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Name of Organization Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

Name, Title, Email, Phone of Executive Leader Joe Arthur, Executive Director, jarthur@centralpafoodbank.org, 717-564-1700

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Amount of Funding Requested \$6,000

Purpose of Funding Request Sustaining Our Youth: Cumberland County Youth Programs

Briefly describe your organization

- A. Mission, purpose, and history.
- B. Service population and geographic area served, including demographics.
- C. Current programs, activities, and accomplishments.

Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funding

- A. Project goals, objectives, and planned activities/events.
- B. Project timetable and budget. *The project budget is separate from the organization budget.*
- C. Constituency served or targeted population.
- D. Other funding sources and amounts.
- E. Project benefits and anticipated results.
- F. Description of how project differs from similar projects in geographic area served.

Required Attachments

- A. Board of Directors List.
- B. Applicant organization's current budget.
- C. First page of the applicant organization's most recent 990. If 990 is not available, provide the most recent audit or financial statement to meet this need.
- D. 501(c) (3) Letter or proof of application.
- E. Copy of your registration with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

Please Note: Letters of support are not required, but are accepted. If your project represents a partnership or is 100% dependent upon participation by an organization presented in your application, provide a letter from each

organization that confirms their agreement to participate. If your project utilizes a Fiscal Sponsor, follow the Fiscal Sponsor instructions at <https://www.tfec.org/grants/the-childrens-home-foundation-fund-grant-guidelines/>.

1. Briefly describe your organization:

a. Mission, purpose and history

Mission: Fighting hunger, improving lives, strengthening communities

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFEB) began as a one-day demonstration project in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on World Food Day in 1981. Today, CPFEB is the largest nonprofit food distribution organization in central Pennsylvania. The Food Bank is a complex operation, comprised of 102 full-time and 9 part-time staff members, as well as more than 7,700 volunteers who contribute 72,000 hours of their time annually to support our mission. The Food Bank maintains and operates two Healthy Food Hubs, one in Harrisburg and one in Williamsport, that serve nearly 1,000 partner agencies and programs, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, low-income child and senior care centers, and other assistance sites. In addition, the Food Bank maintains a fleet of 19 trucks that are on the road five days per week delivering food to our partner agencies throughout 27 counties in central Pennsylvania. Collaboratively, these components have elevated the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank’s capacity to serve food insecure individuals, families, veterans, and children throughout central Pennsylvania. The Food Bank is the sole nonprofit organization in central Pennsylvania with the ability to solicit, procure, and distribute millions of pounds of food to hungry Pennsylvanians at no cost.

b. Service population and geographic area served, including demographics

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank provides charitable food assistance to individuals who live at or below 150% of the defined federal poverty level throughout central Pennsylvania. Our service territory covers 27 counties from the New York border to the Maryland state line, which equates to more than 18,000 square miles. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 9.8% of residents in central Pennsylvania faced food insecurity, a statistic that was already unacceptable. Now, due to the economic consequences of the pandemic, even more of our neighbors are struggling to put food on the table. Initial estimates from our national partner, Feeding America, suggest that food insecurity could rise to as much as 18.3% in some areas of our service territory. Hunger is more than a belly twinge between meals, it is a devastating lack of access to food. The United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as “a lack of consistent access to enough food for a healthy, active lifestyle.” Food is a basic need for people to be healthy, engaged citizens – lack of access to food affects peoples’ health, and children’s development and educational success.

c. Current programs, activities, and accomplishments

No one should be hungry. Regardless of the economic climate, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is committed to ensuring that our neighbors in need have access to the nutritious food they need to be healthy.

In 2015, the Food Bank implemented a 10-year strategic plan, **The Bold Goal**. The Bold Goal states “by 2025, our collaborative network will provide access to enough nutritious food for everyone struggling with hunger in each of the 27 counties we serve, and we will convene and nurture partnerships to make progress toward ending hunger.” Halfway through our Bold Goal journey, we remain committed to achieving our goal, as we scale up to serve thousands of children, families, seniors, and veterans across our community who have been impacted by the economic consequences of the pandemic.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) – Children’s Home Foundation Fund
Sustaining Our Youth: Supporting Cumberland County Youth Programs

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank’s core service, the Food Security Network, involves procuring, processing, and distributing food throughout our 27-county service area. In FY2020, The Food Bank distributed nearly 60 million pounds of food, including nearly 14 million pounds of fresh, nutritious produce. This is equivalent to nearly 50 million meals provided at no cost to our neighbors in need.

