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Lancaster County Commissioners Proclaim November 16–22 as “Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week”

Lancaster County, PA — November 16, 2025 — The Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition and its more than 75+ partners across Lancaster County proudly joins the Lancaster County Commissioners in recognizing **November 16–22, 2025, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**- a countywide observance to elevate awareness of food instability and honor the organizations, providers, and advocates working tirelessly to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in our community.

This year’s proclamation event was **hosted on Monday, November 17, 2025 at The Factory Ministries**, whose partnership in supporting food insecure neighbors, exemplifies the strength of Lancaster County’s collaborative network of service providers, faith-based partners, and local leaders addressing homelessness and food insecurity every day.

“Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. Every day, we work to alleviate the impacts of poverty in our community, where hunger and homelessness remain real challenges. Over the past two weeks, we’ve been deeply moved by the remarkable kindness and support from our community, as so many stepped up to help close the SNAP Gap and ease the sudden hunger experienced by local families. We’re looking forward to concluding this Awareness Week with ExtraGive, joining together as one county to create lasting change through radical generosity,” said Communications Director, Ellie Green, The Factory Ministries.

The Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition— a network of more than 75 local organizations, works year-round connecting individuals and families to housing, resources, and support. The Coalition’s 2025 **Point-in-Time (PIT) Count** reported **546 individuals** experiencing homelessness, underscoring the **growing urgency** for affordable housing, prevention services, and long-term solutions.

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“Throughout our county, social service agencies are working daily to meet the rising demand for food and shelter,” said Deb Jones, Director for the Office of the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition. “This season, we honor their dedication and compassion, even as they stretch limited resources to serve our neighbors in need. We encourage everyone in our community to lend a hand — through donations, volunteering, or supporting agencies that fight hunger and homelessness.”

As part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, the Coalition encourages residents to **learn more, volunteer, and give** to local organizations addressing homelessness—especially through the **2025 ExtraGive on Friday, November 21**, Lancaster County’s annual day of community generosity.

The Coalition extends sincere appreciation to the **Lancaster County Commissioners** for their leadership in making housing insecurity a community priority and to **The Factory Ministries** for hosting this year’s proclamation ceremony. Together, Lancaster County continues to demonstrate that collaboration, compassion, and community action can create lasting changes.

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The Factory Ministries is a hub that exists to address issues of poverty by empowering people, connecting resources, and building community. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we believe that everyone’s journey matters and that significant learning takes place in the context of relationships. We are committed to empowering the whole family through relational services, tools, and resources—addressing poverty in holistic and sustainable ways.

We offer services for all ages and programs designed to equip the entire family. The Factory Ministries is also a proud member of the Together Initiative Network—a collaborative group of nonprofits, churches, the school district, businesses, medical groups, and local townships that work together for the common good of the community.

About the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition

The Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition is a collaborative network of more than 75 organizations, coordinated through The Office for the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition, working in collaboration to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Through data-driven strategies, partnerships, and community engagement, the Coalition strives to ensure every Lancaster County resident has access to safe, stable, and affordable housing. Learn more about their work at LCHRA.com.