

ATTORNEYS AGAINST HUNGER 2009/2010

After seventeen years, AAH still going strong

Through the generosity of ACBA members, sections, and firms, the seventeenth annual Attorneys Against Hunger campaign raised over \$111,000 for hunger service agencies in Allegheny County.

LexisNexis once again covered the administrative costs of the campaign, which will allow the Foundation to distribute 100 percent of the proceeds directly to the recipient agencies. The unwavering dedication and support of LexisNexis has been a benefit to Attorneys Against Hunger since the campaign's inception in 1993.

Special thanks to Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot, the McGinley Family members of the bar association, and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation for generously providing a \$15,000 challenge grant. The advocacy and support provided by the McGinley family and Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot have been instrumental in helping the campaign exceed its yearly goals.

Attorneys Against Hunger has raised over \$935,000 since the campaign's inception.

YLD Skate-a-thon

The Eighth Annual Young Lawyers Division Skate-a-thon, held on November 24 at the Rink at PPG Place, raised over \$5,000 for Attorneys Against Hunger.



Skaters gather at PPG Ice Rink to raise money for Attorneys Against Hunger at 8th Annual YLD Skate-a-thon on November 24, 2009.

Outreach events attract volunteers of all ages

Attorneys, some joined by family members, volunteered at Urban League Hunger Services' annual Thanksgiving Distribution, Squirrel Hill Food Pantry, Produce to People (a program of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank), and Jubilee Kitchen.

“Some outreach events really require you to get your hands dirty. It’s obviously important to help organizations financially, but it’s also nice to feel like you have helped with projects that have tangible results.”

– Katie Harrison, Attorneys Against Hunger volunteer

Firm Challenge Donors

The following firms and companies generously answered the call and contributed to Attorneys Against Hunger this year:

Ainsman, Levine & Drexler
Campbell & Levine
Caroselli, Beachler, McTiernan & Conboy
Dickie McCamey & Chilcote
Dodaro Matta & Cambest
Goldberg, Persky & White
Goodrich & Goodrich

Highmark
The Hillman Company
Meyers Giuffre Evans & Schwarzwaelder
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
Protection Office of Chief Counsel
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
(Pittsburgh Office)

Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti
Professional Closing Network
Schiffman & Wojdowski
Steidl & Steinberg
Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky
Vuono & Gray



Volunteers distribute food at the Urban League's annual Thanksgiving Distribution on November 21, 2009.



Volunteer Jeffrey Eisenberg helps out at Produce to People on the South Side on January 23, 2010.



Volunteers packed grocery bags at Squirrel Hill Food Pantry on December 6, 2009.

AAH SUPPORTED AGENCIES

Each of the following agencies receive a portion of the proceeds from the annual campaign:



Downtown Ministerium Walk-in Ministry

The Downtown Ministerium is a collaboration of five churches including First Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Smithfield United, St. Mary's of Mercy, and Trinity Cathedral. Each of these churches provides hunger assistance to the homeless and less fortunate downtown.

East End Cooperative Ministry

EECM's hunger services include a food pantry and soup kitchen located at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. The food pantry serves those in the 15206, 15224, 15232, and 15217 zip codes. EECM's Soup Kitchen serves hot, nutritious lunches to all visitors Monday through Friday.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank works with a network of over 380 agencies located throughout an eleven-county region of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Member agencies include smaller county-wide food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, after-school programs, and senior high rises.

Hunger Services Urban League of Pittsburgh

Hunger Services serves an average of 12,500-15,000 people each year through emergency food assistance, food stamp outreach, food for early development, and the pantry management training program.

Jubilee Kitchen

Established in 1979, Jubilee Kitchen serves hot, noonday meals 365 days a year. The Jubilee Kitchen also manages a food bank, among many other programs.

Just Harvest

Just Harvest conducts public policy advocacy, education, empowerment, and outreach on hunger and poverty-related issues at all levels of government.

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force

The food pantry of the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force provides assistance to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The pantry's food selection and nutritional services help its clients better manage their special dietary needs.

Rainbow Kitchen

Rainbow Kitchen was established in 1984 in response to massive unemployment in the Homestead region following the closing of the steel mills. Rainbow Kitchen serves a hot breakfast Monday through Friday, and provides eligible children with hot, nutritious meals Monday through Friday. Rainbow Kitchen also manages a food pantry.

“With the funds we received, we were able to provide emergency groceries to 168 families through our Food Pantry. Each family received three days of groceries and household supplies, including toilet paper and dish soap.”

- Myrna Zelenitz, Executive Director, East End Cooperative Ministry

Squirrel Hill Food Pantry

The Squirrel Hill Food Pantry serves the needs of those in the 15217 zip code as well as the Greater Pittsburgh area who require kosher food.

Intersection, Inc.

Intersection's on-site meal program provides a light breakfast and hot midday meal to people who are hungry and do not have a permanent residence or accessibility to adequate kitchen facilities. The food pantry club provides food orders to income-eligible McKeesport residents with children.