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Attorneys Against Hunger's 2020-21 Campaign the Most Successful in Program's 28-Year History

Allegheny County Legal Community Raises \$146,404 for 17 Local Agencies

PITTSBURGH – Throughout the past year, as the Pittsburgh region endured the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to help those battling hunger was greater than ever.

Even amid these unprecedented circumstances, the members of the Pittsburgh Legal Community stepped up in a bigger way than ever, donating \$146,404 to the Allegheny County Bar Foundation's Attorneys Against Hunger Campaign, the largest amount of money raised in a single year during the 28 years of the campaign.

"The attorneys, judges and law students of the Pittsburgh region have long displayed generosity, particularly when it comes to the Attorneys Against Hunger campaign. But this year, the bar took their generosity to a whole new level," said ACBF President Jennifer Andrade. "To say I am proud of the members of the legal community for their generosity this year, when times were extremely difficult for so many of us, would be a massive understatement."

With this campaign in the books, the Attorneys Against Hunger Campaign has now raised nearly \$2.2 million since its inception in 1993. The campaign ran from November 2020 through March 2021, and the money raised was distributed to 17 Allegheny County hunger relief agencies.

The biggest grant was awarded to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, which received more than \$22,000 from the ACBF this year and more than \$450,000 since the inception of the campaign.

"For every dollar donated, we can provide up to five meals," said Lisa Scales, President and CEO of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. "That means the grants from the Attorneys Against Hunger campaign enabled us to provide more than 113,000 meals to our neighbors this year alone, and more than 2.2 million meals to families in need during the campaign's history."

That level of commitment over nearly three decades has firmly entrenched the ACBF as one of the Food Bank's key partners.

"We have had a longstanding partnership with the Allegheny County Bar Foundation," said Scales. "ACBA members have regularly supported our mission through donations and volunteering. Together we are ensuring a brighter future for our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. We are so thankful to the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and the attorneys of Pittsburgh for their generosity."

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Established in 1993, Attorneys Against Hunger is an ACBF program with the mission to unite the Allegheny County legal community in the fight against hunger. Thanks to generous underwriting from lead sponsor Steidl & Steinberg and supporting sponsors Gleason and Judge Raymond A. Novak – contributions that cover 100 percent of the program’s administrative costs – every dollar donated to the campaign is distributed to local anti-hunger agencies. Additional support comes from a challenge grant generously provided by Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, the Rita M. McGinley Foundation and the McGinley family members of the bar.

Specific hunger relief organizations receiving AAH grants this year include:

- Allies for Health and Wellbeing
- Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium Walk-In Ministry – First Lutheran
- Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium – First Presbyterian
- Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium – Smithfield United Church of Christ
- Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium – St. Mary of Mercy
- Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium – Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
- East End Cooperative Ministry
- Focus on Renewal
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Hunger Services – Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
- The Intersection, Inc.
- Jubilee Soup Kitchen
- Just Harvest
- North Hills Community Outreach
- Rainbow Kitchen
- South Hills Interfaith Movement
- Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry

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About the ACBF Incorporated in 1980, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the heart of Pittsburgh’s legal community. An affiliate of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the Foundation operates a variety of charitable, educational, pro bono and public service activities.

