

Dear Friends:

Thank you for making it possible for the Hunger Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County to report four years of effective work by key community organizations and individuals to improve food security and nutrition for county residents. We likewise report that there is much more to achieve and our work has just begun.

Founded in 2001 by a group of concerned community advocates, it adopted a mission to ensure that people in Bucks County can access resources for food security and basic nutritional needs. In December 2004, the Coalition members approved its first budget and a participation structure to include all interested organizations and citizens of Bucks County in the goal to eliminate this most basic human need.

We cordially invite you and your organization to continue your support of the Coalition in 2005 as it fights to eliminate hunger and poverty in Bucks County. We are requesting each partner to pay annual dues of \$25. Partners will be attributed on all Coalition communication, including the web site scheduled for launch in Summer 2005, be included in all advocacy work at the local, state and federal level, and offered new collaborations in our collective work to eliminate hunger. You will also be included in our third bi-annual hunger survey in 2005 so that we can chart Coalition progress on goals.

Our collaboration has generated the following outcomes:

- Increased the number of summer meals provided to Bucks County children by 74% this past year by partnering with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Increased access for mothers and children to the WIC (Women and Infant Children) program by partnering with the YWCA and the Transportation Management Association of BC. Transportation was provided for mothers and children previously unable to get to appointments
- Increased county participation in Food Stamp program by 12% by assisting the Bucks County Assistance Office with outreach
- Conducted two county-wide hunger surveys that found 39% of the survey participants ran out of food monthly
- Hosted two county conferences on hunger. Each reported on goals and results and Congressman Jim Greenwood presented his perspective on food program needs at our 2003 HNC Conference
- Awarded a grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, to create a county web site for the Coalition – sponsored and secured with the assistance of Rep. Anthony Melio

With your continued participation, the Coalition will be able to continue its work of forging partnerships and improving systems so that Bucks County becomes a leader in eliminating hunger from its midst.

As a coalition partner:

- you and your food program will be listed on the Hunger Nutrition Website
- all advocacy efforts of the Coalition will credit your participation
- your food program results will be communicated annually to our state and federal elected officials

Please feel free to contact any one of us for more information about the Coalition. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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2004 Hunger Nutrition Coalition Collaborators

Aiding Our Neighbors Food Pantry
Area Agency on Aging
American Red Cross Shelter
Bristol Township Health Service (school nurse)
Bucks County Assistance Office
Bucks County Head Start
Bucks County Health Department - WIC
Bucks County Health Improvement Project
BCHIP-Frankford Hospital of Bucks County
Bucks County Housing Group
Bucks County Opportunity Council
Bux-Mont Center for Human Services
Child Home Community
Family Service Association of Bucks County
FNS/USDA MidAtlantic Region
Centennial School District
Central Bucks School District
Neshaminy School District
Quakertown Community School District
Bristol Borough School District
Bristol Township School District
Council Rock School District

Free Clinic of Doylestown
Latino Alliance
League of Women Voters/Bucks County
LWV/Transportation Management Authority
Libertae
Lower Bucks Hospital
Nutritional Development Services
Penna Hunger Action Center
Penn State University/Coop. Extension
United Way of Bucks County
YMCA of Bucks County
YWCA of Bucks County
Bensalem School District
Palisades School District
Pennridge School District
Pennsbury School District
New Hope/Solebury School District
Morrisville School District
JoAnn Connelly
Lynn Kramer
Frances Robertson

Yes!
**I would like to Partner with the Hunger Nutrition Coalition
to eliminate hunger in Bucks County!**

1. Please complete the information below
2. Make your check payable to: Hunger Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County
3. Return completed form and check in the envelope provided or
mail to: Donna Palazzo, HNC, 100 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-Mail _____