



The Cape Henlopen Food Basket (CHFB) is the local food bank located in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, serving the residents of the Cape Henlopen School District.

HOW DOES THE STATE SERVICE CENTER HELP OUR FOOD CLIENTS?

For this Spring edition of the CHFB Newsletter, we highlight the symbiotic relationship we have with the Adams State Service Center in serving the many and varied needs of our clients. Ms. Tracy Short is a Social Service Specialist at the State Service Center and she serves as a representative on the CHFB Board of Directors to facilitate our agencies working together. Tracy answered some questions for us.

What is the official name of your office?

The Adams State Service Center -- Emergency Services

Who represents the State Service Center in the Community Resource Center (CRC)?

Ms. Pam Hayes, Social Service Specialist I, is our part-time employee, working strictly at the CRC Monday-Thursday 8am – 4pm.

What is the main purpose of the State Service Center for clients when you are in the CRC?

Pam interviews clients to help with specific needs that they might have. Sometimes we end up helping clients with more than one need.

What is an "ongoing referral" for the Food Basket and who qualifies for that designation from you?

An "ongoing referral" is given so those specific clients do not have to come back for another referral in 3 months time. Normally these clients are ones who do not receive food stamps or receive very little. Once we evaluate a client's expenses and income, we can determine if there is a need for ongoing help for food. Mostly clients who are on fixed incomes and do not receive food stamps are eligible.

What is the screening that helps a client get a referral from you to the Food Basket?

The screening process involves going into the Social Services data base and reviewing if the client receives food stamps or when they received them. Also we do a thorough interview before giving a referral.

What other services do you provide for these clients?

Other services we provide include assistance with shelter, rent, utilities, medicines, clothing and furniture.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Giant Food, Acme and **Food Lion** sponsor programs once or twice a year when customers can purchase bags /boxes of preselected dried and canned foods at check out to donate. Additionally, **Food Lion Rehoboth** donates selected frozen meats each week and the **Five Points Food Lion** regularly contributes breads and baked goods. **Giant Food** provides a collection barrel at its entrance/exit for customers to drop off food items to donate. Weekly, **Wal-Mart** donates big boxes of dried foods whose packaging is slightly damaged or other overstocked items.

In May every year, the **U.S. Post Office** sponsors a food drive for local charities including the Food Basket. You have no doubt received a blue plastic bag in your mailbox soliciting for this food collection. As well, you may have volunteered to help shelve the **Post Office** offerings.

Local community organizations often sponsor food drives or collect for cash contributions:

Angola by the Bay Women's Group
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Chi Chapter
Boys and Girls Scout Troops
Coastal Corvette Club
Crafty of Chapel Green
Delaware Kids Fund
Dewey Beach Lunch Bunch
First Town Club of Lewes
Kings Creek Garden Club
Kiwanis Club of Rehoboth Beach

Lewes Public Library
Midway Lions Club
MoJoMo Foundation
RBCC 9 Hole Ladies
Rehoboth Beach Lions Club
Rehoboth Village Improvement Assn.
Women's Social Club of Lewes

LOSING THE FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY NET

Although the State of Delaware is not among the 22 states affected, beginning on Friday 4/01/16, the first of at least 500,000 Americans (to as many as 1 million Americans) will be dropped from the "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" (SNAP) aka "food stamps." A 3-month limit on "food stamp" benefits that has been waived since 2008 was reinstated at the beginning of 2016 in 22 states. (Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)

YOUR GENEROSITY AND GOOD WORKS ACKNOWLEDGED

From time to time, Food Basket patrons share with us what our ministry means to them:

"Since taking on my sister's two children and having one of my own, when there is not enough food, this is extremely helpful and much appreciated. Thank you so much for your services."

"Thank God for this place and its wonderful caring employees."

WANT TO DONATE? Make a tax deductible donation to our 501 (C) 3 organization, the **Cape Henlopen Food Basket, 37510 Oyster House Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971**. Or, if you prefer to contribute in-kind, you may drop off food donations directly to the Food Basket.