

POWER PACKS POST

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**GOODBYE 2023,
HELLO 2024!**

Happy *almost* New Year! Here at Power Packs, we are looking forward to a new year of serving our community and empowering families. This time of year usually brings family gatherings, holiday celebrations, and can also bring lots of stress. Both emotional and financial stress are heightened. We want to bring peace of mind to local families and take 1 thing off their list of worries this season.

www.powerpacksproject.org/donate

Interested in volunteering? Power Packs Project's lifeblood is our dedicated, amazing volunteers!

www.powerpacksproject.org/volunteerwithus



**ADDRESS FOR ALL
CORRESPONDENCE**

Our address is:

1915 Olde Homestead Lane
Suite 102
Lancaster, PA 17601



Thank you

NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is the time of year when people reflect on the year that is ending and give thanks for the good things that have been bestowed upon them. That holds true for Power Packs as well as we have an abundance of blessings of which to be thankful.

The team at Power Packs appreciates each of you who have chosen to collect food for us to pass on to families who are finding it difficult to put food on the table. Whether it is a donation of fresh, locally grown produce from someone's garden or a pallet of peanut butter or cereal collected by a local business, it is a welcome addition to many families' tables.

We are truly grateful for the amazing volunteers who so generously give their time and talent to us every week. Each week we have individuals and groups, students, retirees and many in between, who grace us with their presence, working in heat or cold depending on the time of year, to ensure that the families relying on Power Packs for food receive the sustenance they need. We are eternally indebted to each of you who contributed to the nearly 6,000 volunteer hours logged at Power Packs this year.

We are also blessed with hundreds of generous donors who share their wealth with us. Without them, we would cease to exist. We have such a giving community, as evidenced by the enormous success of the annual ExtraGive. Each of the donations we receive, whether it is \$10 or \$1,000, makes it possible for Power Packs to provide healthy meals to our neighbors struggling with hunger. This year, that is nearly 1,500 households each week!

We thank all of you for choosing Power Packs to share your bounty. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of children, one meal at a time.

Brad Peterson, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Peterson'.

MEET MICHELLE BROWN: NEW BOARD MEMBER

When did you join the board?

October 2023

How did you hear about PPP?

I volunteered to pack boxes for Power Packs in late 2022 with a group of friends. I had heard of Power Packs before, but it was then that I really fell in love with the organization's mission and vision.

What made you decide to join?

I stayed in touch with Power Packs since volunteering the first time and even had a chance to observe a Board meeting as part of Leadership Lancaster, which only deepened my desire to get more involved. I was thrilled when an opportunity arose this fall to join the Board!

Tell us about yourself!

I first moved to Lancaster in 2015 and currently work at LCSWMA as their Energy & Commodity Manager. My husband and I live in Lancaster City with our two cats, Jet and Domino. We love being outdoors, traveling to new places, and spending quality time with friends and family.



WELCOME, MICHELLE!

EXTRA™
GIVE

The Extra Give 2023!

Power Packs Project finished in 19th place for number of donors (467) and 24th place for amount donated (\$65,840)! This is AWESOME!

Thank you to all who donated, shared, and helped us reach our accomplishment!



GIANT GRANT

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it's been an amazing time of year for Fundraising at Power Packs. The Extra Give was a success, and several grants have come through. This is huge for Power Packs, as our costs have increased like everyone else.

Giant Food Corp. has awarded Power Packs with \$35,000 to meet our mission. AMAZING news!

We have a job opening: our Lebanon Program Coordinator.

JOB OPENING!

Do you know someone that would be a good candidate? Send your resume to: Brad@powerpacksproject.org

RMS AMAZING FOOD DRIVE

Huge thank you to RMS and all the participating companies that ran a food drive for Power Packs Project and collected 1,269 POUNDS OF FOOD for us to distribute. This is amazing - we are so thankful!



CHICFILA COOKIES

From now until December 23rd, purchase a 6 pack of cookies at Chic-Fil-a and Power Packs Project receives \$1!



Thank you for reading! Find more pictures on our social media pages and look for our next edition in the next Quarter!