



The Cape Henlopen Food Basket (CHFB) is the local emergency food resource serving the Cape Henlopen School District area. We are located at 37510 Oyster House Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Learn more about our services at capehenlopenfoodbasket.org.

A Year of Support and Giving

Many thanks to all the **individuals, homeowner associations, local businesses, and community organizations** for their generous donations during this past year marked by the challenges of the pandemic. With your help, and the work of our volunteers, the *Cape Henlopen Food Basket* was able to provide direct support to local families through these difficult times.

A special thanks goes to local supermarkets and bakeries. Each week our volunteers pick up and deliver a variety of products from our generous stores. **Giant Food, Rehoboth Beach**, donates meat every week of the year: beef, chicken, pork, cold cuts and other items. During the 2020 holiday season, **Safeway, Rehoboth Beach**, donated pallets of various grocery items for the *Food Basket*.

The area **Weis Markets** and **Surf Bagel** supply bread and pastry items weekly. The total quantity is usually enough to give the families who come each week as much as they can use. ***Thank you, local grocers and bakers!***

The Cape Henlopen Food Basket is very grateful to all for your support.

Food Basket Volunteers Know What Community Means

Food Basket volunteer **Barbara Henriksen** of Rehoboth Beach was honored recently by the Xi



Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Lewes as the member they feel best exemplifies the attributes of the sorority, giving the most time and effort to its activities, fundraisers and programs.

Selected as the ***Girl of the Year***, Barbara is also active in Epworth United Methodist Church where

she volunteers at their soup kitchen and the New Life Thrift Shop. She has volunteered at our *Cape Henlopen Food Basket* since 2006. We know she is dependable since she also received an award from her sorority's international office for **54 years of perfect attendance at meetings!** Our community is rich with volunteers and Barbara is an exemplar among them!

In 2020, **85 other dedicated CHFB volunteers** served clients, ordered food, bagged groceries, stocked shelves, and picked up food donations. This amounted to **almost 4,500 volunteer hours!**

VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Jon DeVoll



Jon DeVoll must like a good challenge because he certainly has managed important ones in his eight years as Board president of the Cape Henlopen Food Basket. When he became president in 2013 after a few years serving as a Board member, the organization had just relocated from its very small space near the New Life Thrift Shop to a space ten times the size at the Community Resource Center in Rehoboth. Jon and other volunteers did everything from building shelves to establishing connections with USDA and the Food Bank of Delaware. His most recent year was just as challenging. Guiding the organization through the COVID crisis was a juggling act of managing physical space and volunteer resources. Jon would say, however, that his management style is not to manage the volunteers— it is just to set a direction and then avoid telling people what to do. “The talent on our staff is amazing,” he comments. “It’s what makes the Food Basket work.”

An Ohio native and a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in chemical engineering, Jon also completed an MBA at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania after a two-year stint as an Army Lieutenant. Most of his career was with DuPont, not as an engineer but as a manager of engineers. When Jon retired in 2000, he and his wife Pat, a nurse, moved permanently to Rehoboth Beach from their home in Wilmington. They have three children and seven grandchildren, and they contribute their time and talent to community activities. Both Jon and Pat have volunteered with the CHFb since its start in 2002. Jon’s charitable instincts extend even to his hobbies. He is an avid bike-rider and has participated in the MS 150 Bike to the Bay event twenty-eight times raising lots of money for the cause. He is also a skilled woodworker. For years he has been crafting wooden bowls to donate for fundraising events. With these events disappearing this year due to COVID restrictions, Jon has taken to selling his bowls and donating the proceeds to charity.

*As Jon begins his next year as Board president, he plans for the Cape Henlopen Food Basket to continue as an efficient benefit to the community. And he hopes for only manageable challenges. **Thank you, Jon!***

REFER A FAMILY IN NEED

During **2020**, the Cape Henlopen Food Basket distributed **5,001 food allotments to families and individuals**. If you know a family in need of food, especially in this economy challenged by COVID, do not hesitate to refer them to the Food Basket for two weeks’ worth of groceries, including fresh fruits, vegetables and meat.

Hours of operation:

Monday Wednesday Friday 10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 302-227-3528

NEW—Donate Online!

Starting in **October 2020**, the Cape Henlopen Food Basket initiated an online donation feature on our website. So far, through this new portal, almost **100 supporters have made tax deductible donations to our 501 C 3 organization**. We look forward to its continued success as a convenient way to allow the Food Basket to serve greater numbers of hungry families in our region. To try it out, visit capehenlopenfoodbasket.org.