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Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Distributes 1 Millionth Pound of Food Through Drive-Up Events

PITTSBURGH, PA (May 16, 2020) – During today’s drive-up food distribution at South Hills Village Mall, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) surpassed one million pounds of food distributed through drive-up events since the organization’s COVID-19 response began on March 16. This distribution was held with South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM).

The drive-up distribution model was established to abide by social distancing recommendations and limit person to person contact. During these events, the food recipient drives through the distribution queue, puts their vehicle in park, pops the trunk, receives their food and exits without any physical contact or questions asked. Today’s event served 963 vehicles, which equals a total of 2,889 boxes of food (72,225 pounds). The Food Bank came prepared with food for 1,000 vehicles, so the remainder of the food will be distributed by SHIM to the families they serve.

At each event, vehicles receive one food share, which includes either dry, frozen or fresh food boxes, or a combination of the three. More than 20,000 vehicles have been served during 21 drive-up events.

“Since this crisis began, our mission has not wavered,” said Lisa Scales, President and CEO of the Food Bank. “We are here to mobilize the community to eliminate hunger. Thanks to our staff, volunteers, donors, the National Guard, corporate and community partners, we have been able to meet the unprecedented need this pandemic has created.”

In addition to drive-up events, the Food Bank has several programs available to provide food assistance to people in need- including a network of 365 pantries, home delivery (Doorstep Delivery) and Grab and Go meals for kids. For more information visit www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/gethelp or call the Food Bank’s COVID concierge line at 412-460-3663 ext. 655.

The Food Bank has several distributions planned for the week of May 18th, including:

- **Tuesday, May 19** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at **Big Butler Fairgrounds** (1127 New Castle Road, Prospect, PA 16052)
- **Wednesday, May 20** from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at **Pittsburgh International Airport** (1000 Airport Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15231)
- **Friday, May 22** from 10 a.m. – noon outside PPG Paints Arena (1418 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219)

More information on these distributions can be found at <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/emergency-distributions/>.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that distributes more than 35.5 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of agencies, partners and programs. The Food Bank was founded in 1980 and is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S. For more information on hunger in our region or how to get involved, visit www.pittsburghfoodbank.org

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