Depending on their unique locations and needs, our neighbors can receive food through a variety of programs. We work with partner agencies across our territory who help us distribute food. During the COVID-19 pandemic, most of our partners have remained operational. In areas where partners have closed, we have redirected clients to other programs or opened mobile pantries.

- Partner Agencies: Food is distributed to nearly 1,000 partner agencies like pantries, shelters, senior centers, and more, who in turn distribute the food to our neighbors in need.
- Mobile Pantries: Food Bank trucks deliver fresh produce, deli, and dairy products to neighbors in hard to reach locations through our Fresh Express Program, and to military and veteran families through our MilitaryShare program. We host more than 150 regular mobile pantry distributions and are working with partner agencies to conduct additional pop-up pantries as needed during the pandemic.
- Kids Programming: We provide children with healthy snacks after school, on weekends, holidays, and over the summer, when they are at greatest risk of hunger. Children receive food at School Pantries, in take-home backpacks, and through meals on-site at schools and other childcare centers. During the pandemic, many of our child-focused program sites have become central locations from which we distribute food for the entire family. If a child is hungry, the rest of the family is as well. More than 70,000 children across central Pennsylvania receive food through our programming.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach: On behalf of clients who had difficulty navigating the SNAP application process, the Food Bank submitted more than 2400 SNAP applications in the last year, which resulted in over 2.3 million meals for food insecure individuals.
- ElderShare: More than 8,500 senior citizens living in poverty receive a 30-pound box of healthy foods each month.
- Advocacy and Outreach: We educate community members and our state and federal governments on the issues of hunger and food insecurity to keep this basic human need in the forefront of policy and funding decisions. During the pandemic, our advocacy team has advocated for policies expanding SNAP access, increased funding for SNAP, and temporarily waiving paperwork requirements, ensuring that food is distributed efficiently and safely.

CPF is the only food bank in central Pennsylvania that is affiliated with Feeding America, the nation’s leading hunger fighting organization. As a Feeding America food bank, CPF is able to solicit, procure, and facilitate donated food at a scale that is unmatched by any other food bank in this region. As a result, for every \$1 donated, CPF is able to provide 6 meals to our neighbors in need. The Food Bank is not only committed to providing access to food, but to providing access to nutritious food for those we serve. This entails continuing to innovate and build partnerships to acquire healthy, nutritious food at the lowest possible prices. One such innovation is the Mid-Atlantic Regional Produce Cooperative (MARC). The MARC works with farmers from New England to Virginia, procuring excess food, and then delivering it to partner food banks. This allows us to procure fresh produce year-round at a highly discounted rate. Similarly, legislative wins like an increase in funding for the Pennsylvania Agriculture

Surplus System (PASS) help us access healthy food for our clients. Through PASS, farmers are reimbursed for the cost of harvesting, processing, and transporting food, that would otherwise be thrown away, to food banks. Since the advent of COVID-19, CPF’s agricultural partnerships have been vital in ensuring our communities continue to receive a wide variety of fresh, healthy food options.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is committed to excellence throughout our operation. As a result, we have received Charity Navigator’s top rating of four stars for “exceptional” financial performance that “exceeds industry standards.” CPF has also been recognized as one of the top food banks in the Feeding America network for our efficient operations, smart logistics, and safety standards.

2. Brief Description of Project

a. Project goals, objectives and planned activities/events:

In Cumberland County, 14.1% of children and youth under the age of 18 struggle with chronic hunger. This means that there are over 7,000 children in Cumberland County that do not know where their next meal is coming from.

Hunger is a serious concern for people of all ages, but especially for children. Inadequate nutrition in childhood can permanently affect children’s development, restricting their intellectual capacity, affecting their ability to learn, and impacting their social development. In addition, children facing food insecurity are at greater risk for anemia, asthma, oral health problems, and hospitalization. They tend to fall behind their food secure peers socially and academically struggle as they are more likely to repeat a grade. They often exhibit more behavioral problems like hyperactivity, aggression, and anxiety.

