

Magellan coordinates the 3rd Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with Bucks County Behavioral Health/Developmental Programs, Bucks County Human Services Division, and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, hosted the 3rd Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive from September 16-November 1. The beneficiaries for the food drive were once again 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.

This year's food drive collected approximately 2,700 pounds of donations (The '23 food drive collected just over 2,000 pounds of donations) at the 15 drop off locations across both counties. The collection sites included several police departments, local libraries, a hospital, county/township administrative buildings, and more. If you are interested in becoming a drop off location for future food drive opportunities, please send an email to MBHofPA@magellanhealth.com.

"BCOC is proud to partner with organizations like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County government to fight hunger. Right now, in Bucks County we help feed our community through over 75 food pantries and direct distributions. In our county alone, over 56,600 individuals face food insecurity. This support is so necessary to make sure families are getting enough to eat every day," says Elizabeth Zbinden, food program manager for Bucks County Opportunity Council.

Shannon Isaacs, executive director for the MontCo Anti-Hunger Network, commented, "It is because of partners like Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania that we are able to support our network of over 70 food pantries and free meal providers. 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 helps create awareness, reminding all of us that we play an important role in eliminating hunger from our communities."