The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Lawrence County

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, with the help of community partners, serves Lawrence County and 10 other southwestern Pennsylvania counties.

- 1,013,560 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and its partners served 3,726 individuals* throughout the county during January 2016.

- Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 124 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 Lawrence County

**State Food Purchase Program**

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

$144,706.96 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 34,338 households, which included 8,051 children and 8,791 seniors.*

Lawrence County was allocated $136,679.88 for fiscal year 2015-16.

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

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

3,542 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

- Food Insecure Population: 11,870
- Food Insecurity Rate: 13.2%
- Food Insecure Children: 3,990
- Child Food Insecurity Rate: 21.4%
- Population in Poverty: 12,660
- Poverty Rate: 14.5%
- Children under 18 in Poverty: 4,159
- Children under 18 Poverty Rate: 22.6%
- Seniors over 65 in Poverty: 1,339
- Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate: 8.0%
- Unemployment Rate (Feb. ‘16): 6.3%
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 individuals over age 60 or with a disability.

16,153 individuals throughout Lawrence County received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, $19,248,129 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 79 SNAP-authorized stores throughout the county. For every $5.00 in new SNAP benefits, $9.00 in 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 363 low-income seniors throughout the county 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 185% for reduced price meals.

6,503 children throughout the county received free or reduced-price 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.

39,120 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.

19 sites served a total of 351,715 meals and snacks throughout the county 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 Lawrence County and 5 surrounding counties. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level.

On average, 1,687 women, infants and children in the county participated in WIC each month in fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, $1,245,067.64 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 6 WIC-authorized stores in the county.

Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

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

In 2014, vouchers worth $20 were used by approximately 700 WIC participants and 1,300 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

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

A total of 69,073 meals were served or delivered to 1,206 seniors* during fiscal year 2013-14.

*Duplication may be possible.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
1 North Linden Street
Duquesne, PA 15110
412-460-3663
www.pittsburghfoodbank.org

Revised April 2016