



## 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Magellan Bucks-Mont Food Drive starts on September 16

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the Bucks County Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs, and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, is coordinating the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Magellan Bucks-Mont Food Drive from September 16 through November 1 with a goal of 3,000 pounds of donations collected. The beneficiaries for the food drive are the [Bucks County Opportunity Council](#) for all donations collected in Bucks County and the [MontCo Anti-Hunger Network](#) for all donations collected in Montgomery County.

Donation suggestions for food and non-food items along with the drop off locations across both counties are on the [webpage for the food drive](#), to include several police departments, local libraries, a hospital, a YMCA, and county/township administrative buildings that have graciously agreed to participate in this community effort to help local residents needing a helping hand. If you are interested in becoming a drop off location for future food drive opportunities, please send an email to [MBHofPA@magellanhealth.com](mailto:MBHofPA@magellanhealth.com).

Shannon Isaacs, executive director for MontCo Anti-Hunger Network, commented, “it is because of the support of partners like Magellan Behavioral Health that the Montco Anti-Hunger Network is able to support our network of close to 70 hunger relief organizations. Hunger is growing rapidly in recent years, with a 60% increase in food pantry visits last year, and with it the urgency to act to address hunger. Each donation also shares awareness, reminding us all that we play an important role in being hunger relief champions that together, we can eliminate hunger from our communities.”

Elizabeth Zbinden, food program manager for Bucks County Opportunity Council, commented, “BCOC is proud to partner with organizations like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County government to fight hunger. In Bucks County, we help feed our community through over 75 food pantries and direct distributions. In our county alone, over 40,100 individuals are facing food insecurity. This support is so necessary to make sure families are getting enough to eat every day.”