



Summer 2021

Dear Friends in Faith,

The Interfaith Food Pantry Network (IFPN) is so grateful for your continued support and partnership in helping us fight hunger and food insecurity here in Morris County. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly taken a toll among many families generating much anxiety and tragedy over the past fifteen months. However, we remain inspired by the unwavering faith and compassion that we see in our communities every day. We take comfort in witnessing God's hand at work as we continue to see Houses of Worship outreaching to those in need and clergy consoling families dealing with these difficult times. We are truly blessed by all your work, and for your partnership, prayers, food donations, and financial contributions. Together, we truly are "*neighbors helping neighbors!*"

In 2020, we distributed 1.5 million pounds of food which is another new record, during 28,000 visits to and from our sites in Morris Plains and Morristown. We increased the amount of healthy food we gave out by 74%; we added 1,300 new households as a result of Covid-19 which is a 26% increase; added 11 new Pantry Partners to our Mobile Pantry for a total of 28 consisting of smaller food pantries, senior housing units and County nutrition sites; and most importantly... we never once closed our doors or turned anyone in need of food away. We could never have done this without your continued support and assistance.

As for 2021, there are still many challenges that lie ahead... but nothing we cannot handle when we work together for the greater good. The IFPN continues to add about 60 new households each month; continues to add new Pantry Partners including free farmers markets; and changed our name to the **Interfaith Food Pantry Network** to better reflect our overall reach and approach. Later this year we will break ground for a 960 sq. ft. refrigeration/freezer addition at our main facility in Morris Plains to accommodate more healthy foods including fresh produce, dairy, and lean meats in order to keep up with demand and growth.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and friendship it means so much to us here at the Pantry as well as to our clients. Let us continue to pray for those who are experiencing difficult times due to loss, food insecurity, illness, etc. Let us be the answer to their prayers.

**Please know that we are always here for you and your congregation/faith community as well.** Let me know if there is anything we can do for you. We are also available to conduct Pantry tours here at our Morris Plains facility as well as give presentations at our site or yours or through Zoom. I can be reached at [jbrashier@mcifp.org](mailto:jbrashier@mcifp.org) or 973-538-8049, ext. 229. Wishing you all a very happy, safe, and blessed summer.

Warm regards,

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*We are so grateful for  
the \$500 given to us  
in 2020!*



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