

You and Ricky Are Serving Up Smiles!

Ricky sees the impact of your support every day

Ricky doesn't just wear his heart on his sleeve — he wears it on his socks, too!

He's a silly-sock kind of guy, always showcasing a fun pair of socks to help put a smile on peoples' faces.

"I have a different silly sock for each day of the week," Ricky says.

He and his silly socks have been a fixture at his local food bank, where he's been volunteering for the better part of 20 years. Whether he's stocking the shelves, greeting people at the front counter, or training new volunteers, Ricky's always on the move when he's helping others.

Being part of this important work means so much to him because growing up, the food bank was a lifeline for his family.

"I grew up with a single mom who fought and survived domestic violence," he says. "As a kid, [visiting the food pantry] meant a lot to me and my brother because we just didn't have a lot of food. When we saw the fridge filled ... we knew we would be happy for another week."

Ricky's story is representative of the people who help us carry out our mission.

▼ Please complete and detach the reply form below and return it with your gift. Thank you! ▼

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HELP FAMILIES FACING HUNGER THIS SUMMER



Yes! I want to provide meals and support for neighbors facing hunger this summer, so I'll give today! *Enclosed is my gift of:*

- \$35 to help provide 70 meals
- \$50 to help provide 100 meals

- \$200 to help provide 400 meals
- \$_____ to provide as many meals as possible

My check payable to **York County Food Bank** is enclosed.

FROM: NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

MY EMAIL: _____

Please charge my credit card.



Amount: \$ _____

Phone Number: _____-_____-_____

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: ____/____/____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

I would like to donate \$_____ automatically each month using my credit card.



Ricky, a dedicated volunteer, loves wearing silly socks to make people smile.

The Food Bank left a lasting impression into his young adulthood. After graduating from high school, Ricky was accepted into Purdue University's electrical engineering program. That same year, he decided to start volunteering.

Now, nearly two decades later, Ricky's still serving up smiles and nourishing food to neighbors in need — and he's not planning on stopping anytime soon.

"I needed the pantries growing up," he says. "It's what made my mom feel safe, and now I volunteer to help make sure other people feel the same exact way. Volunteering is my way of paying it back."

We're grateful to volunteers like Ricky — and generous friends like you — who want to help our neighbors thrive. Thank you!



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Aneah's Summer Looks Brighter, Thanks to You!

Summer is a time for fun, not hunger

When school lets out for summer break, 8-year-old Aneah already knows how she wants to spend her vacation: hanging out with her friends and playing on the swing set at her favorite playground.

Nothing should get in the way of her summer fun — especially hunger.

Access to nutritious food is critical for children like Aneah to grow, play, and thrive all year-round. Sadly, when summer comes, the free or reduced-price school meals disappear, and families are left to fill the gap. Plus, recent cuts to federal funding programs have made it even harder for families to put food on the table.

That's when compassionate friends like you step in to help.

Thanks to your generous support, we can implement summer meal programs to provide children like Aneah with the nutritious foods they need to play — and thrive — all day.

She's grateful for the food her family receives from their local pantry — and to you, for helping fuel her summer full of fun.

Aneah's story is representative of the people we serve.



Your generosity helps children like Aneah access the nutritious foods they need all summer long.

Aneah's face lights up when she sees what her mom put in her lunchbox for the day.

"It's yogurt and blueberries!" she says. Those are her two favorite foods! "It just makes me smile."

With your support, we're making the summer so much brighter for children like Aneah! Thank you for caring.

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\$1 HELPS PROVIDE 2 MEALS!



**Dear Friends
of The
York County
Food Bank ...**

As the days get longer and the weather warms up, thoughts naturally turn to the upcoming break. Vacations, pool days, picnics, and freedom from the school bell are just ahead!

That freedom from the routine of school is great — unless you have children who rely on accessing free and reduced-price meal programs at school. Many families are figuring out how to provide enough food for three meals a day — and snacks! — during the months when those breakfasts and lunches are no longer available. And the recent cuts to SNAP and Medicaid have left more families feeling unsure of how they'll afford what they need.

This issue of *Hunger-Free York* features stories of children and those who are working to help make summer a little easier for families. But summer hunger affects more than just children. For many individuals and older neighbors, food insecurity is a year-round issue.

Thanks to your generosity, The York County Food Bank is here for our neighbors, ready to provide meals for children, families, and older adults. That's because YOU always rise to the occasion.

As we head into the summer months, I'm so grateful for your support. Would you like to give again? **Every \$1 helps provide 2 meals** for someone facing hunger. Thank you for your compassion.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Brillhart

Jennifer Brillhart,
President & CEO

Summer Hunger Spotlight

Our Mobile Pantry on Wheels

This past summer, The York County Food Bank's mobile bus took fresh, nutritious food directly to families at local schools. In Hanover, parents placed online orders for pantry staples and then walked through our "pantry on wheels" to pick up their items. The bus was stocked with fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, milk, and frozen proteins — making healthy meals possible when school meals weren't available.

One grateful father shared: "I have three kids and pay \$1,000 for daycare a month. With the price of groceries, it's hard to make ends meet. We are thankful you are here to help us."

We're excited to announce that the mobile bus will be back again this summer to help even more families access healthy food when school is out!

Thank you for making this critical program possible for families across York County.



Exciting News!

The Market @ Princess Street Is Opening Soon!

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, the renovation of The Market @ Princess Street is nearly complete! This new, state-of-the-art food pantry in York City will provide families with a dignified shopping experience and access to fresh, healthy food. We can't wait to welcome you when the doors open.

Volunteers will play a key role in making the Market a success. If you'd like to help, please visit yorkfoodbank.org/volunteer to learn more and sign up today!



Thanks to you, Gianna is heading into a summer filled with nutritious meals.

Summer Smiles and Full Plates

Together, we're bridging the summer nutrition gap

Children need lots of healthy food to keep them growing, playing, and learning — and that need doesn't take a break for the summer. Thanks to compassionate supporters like you, we'll ensure that the end of the school year doesn't mean the end of nutritious meals.

With your help, we will fuel children like 10-year-old Gianna all summer long. She happily spends her summer days at a park, surrounded by friends and enjoying fresh, nourishing lunches from her local summer meals program.

"This one comes with blueberries, yogurt, and little granola packets," she says, pointing to the meal in front of her. "I like these and the ones with strawberries."

Instead of worrying about where her next meal will come from, Gianna feels carefree.

Gianna's story is representative of the people we serve.

And she's so grateful for the food the summer meals program provides, noting that without it, she probably wouldn't have access to fresh food and balanced meals this summer.

Your support fills plates and fuels potential for kids like Gianna. And your gifts help to fund the summer meals programs, mobile distributions, school pantries, and backpack programs that provide stability, food security, and wellness to children throughout York County. You give them the energy to run on the playground and the brainpower to stay sharp when they're in school.

Your commitment ensures that children can enjoy a happy, nourished summer. Thank you for building a stronger, healthier future for Gianna and so many others.

Tax Update: Your Gift Could Earn a Tax Deduction

Did you know that your 2026 gifts to The York County Food Bank could qualify for a tax deduction? It's true!

New for the 2026 tax year, taxpayers who claim the standard deduction (those who don't itemize) will now be able to deduct charitable cash gifts — up to \$1,000 for single filers or \$2,000 for those filing jointly. That means your gift today could qualify for a deduction. Contact your tax advisor to receive more information.