



Caring
for Friends™

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022



Dear Friends:

Summer is a time of fun and sun ... but it's also a tough time for families who are already struggling to put food on their table. **Many kids in our area rely on school for lunch and/or breakfast**, and they lose out on those important meals in the summer. That, coupled with inflation, and food shortages will make summer a time of dread and hunger for many local parents and their children.

Our summer meals program will serve up to 300 kids daily at more than 10 sites in our area, providing breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks to help make up for missed meals. But it won't be enough. The good news is that **YOU can help**.

By donating money, volunteering, or holding a food drive, you can help our neighbors in need enjoy the summer instead of suffering through it.

Thank you for your continued support of Caring for Friends and the people we serve ... together. Use the enclosed envelope to make your contribution TODAY.

Sincerely,
Vincent Schiavone



2021 IMPACT

Thank YOU For Providing Food and Friendship To Our Neighbors!



12 Million
Pounds of Food

9,000
Homebound Clients
Served/Month



10,000+
Volunteers

200+
Community Partners



3k+
Servings/Week To
People Facing
Homelessness

Thanks to YOU we served a record number of people a record amount of food!



Help us keep up the good work by volunteering, donating, cooking, or delivering.

New Developments



IBX Blue Crew packs
750 bags over 6 shifts

Caring Bag Experience Launch

Recently, we launched the **Caring Bag Experience** as an off-site volunteer event that lets you do good and have fun at the same time - and at the location of your choice. This popular team-building activity has already engaged groups such as Accenture, Girl Scout Troop #2649, IBX, and Morgan Lewis. Each group chooses the number of caring bags they'll make – priced per piece based on the total – and once you pack them, they are **distributed throughout the 5-county region of Philadelphia to the homebound, homeless, and hungry**. If you're interested in learning more or hosting an event, contact Brittany Reagan at breagan@caringforfriends.org.

NOW OPEN

New Warehouse in DelCo

As of June, our new Essington food warehouse is open for business! To better serve our western partners in DelCo, Chester County, and even South Philly, this location is open twice a week to pick up the same great food, meals, and produce, at a location that may be more convenient to you. Call us to learn how to get on the pick up schedule.



Driving our Brand Forward

If you've kept an eye on our social media accounts, you may have noticed Caring for Friends has a new eye-catching look to raise awareness and visibility of all the good work we're doing with your help. And now it has hit the streets! In case you missed it, check out our new branding, as seen on our vans; we love it and hope you, and potential supporters, find it as compelling as we do. Let us know what you think by following us and commenting on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

New Board Member



In 2022, we were thrilled to welcome Tina Beaumont, Managing Director of Accenture, to our Board of Directors!

Leadership Growth

Amid a challenging time for many we serve, CFF is growing its team to meet the staggering need for food and friendship in the face of inflation, isolation, and global food shortages. This summer, we welcomed Renee Archawski as our Managing Director of Development, and Matt Gambino as our Managing Director of Programs.



The Year in Pictures (So Far)



1. Acme Markets Nourishing Neighbors donated and distributed Easter meals and \$50 gift cards to partner Salute 2 Service, a social services agency in Bucks County serving Veterans and military families.
2. Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Theology Division assembled and packaged more than 4,000 meals for homebound clients.
3. In honor of Earth Day, Giant and Airlie Foods donated food and funds, and volunteered. State Rep. Joe Hohenstein, whose parents began volunteering at Aid for Friends in 1974, joined the festivities.
4. The 8th, 2nd, 7th, and 15th Police District Advisory Council held an End of Year event for students for K-8th grade students, and invited us to partner on food and fun.
5. Pita Chip held a friends & family event at its new Yardley location and it was delicious AND profitable; the evening raised enough to help us provide about 4,000 meals for our neighbors in need!
6. A new partner, American Heritage Credit Union, generously made a \$10,000 donation, and staff participated in a Caring Bag Experience event, packing more than 1,000 snack bags for area clients.

Spotlights



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Volunteer

Maureen started making meals and delivering for Aid for Friends back in the late 90's and just recently started making meals again for Caring for Friends, almost 30 years later.

"I had two or three different clients and I really enjoyed it. It gave me an opportunity to get to know my clients and understand what their situations were, and more than anything, it gave me an appreciation for how very important this work is."



Client

Before the pandemic, before she started receiving meals from Caring for Friends, Patricia McGrath made meals for our homebound neighbors. About a year ago, she reached out for help, and staff member and volunteer Ryan headed the call. "If everyone has a person delivering like Ryan, they're blessed because he brings more than meals - he brings the caring part."



Partner

Mu Beta Phi is a non-profit dedicated to strengthening the veteran and local communities, and has been volunteering with us monthly.

"We would just like to take the opportunity to thank Caring for Friends for allowing us to come here and do some volunteer work. We appreciate the work that they do in the community, and we appreciate the fact that they allow us to come in to help serve veterans"





Every donation
helps provide
food and friendship

\$20 = A week of snack bags for a child
in our summer feeding program

\$50 = 1 month+ of meals for a
homebound senior

\$100 = food for 25 people
facing homelessness

Thank
You!



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