In Cumberland County, CPF partners with 13 programs to execute critical work to support our youth. These programs include six Backpack programs, six Kids Café sites, and a robust school pantry program. In FY2020, in partnership with these sites, CPF distributed over 235,000 pounds of food, providing more than 196,000 meals to more than 6,200 children in need in Cumberland County. CPF is acutely aware of the significant impacts of childhood hunger and is dedicated to serving this vulnerable population. These programs have become particularly vital when many families are facing food insecurity for the first time as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19.

In 2021, CPF will strive to increase the number of children and families served throughout Cumberland County by working with our current partners to expand programming, increase access to nutritious foods, and increase education related to Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This will include working with partners to understand the benefits of offering larger servings of food to sustain the whole family, rather than just the child. Evidence shows that when a child is hungry, it is likely that the entire family is hungry. In addition, it will include maintaining a vast inventory of healthy options for our partners to access, as well as engaging in firsthand conversations with our partners to encourage SNAP education and providing SNAP educational handouts in distribution boxes.

Funding received from the Children’s Home Foundation Fund will be used to sustain the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank’s Youth Programming in Cumberland County, helping to ensure all children in Cumberland County have access to enough nutritious food to thrive.

b. Project timetable and budget

In FY2021, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank has allocated nearly \$60,000 to support Youth Programming in Cumberland County. A gift of \$6,000 from the Children’s Home Foundation Fund will be used to underwrite a portion of the cost of sustaining this vital child hunger programming, particularly during these difficult times faced as a result of COVID-19. CPF’s Youth Programs operate year-round. However, this funding will be dedicated to the grant period, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Please find the project budget, attached.

c. Constituency served or target population

As previously mentioned, the Food Bank serves those who are food insecure and fall at or below 150% of the defined federal poverty level. In 2020, that is \$39,300 for a family of four. Funding from the Children’s Home Foundation Fund will support Youth Programming in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. These programs support children and youth under the age of 18 who face food insecurity, as well as their families. Again, in Cumberland County, 14.1% of children and youth face food insecurity.

d. Other funding sources and amounts

CPF has not approached other foundations for support with this project. Other funds that are allocated to these Youth Programs in Cumberland County are unrestricted donations.

e. Project benefits and anticipated results

Hunger is a very real concern for too many children in our communities. To combat this struggle, CPF works closely with our partners to execute our programs, like Youth Programs in Cumberland County. We anticipate that with our efforts we can continue to reduce food insecurity rates. As mentioned, there are currently over 7,000 children in Cumberland County that face chronic hunger. This number is likely even larger due to the impacts of COVID-19. In addition, we plan to increase access to healthy foods by maintaining a vast inventory for our partners, which in turn, will improve the overall health and wellness of children and families in Cumberland County. Lastly, increasing knowledge of SNAP benefits will further increase access to food for those struggling with hunger.

f. Description of how project differs from similar projects in geographic area served

There are no other organizations in central Pennsylvania which provide similar services to our project. CPF is the only charitable food assistance program in central Pennsylvania that is affiliated with Feeding America. This affiliation, and our extensive capacity, enable the Food Bank to purchase and distribute nearly 60 million pounds of food each year. Further, CPF has storage capacity that is unrivaled by any other agency in the region, allowing us to safely handle and move millions of pounds of food. The Food Bank has a staff of 102 full-time and 9 part-time employees, a fleet of 19 trucks, and access to food from the Port of Philadelphia via the Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative, other regional food banks, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and large corporate donors. There is no comparison to CPF’s operation because of the scale of our work, our capacity, size, staff, and financial budget. All of these components elevate the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and allow us to say that for every \$1.00 donated, we can help provide 6 meals to our neighbors in need.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
The Children's Home Foundation
FY 2020-2021

	<u>Cumberland County</u> <u>Youth Program Costs</u>	<u>Grant Funded</u> <u>Budget</u>
Public Support	\$ 31,882	\$ 6,000
Program Revenue	\$ 26,085	.
Total Funding	\$ 57,967	\$ 6,000
Direct Personnel Costs	\$ 19,939	\$ 2,000
Professional Fees	\$ 415	\$ -
Cost of Purchased Product and Program Meals	\$ 26,385	\$ 2,500
Warehousing, Occupancy, and Depreciation	\$ 7,456	\$ 1,000
Transportation, Fuel and Freight	\$ 2,894	\$ 500
Program Supplies	\$ 334	\$ -
Program Marketing and Outreach	\$ -	\$ -
Training, Travel, and Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Agency Capacity Building	\$ 544	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 57,967	\$ 6,000

