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DoorDash Partners with York County Food Bank to Deliver Meals to Seniors in Need

DoorDash, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and York County Food Bank have teamed up to deliver healthy, nutritious meals to homebound seniors in need in York County.

This new initiative is designed to remove barriers and increase enrollment in the underutilized Pennsylvania Senior Food Box Program, which provides free food to low income seniors on a monthly basis. More than 300,000 PA seniors are eligible for the program, but only about 35,000 are enrolled. There are about 2,000 seniors in York County enrolled.

Seniors often face transportation, mobility, & technological barriers to food assistance programs. "It's high time that Pennsylvania's food assistance programs offer services tailored to the unique needs of their recipients and actively work to remove barriers to access," said Secretary Russell Redding in a Dept. of Ag. press release. "This partnership with DoorDash to deliver Senior Food Boxes is a commonsense solution."

York County seniors living on a fixed or limited income should call the York County Food Bank at 717-846-6435 to find out if they are eligible and to enroll in the PA Senior Food Box Program. Eligible participants include individuals who are at least 60 years old and whose household income is at or below 130 percent of the U.S. poverty level.

"DoorDash is proud to partner with Hunger-Free Pennsylvania, Feeding Pennsylvania, and others to power the delivery of food boxes to seniors through Project DASH," said Brittany Graunke, DoorDash Drive's Director of Government and Nonprofit in a Dept. of Ag. press release. Project DASH is an initiative that connects food banks and food pantries with clients through last mile delivery. In PA, more than 365 meals have already been delivered through project DASH. York County is one of 10 Pennsylvania counties currently being served by the new partnership.

About York County Food Bank

The mission of the York County Food Bank is to end hunger in York County by working with our partner agencies to increase the quantity of—and dignified access to—high quality, nutritious food for everyone in need. The Food Bank serves as a central hub that collects and redistributes food to over 125 food distribution partners and programs, including 501 C-3 nonprofit groups, shelters, churches, senior centers, schools and various community centers. In response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Bank distributed the equivalent of 5.4 million meals in 2020. For more information, visit us at yorkfoodbank.org or call us at 717.846.6435.

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