



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

The “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” miracle has continued for 19 years at the Rutherford Community Pantry, Inc. The Rutherford Community Pantry exists to meet the needs of people in our Rutherford community who – due to illness, domestic problems, job loss, or increased housing costs – find themselves ill-prepared for crisis. This translates into 250 to 300 people, from infants to seniors, who the pantry serves each year. That same group of people received 5,420 bags of food this year alone.

Beyond our regular service, the RCP Board and key donors sponsored several initiatives for our clients in 2017, such as Farmer’s Bucks vouchers to buy fresh fruit and vegetables; a cooking expo and education session led by a professional nutritionist; donated bags for cold and flu, spring cleaning, Halloween treats, and other seasonal themes; and supermarket gift cards timed around major holidays.

There are three key ingredients that enable us to help those in need from our community. First, we have a generous community of churches, civic clubs, businesses, schools, and individuals who support us both in monetary and food donations. Second, we have had extremely supportive Mayors, Council Members and borough administration officials who are good friends in our endeavor. And most importantly, we rely on the hard work and dedication of more than 40 volunteers, who are vital to making the pantry a success. We are 100% volunteer, which translates into very low operating costs. Nearly all of our funding goes directly to purchasing food and personal care items for those in need.

Although this report will give you a glimpse into what has been happening at the Rutherford Community Pantry this past year, we welcome you to schedule time to visit us to experience what happens when we have “neighbors helping neighbors.”

Sincerely,

The Rutherford Community Pantry Board

### MISSION

The RUTHERFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY, INC. is a volunteer, non-profit registered 501(c) (3) organization that meets emergency and ongoing needs for food and personal hygiene items for citizens of Rutherford and members of Rutherford religious institutions who are referred by an approved agency.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Maureen Bigley (President),  
Kim Bogosian (Vice President),  
Jane Tarantino (Treasurer),  
Tom Stabile (Secretary),  
Barbara Pilarcek, Charlene Mariano, Angela Resch (end 12/17), Carolyn Smith, Linda Lanz, Dave Fogarty,  
Dana Monaghan, and Lisa Rangel (start 1/18). Genevieve Kacmarcik is an advisory member.

## TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

<b>Beginning balance – December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$56,557.79</b>
<b>Donations and interest in 2017</b>	<b>\$56,244.95</b>
<b>Total disbursements in 2017</b>	<b>\$75,128.77</b>
<b>Ending balance – December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$37,673.97</b>

## RCP STATISTICS – FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Households</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Visits</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>Bags distributed</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>4,180</b>	<b>4,343</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>

## DONATION SUMMARY

<b>Bags donated in 2017</b>	<b>5,420</b>
<b>Cash donated in 2017</b>	<b>\$56,202.23</b>