THE PEACE CENTER
PITTSSTON YMCA
PROVIDENCE CHURCH ALLIANCE
REACH / ST STEPHENS
RURAL HEALTH CORP: MCKINNEY CLINIC
RUTH'S PLACE
ST. NICHOLAS FOOD PANTRY
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY & SOUP KITCHEN
SALVATION ARMY WILKES-BARRE
SALVATION ARMY - ARC
SALVATION ARMY - HAZLETON
SALVATION ARMY - PITTSTON
SHICKSHINNY FOOD PANTRY

STEP BY STEP
STEP BY STEP - PATHWAYS
STEP BY STEP - COMPASS
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
UNITED CHARITIES
VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE
VOA: HARTMAN HOME
W/B YMCA CAMP KRESGE
WHITE HAVEN FOOD PANTRY
WILKES-BARRE YMCA DAY CARE
WYOMING VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL
WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION
WYOMING VALLEY RESCUE MISSION
YATESVILLE PANTRY (Laflin/St. Maria Goretti)

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
CAMP IRIQUOINA
CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER
GREAT BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GREAT BEND COMMUNITY CARING CAFE
ELISHA'S HOME MINISTRIES
THE FOOD PANTRY - BRACKNEY
NEW MILFORD FIRST UMC - FEED MY SHEEP
PA TREATMENT & HEALING
STEP BY STEP
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY INTERFAITH
TREHAB - MONTROSE
TREHAB - OAKLAND
WOMENS RESOURCE CENTER

WYOMING COUNTY
WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
EHAB
H.A.N.D.S. OF WYOMING COUNTY
INTERFAITH FRIENDS
LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
(UMC OF LAKE WINOLA)
NICHOLSON AREA FOOD PANTRY
PASTOR'S FOOD PANTRY, NOXEN
SEVEN LOAVES SOUP KITCHEN
STEP BY STEP
Partner Programs and Direct Client Services

1,613,056 pounds of food was given directly to individuals and families through partnerships with non-member organizations. Examples of partners include schools, parks, senior housing, community centers, senior centers, low income housing communities. Food Bank programs that provide groceries to families and individuals include:

- Mobile Pantry
- Children’s Produce Market
- Senior Boxes—Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Food 4 Kids Afterschool & Summer
197,809 meals and 67,573 snacks were provided to children in after school and summer programs.

Food 4 Kids Weekends
200 children received bags of food for the weekend.

112 partners in three counties, host free summer meals for children.
36 partners serve children’s meals after school.

11,533 adults participated in nutrition education services
7,307 classes taught nutrition and cooking skills to 10,304 children.

83 partners, including senior centers and senior housing, assist in providing a monthly box of food to 1,864 seniors each and every month through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program or Senior Boxes.

362 SNAP applications were filed with the assistance of the Food Bank’s Outreach staff.

12 Mobile Pantries and 10 Children’s Produce Markets bring a variety of healthy foods, including plenty of produce directly to student families and rural communities where access to traditional food pantries is limited. The programs operate monthly.

Just Say Yes... to fruits & vegetables
By CEO’s Weinberg Regional Food Bank.

Senior Boxes
Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Mobile Pantry

Children’s Produce Market
## Financial Report

### WEINBERG REGIONAL FOOD BANK
#### PROGRAM BUDGET
##### 2013-14

**Operating Income:**

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*Represents the dollar value of donated food, not actual cash

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We proudly adhere to the Better Business Bureau Standards for Charity Finances. These include:

- **Spend at least 65% of its total expenses on program activities.**
  
  For the 2013-14 year, we spent 98% of total expenses on program activities.

- **Spend no more than 35% of related contributions on fund raising.**
  
  For the 2013-14 year, we spent 2% of total related contributions on fundraising.

- **Avoid accumulating funds that could be used for current program activities.** Unrestricted net assets available for use should not be more than three times the size of the past year's expenses or three times the size of the current year's budget, whichever is higher. Unrestricted net assets = 6% of the annual budget.
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