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I want to take this opportunity to share with you the progress we have made this year because of your continued support for Project Outreach. Because of the generosity of our 24 supporting churches, community organizations, and individual donors we were able to serve an increasingly disadvantaged population in the Spring-Ford Area School District in 2022.

Between our two sites in Spring City and Royersford we averaged serving approximately 100 family units per week with canned and boxed food, fresh vegetables, dairy products, etc. Much of the food we have to give comes from donations from all over the school district. Special thanks to Wawa, Giant, and Wegman's groceries stores among other community businesses for their weekly contribution of food to distribute.

In addition to weekly food distributions, we were able to contribute over \$42,000 to pay for rental and utility assistance for households facing emergency situations. This winter we have been able to purchase heating oil for 6 qualifying families so far. We sponsored two community events as well. Our community-wide Thanksgiving dinner hosted over 65 people this year and our Adopt-A-Family program saw 273 children receive Christmas gifts from community donors. We were also able to provide Back to School supplies for 120 children.

All of this would not be possible without the faithful support of our local churches. Your financial support, food drive donations, and faithful volunteers make all this possible. It is comforting to those in our community who find themselves with food insecurity to know that Project Outreach is a safe place to go each week to help meet their need.

**Lastly, I want to make you aware of our immediate need to fill the position of Social Services Coordinator.** This is a part-time (15 hours per week) paid position covering our office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you know of someone in your congregation who exhibits administrative skills and who would be interested in applying for this position, please have them contact the Project Outreach office (610-948-5111).

Again, thank you for your continued support of Project Outreach.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Barry Behnke

President, Project Outreach