

Dear {FIRST\_NAME|Friend},

Welcome to Feeding Middlesex County in 2020.

Many of the 2019 goals were reached. We exceeded our donation goals including both dollars and gifts in kind. Grants increased, including a generous grant of \$13,000 from FEMA to help feed those affected by severe weather destruction in Middlesex County. New volunteers joined our efforts. Volunteers and food insecurity stakeholders enjoyed a successful fundraising dinner honoring the founders of MCFOODS which was celebrating 25 years as the county's foodbank.

Looking at 2020, fundraising efforts will continue with more emphasis on grants. We are planning events such as an upcoming Walk Against Hunger, Dine Below the Line and a September gala.

Thanks to everyone who partnered with Feeding Middlesex County in 2019, and we look forward to your efforts for success in 2020.

Jane Brady

Chair

**Donate Now!** 

## **Donating Personal Products**

Besides distributing food to clients, many of the food pantries that are partners with MCFOODS, the county food bank, provide personal products along with the food. Many of the families and individuals who use food pantry services are living on low and/or fixed incomes. Often personal products such as *shampoo*, *toothbrushes* and *toothpaste*, *diapers*, *first aid products* are not in their budgets...they are not affordable.

So, if you are thinking about running a drive or if you donate items at local libraries or at workplace drives, please consider collecting personal products, ESPECIALLY diapers. Right now, the diaper section of the MCFOODS warehouse is empty. And for those who collect shampoo, conditioners, etc. from hotel stays, these items are well received at MCFOODS.

## All Are Welcome!



The Piscataway High School Ceramics Class presents **EMPTY CUPS**, an opportunity for the public to purchase beautiful handmade ceramic cups with a hot beverage (included with each purchase). This takes place on **Saturday, February 8th**, from **1 to 3 PM** at **Piscataway High School, 100 Behmer Road**. All sales (\$10 per cup) will benefit Feeding Middlesex County. Join Piscataway students in their effort to help fight hunger in Middlesex County. Call us at (732) 723-8106 for any questions regarding this event.

## **Save the Date!**



It's time to mark your calendars, **Saturday**, **April 25th** for the third annual **Walk to End Hunger**. The 2020 location is the county's Thompson Park in Monroe Township. Join us for a morning of fun, camaraderie and good health. All proceeds will benefit Feeding Middlesex County and be used to purchase food for the county food bank, MCFOODS. Information will be posted shortly on the Feeding Middlesex County website, feedingmiddlesexcounty.org.

## **A Special Donation**



A generous donation to Feeding Middlesex County was recently received in honor of the late Sandra Wainer, a dedicated teacher of children with behavioral challenges. Sandra's husband of 43 years, Howard Wainer, expressed that Sandra was a charitable, friendly person who cared about people, her family and her community; therefore, the donation to a charity intent on feeding the hungry was more than appropriate and a wonderful way to memorialize Sandra's life.

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Feeding Middlesex County (FMC) financially supports organizations that feed the hungry. We are a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

We raise funds to purchase food and equipment to assist qualifying agencies in procuring, storing, preserving and transporting food and other necessary items to our food insecure neighbors.







