The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Armstrong County

Community Action Agency of Armstrong County is the Partner Distribution Organization (PDO) of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which serves Armstrong County.

- 653,181 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.
- Community Action Agency of Armstrong County, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and local partners served 2,106 individuals* throughout the county in January 2016.
- Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 97 individuals were first-time recipients, meaning they had never received emergency food assistance during the previous twelve months.

The Impact of Food & Nutrition Programs in Armstrong County

**State Food Purchase Program**

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Community Action Agency of Armstrong County is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

$101,268.15 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 2,397 households, which included 1,199 children and 1,055 seniors.*

Armstrong County was allocated $97,715.14 for fiscal year 2015-16.

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Community Action Agency of Armstrong County is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% percent of poverty level.

2,458 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Human Services. Income eligibility: below 160% of poverty level or below 200% for households with an individual over age 60 or with a disability.

11,190 individuals received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, $10,066,068 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 49 SNAP-authorized stores. For every $5.00 in SNAP benefits distributed, $9.00 in local economic activity is generated.

National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility: below 130% of poverty level for free meals and below 185% of poverty level for reduced-price meals.

3,890 children received free or reduced-price school meals during the 2014-15 school year.

Summer Food Service Program

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility depends on type of site.

11,272 meals and snacks were served to children over the course of the summer of 2015.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Hunger-Free Pennsylvania partners with Community Action Agency of Armstrong County to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.

In 2015, approximately 226 low-income seniors received a monthly box of nutritious food.

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility depends on type of site.

12 sites served a total of 238,792 meals and snacks in fiscal year 2013-14.

Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Health. Adagio Health administers the program in Armstrong County and five surrounding counties. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level.

On average, 1,156 women, infants and children participated in the WIC program each month in fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, $812,821.54 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 12 WIC-authorized stores.

Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

A federal and state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Income eligibility: current WIC participants or below 185% of poverty level for seniors.

In 2014, vouchers worth $20 were used by approximately 500 WIC participants and 1,100 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

Federal and state funded programs administered by the PA Department of Aging. The Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) administers these programs. Eligibility is based on age or in-home assessments by AAA staff.

A total of 108,349 meals were served or delivered to 990 seniors* during fiscal year 2013-14.

*Duplication may be possible.

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