

I. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Contact Information

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Culture & Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Animal Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion

Mission:

Our mission is to provide food to families and individuals in need. No client is turned away.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):

Phoenixville, Spring City, Royersford, Pottstown

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

Our client base includes approximately 90 individuals. 32% of our clients are over 60 years old. Almost 20% of our clients are children. Many of our clients have no transportation and live within walking distance of the distribution site. We also provide food delivery in specific situations.

<u>Annual Budget</u> \$ <u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff
<u>100</u> % of budget for program expenses	<u>2</u>	# of Board Volunteers
<u>0</u> % of budget for administrative expenses	<u>11</u>	# of Active Non-Board Volunteers
<u>0</u> % of budget for fundraising expenses	<u>120/month</u>	# of Volunteer Hours
<small>100 % total</small>		

Top 3-5 funding sources:

Lazarich Foundation
Gift cards from Chester County Food Bank
Individual donations

Is this grant proposal for: Capacity Building or General Operating ?

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ 7,500

Proposal Summary:

We want to grow our food distribution ministry, focusing on the Phoenixville community. We currently receive food donations (staples and perishables) from PACS (Phoenixville Area Community Services), the Chester Country Food Bank, Wawa, and Giant Food Stores. The products we receive from these sources, however, are unpredictable in both quantity and selection. We regularly purchase additional food so we can provide well-rounded, healthy food options to our clients. We need additional funding to make this happen.

II. CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Provide clear, concise information. 3 pages maximum.

1. Our history, goals, key achievements & distinctiveness

GraceCrossing Community Church started the Joyful Servants Food Pantry in 1996. We have continued this ministry without interruption for more than 25 years., even during the COVID pandemic.

Our goal is to provide food to anyone in need. We have no income or demographic requirements. Our clients include seniors, families, children, and non-English speaking persons. No one is turned away.

Our downtown location gives us the opportunity to minister to clients within walking distance of our distribution site. In addition, we deliver food to several clients who have limited transportation and cannot easily shop at a grocery store.

2. Funding request

Our Food Pantry is open for client “shopping” the second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays each month. We offer staples such as pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, eggs, milk, and meat. We also provide fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen dinners, baked goods, and sandwiches when available.

In the recent past, we offered grocery bags prepacked with a variety of products. Earlier this year we transitioned to a process that allows our clients to choose the food products that they want. As a result of this change, we can target our offerings to the products that our clients want. This results in less waste.

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The impact of our ministry is evident every time our doors are open. The client “thank yous” and smiles of gratitude are very rewarding. We work closely with the Chester County Food Bank and PACS to tweak our offerings and processes so that our ministry can be even more impactful.