The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Beaver County

The Salvation Army - Beaver County is the Partner Distribution Organization (PDO) of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which serves Beaver County.

- 1,574,834 meals were served to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.
- The Salvation Army - Beaver County, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and local partners served 5,752 individuals* throughout the county during January 2016.
- Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 187 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 Beaver County

State Food Purchase Program

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. The Salvation Army—Beaver Falls is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

$238,022.18 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 3,492 households, including 2,124 children and 1,624 seniors.*

Beaver County was allocated $225,857.51 for fiscal year 2015-16.

Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. The Salvation Army—Beaver Falls is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

5,596 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

Food Insecure Population: 22,310
Food Insecurity Rate: 13.1%

Food Insecure Children: 6,860
Child Food Insecurity Rate: 20.1%

Population in Poverty: 20,218
Poverty Rate: 12.1%

Children under 18 in Poverty: 6,215
Children under 18 Poverty Rate: 18.5%

Seniors over 65 in Poverty: 2,581
Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate: 8.1%

Unemployment Rate (Feb. ‘16): 5.8%
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% of poverty level for households with an individual over age 60 or with a disability.

24,922 individuals received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, $32,734,850 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 128 SNAP-authorized stores. For every $5.00 in SNAP benefits distributed, $9.00 in local economic activity is generated.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Hunger-Free Pennsylvania partners with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.

In 2015, approximately 507 low-income seniors received a monthly box of nutritious food.

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.

10,302 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.

79,685 meals and snacks were served to children over the course of the summer of 2015.

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.

35 sites served a total of 459,598 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 Beaver County and five other southwestern PA counties. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level.

On average, 3,015 women, infants and children participated in the WIC program each month during fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, $2,216,001.97 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 19 WIC-authorized stores.

Farmer’s 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 960 WIC participants and 3,800 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

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

A total of 43,486 meals were served or delivered to 1,846 seniors in fiscal year 2013-14.

*Duplication may be possible.

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