



Dear Friends in Faith,

As of November 1, Catholic Charities of Philadelphia faces a critical challenge. Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, **funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits was suspended**, leaving thousands of families and seniors in our community without access to essential food assistance.

This means:

No SNAP benefits for low-income households

No federal safety net for families struggling to put food on the table

We are already seeing the impact. Attendance **doubled** at our recent Boot Up Philly event, a community giveaway that provided cold-weather essentials to Philadelphians experiencing homelessness and impacted by poverty. We expect the same surge at our food pantries over the coming weeks as many have seen over a 50% increase in volume so far.

To meet this urgent need, **we must purchase twice the amount of food** for our pantries to ensure no one is sent away hungry.

We now turn to our community to help us sustain and expand our food pantry operations.

This is a moment that calls for compassion, courage, and community. As Catholics, we are guided by the Gospel to care for the poor, feed the hungry, and protect the dignity of every person.

Will you help us answer this call? Your gift today will directly provide meals to families, children, and seniors who have nowhere else to turn.

Please give now: ccphila.org/donate

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heater Huot".

Heater Huot
Secretary and Executive Vice President
Catholic Charities of Philadelphia

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lizanne F. Hagedorn".

Lizanne F. Hagedorn
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