# What is the Exeter Area Food Pantry?

The Exeter Area Food Pantry was founded in 2011 by a group of community members and local churches concerned about the hunger problem in the Exeter area The first distribution was in September 2011 at Reformation Lutheran Church. EAFP distributes food monthly to residents of the 19606 and 19508 zip codes.

In 2013, the pantry served over 350 families representing approximately 1200 individuals in the community. In 2014, the pantry has served an average of 140 families each month. The pantry is supported by over 200 volunteers as well as numerous financial contributors.

Several community and business fundraisers have been held to support the pantry, including the Hack Away at Hunger Golf Tournament, held at Reading Country Club. In addition to the founding partner churches, several area churches have become regular supporters of this effort to provide assistance to our neighbors.



### How to Help...

Volunteers have made EAFP the success that it is.

Volunteers work each pantry day to set up and distribute food to the pantry clients. Volunteers are needed the 3rd Friday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and 1:30-6:30 PM.

(Partial shifts are fine!)

For more information, please email our volunteer coordinator at

## eafpvolunteers@gmail.com

or

call the registration line at **610-572-2344** and leave a message.

#### How to Donate...

The majority of food distributed by the Exeter Area Food Pantry is purchased from the Greater Berks Food Bank.

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted to help defray our food costs. Checks should be made payable to Reformation Lutheran Church with Exeter Area Food Pantry written on the memo line.

#### **Food Drives**

Food drives provide an important supplement to our food inventories by providing items unavailable or in limited supply from the food bank.

## Specific items needed include:

Paper products
(toilet paper, paper towels)
Cereal
Canned meat items
Soup (especially chunky variety)
Canned beans
Toothpaste, shampoo, soap
Non-refrigerated juice
Peanut butter and jelly





If you would like to organize a food drive please contact us at 610-572-2344 and leave a message or email at eafpvolunteers@gmail.com

Individual donations can be dropped off at Reformation Lutheran Church the Thursday night before pantry from 6:30-7:30 PM or the Friday morning of pantry from 9:00-11:00 AM.