

IMPACT REPORT

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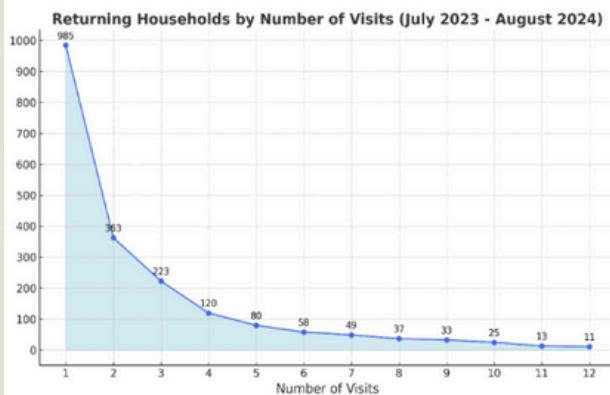
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Monthly Newsletter



QUARTER AUCTION

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE JESSICA AND JONATHAN HARTSOCK FOR ORGANIZING A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE HENRY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY! YOUR EFFORTS AND GENEROSITY HELP US CONTINUE OUR MISSION TO FIGHT HUNGER AND PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND PARTNERSHIP!



WOMEN IN PHILANTROPY AND KINDER FUNDS

HCFP IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO WOMEN IN PHILANTROPY FOR AWARDING FUNDS FOR A NEW REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER UNIT, IMPROVING OUR ABILITY TO STORE FRESH PRODUCE AND FROZEN ITEMS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR AN ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO MATCHED THIS GRANT, WE ARE NOW HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL. WE ALSO THANK KINDER FUNDS FOR SUPPORTING US WITH PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES, HELPING US CARE FOR THE PETS OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVE.



NEIGHBORS RETURNING VISITS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

THE GRAPH SHOWS NEARLY HALF (49.3%) OF FAMILIES VISITED OUR PANTRY ONLY ONCE IN 12 MONTHS, THIS SUGGESTS MANY ARE FACING TEMPORARY CRISIS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. THIS DATA REVEALS A LANDSCAPE WHERE VARIOUS LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE ARE NEEDED, REINFORCING OUR COMMITMENT TO SERVING BOTH IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY.



United Way Day of Action

We are incredibly grateful to have participated in the United Way Day of Action, where 16 dedicated volunteers from Eastman, United Way, and other local companies generously offered their time and skills to support our mission. Their efforts made a significant impact as they reorganized our referral closet, cleaned car seats, and sorted clothing and linen donations.

They even took the time to paint the outside wall and donation bins, enhancing our pantry's appearance and functionality.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work and commitment to helping our community! Your support is invaluable in our ongoing efforts to alleviate hunger and assist those in need.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

Recently, we had the privilege of meeting with elected officials in Roanoke and visiting Feeding Southwest Virginia's newly reformed facility in Salem. This opportunity allowed us to engage in meaningful discussions about food security in our community and explore innovative solutions to better serve those in need. The tour provided valuable insights into their operations, and we are excited to apply some of the ideas we learned to enhance our own efforts at the Henry County Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who made this visit possible!



Stories of the month:

HELENE RELIEF BEGINS

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, our team quickly mobilized to provide essential support. Two volunteers drove down to Asheville, NC, with a full truck of donations delivering to ABCCM much needed supplies donated from EMI Recycling, Henry County Food Pantry and Disaster Relief . Recognizing the critical communication challenges faced by first responders, Starlink devices were provided by EMI Recycling to restore connectivity in the region through their Wi-Fi satellite service.

These devices were instrumental in allowing families affected by the hurricane to communicate with their loved ones after being unable to reach out for five days. This initiative was also vital in ensuring that first responders could effectively coordinate their efforts while helping families reassure their loved ones of their safety. We are proud to stand with our community during this challenging time and will continue to support relief efforts as they unfold.



CAREPORTAL HELP TO FOSTER MOM

In September, we had the privilege of supporting four foster moms who unexpectedly welcomed foster children into their homes with limited resources to provide for their needs. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to supply these families with vital items such as baby diapers, wipes, car seats, food, and clothing to help them through this critical time.

Two of these referrals came through our valued partner, CarePortal, whose efforts have been instrumental in connecting us to families in urgent need. These moments remind us of the profound impact we can make together, ensuring these children have the essentials they deserve as they adjust to their new environments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT!

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