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Camp Hill United Methodist Church
BackPack Program
417 S 22nd St
Camp Hill, PA 17011

July 24, 2020

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC)
200 N 3rd St 8th FL
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear TFEC:

The BackPack Program for the Camp Hill School District began as a ministry of the Camp Hill United Methodist Church (CHUM) in the spring of 2015. The program is designed to meet the hunger needs of children who receive backpacks with nonperishable and vitamin fortified foods to take home from school each weekend, when they are not receiving free and reduced lunch. We began serving 30 students in the spring of 2015 and grew to serve as many as 85 students during the 2019-2020 school year.

CHUM supports the BackPack Program in Camp Hill through volunteers and a budget to purchase additional food for backpacks, including fresh fruit. Being a partner agency of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFEB) makes it possible for CHUM to stretch the BackPack budget further. CHUM has access to the purchase of fresh fruit (@ a cost of 10 cents per pound) and nonperishable items at costs much lower than grocery store prices.

Some of the nonperishable food that goes in the backpacks comes from New Hope Ministries (NHM). CHUM's ability to purchase fresh fruit and additional items from the CPFEB means more food in the backpacks each week.

As the coordinator of the BackPack program in the Camp Hill School District (CHSD), I work closely with another organization that provides support to BackPack families. The Earl Besch Project was founded as an extension of the Camp Hill Lion Foundation's Earl Besch Fund and the CHUM's Backpack Program. The Earl Besch Project distributes food and other items to Camp Hill School District families in need.

NHM discontinued service to all West Shore (Harrisburg) BackPack programs in mid-March 2020 when schools closed due to COVID-19. During the COVID-19 crisis, The Earl Besch Project provided *weekly* pantry boxes to 36 families (73 students) through May 2020. Donations to The Earl Besch Project were used to purchase food and household items from the CPFEB through the CHUM agency relationship. Below is a statement from the co-coordinator of The Earl Besch Project.

The Earl Besch Project in Camp Hill, PA was founded in January of 2018 when we became aware of the economically disadvantaged percentage in our community. We partnered with the BackPack Program, coordinated and supported by the Camp Hill United Methodist Church, and started Pantry Boxes during the long breaks from school for those families. The following school year, 2019-2020, we decided to do a monthly Pantry Box to help with items that are not covered through SNAP benefits and to also give them a hand up. When the COVID-19 pandemic started, we wanted to help those families as much as possible. Being able to purchase items through the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank has been a



blessing. Without that ability, we would not have been able to help our families with a weekly delivery. The Project is so new, we did not have the funds to cover purchasing items at the grocery store. We have been able to give so much to our families from milk and eggs to fresh fruit and veggies on a weekly basis. For that we THANK the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

Thank you,
Lynette Pertschi
Co-coordinator, The Earl Besch Project

Two testimonials from recipients of Pantry Boxes through The Earl Besch Project:

I am grateful that we live in such an awesome, supportive community. I was laid off and it has been a big help till I find full time work again. THANK YOU!!

I just moved to my house and this month was very rough for us with bills and everything. One night I went I open my door and saw a box. I rushed to carried it inside. I saw paper towels, laundry soap, milk, detergent, dishwasher soap and many other items. I literally had tears in my eyes. Most of those items I didn't have at home and my finances were very tied. I began to be very grateful. I blessed the donors and everything. Thanks again for making a difference in the community. We are very grateful and appreciate every single action.

Your generous support of CPFY Youth Programs will make a difference in the lives of children and families in Cumberland County.

Best regards,
Kristine Kaleida
BackPack Program Coordinator, Camp Hill United Methodist Church





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**Nourishing Our
Community...
Awakening Hope.**

23 July 2020

The Children's Home Foundation
C/O The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
200 N. 3rd Street
8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

To the Children's Home Foundation:

I am writing on behalf of, and in support of the Central PA Food Bank and their application before you.

