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Chester County Economic Development Council holds food drive to combat hunger in county

Donations will go to the new Chester County Food Bank

EXTON _ The Chester County Economic Development Council is conducting a food drive to help alleviate the hunger problems in the county. The donated food will go to the new Chester County Food bank.

Hunger can be difficult to see in Chester County. It's the mom feeding her kids oatmeal for dinner every night at the end of the month. It's the senior making the can of soup with twice as much water to make it last longer. Right now, 1 in 10 people are skipping meals due to lack of food. An estimated 32,000 households in Chester County don't have enough food.

The food drive is being conducted through the end of the year. Donations can be dropped off at the council's lobby at 737 Constitution Drive, Exton. The council is accepting non-perishable items including canned meats, fish, vegetables, and fruit as well as packaged pasta and rice goods, dry microwavable meals, soups, boxed cereal, and fruit and granola bars. When attending an event at CCEDC, a portion of the registration fee will be donated to the Food Bank if you bring a canned good.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Nader at 610 458-5700, extension 210 or knader@cceconomicdevelopment.com.

To learn more about the Chester County Food Bank please go to www.chestercountyfoodbank.org.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for nearly 50 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its facility in Eaglevew. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.