Project SHARE of Carlisle's affiliation with the Central PA Food Bank goes back almost to Project SHARE's inception. Throughout the years, the relationship has grown and prospered.

As an affiliate agency, Project SHARE is blessed to be able to purchase food through Central PA Food Bank at significantly reduced cost. Because of this, Project SHARE can consistently provide Clients with access to health, nutritious food that might otherwise be missing from their diets. There is a well-documented connection between access to nutritious food and positive health and educational outcomes. Thus, our relationship has enhanced the quality of life for all our Client Families.

Beyond the food connection, the Central PA Food Bank is a vital resource for both Project SHARE and the other pantry agencies they serve. CPFB provides valuable resources and guidance for organization in multiple areas. Food safety, organizational operations and technical support with related programs such as SNAP and the USDA's Summer Food Service Program as just a few examples.

Finally, the Central PA Food Bank plays a significant role representing some of the most vulnerable individuals across the 27 counties they serve. Their voice amplifies those of the many food pantries across the communities and neighborhoods in their trade area. They are advocates for state and federal programs that help us all support those in need. In addition, they help us deliver those programs to our communities.

It has been my pleasure over the past three years to get to know and work with my partners at the Central PA Food Bank. Together we are in the fight to end hunger in our community.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Weed, CEO
Project SHARE of Carlisle

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Central Pennsylvania Food Bank		<u>2020-21</u>	
2020-21 Budget		<u>Budget</u>	
Public Support	1 Individual Donations	\$3,000,000	
	2 Corporate Donations	1,450,000	
	3 Organizational Donations	500,000	
	4 Bequests/Estate Gifts	50,000	
	5 Foundation Gifts	800,000	
	6 Total Public Support	\$5,800,000	
	7 <i>Less: Donor-Designated to Agencies</i>	(250,000)	
	8 Total Public Support net of Designations	\$5,550,000	
Program / Other Income	9 Shared Maintenance Fees	\$1,764,725	
	10 <i>Less: CPF B-Funded SM Fees</i>	(503,615)	
	11 Purchased Product Revenue	5,000,000	
	12 <i>Less: CPF B-Funded PP Revenue</i>	(198,230)	
	13 Kids Cafe - CACFP & SFSP Reimbursement	831,402	
	14 TEFAP Reimbursement	2,000,000	
	15 Senior Programs - CSFP Reimbursement	377,500	
	16 Other Contract Reimbursements	270,000	
	17 Miscellaneous Income	71,232	
		18 Total Program/Other Income	\$9,613,014
		19 Investment Income - Endowment Fund	\$300,000
	20 Investment Income - Other Funds	90,000	
	21 Investment Fees	(53,500)	
	22 Total Investment Income	\$336,500	
	23 Total Support & Revenue	\$15,499,514	
Expenses	24 Salaries	\$6,313,339	
	25 Payroll Taxes	494,142	
	26 Employee Benefits	1,409,029	
	27 Professional Fees	421,527	
	28 Other Fees & Services	110,450	
	29 Purchased Product Expense	6,171,450	
	30 Transportation	677,000	
	31 Building Occupancy	445,432	
	32 Warehouse Supplies & Equipment	271,750	
	33 Depreciation	1,089,936	
	34 Direct Mail Expense	624,805	
	35 Printing & Postage Expense	110,300	
	36 Supplies & Equipment	187,310	
	37 Marketing (PR & Awards)	79,330	
	38 Dues	97,653	
	39 Meeting & Event Expense	56,920	
	40 Staff Development	55,200	
41 Travel Expense	72,500		
42 Miscellaneous Expense	43,475		
43 Interest Expense	62,000		
44 Food Purchases - Kids Cafe (CACFP & SFSP)	913,821		
45 Agency Capacity Building & Support	127,125		
	46 Total Expenses	\$19,834,494	
	47 Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	(\$4,334,980)	
Other Items	48 PASS Statewide Revenue	-	
	49 PASS Statewide Expenses	-	
	50 Value of Donated Food Received	108,535,440	
	51 Value of Donated Food Distributed	(108,535,440)	
	52 Unrealized Gains/(Losses) - Endowment Fund	-	
	53 Unrealized Gains/(Losses) - Other Funds	-	
	54 Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$4,334,980)	