

POWER PACKS POST

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IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

It's that time of year again - the Holidays! We are currently distributing over 1,400 Power Packs every single Wednesday out of our Lancaster and Lebanon warehouses. That is about double the numbers that we were doing last year - and the need keeps growing! What does that mean for us? We can always use more volunteers! If you're interested, visit our website to learn more!



We are thankful for our community partner - Foxduck! They're hosting our event on the night of the ExtraGive and they created a t-shirt for Power Packs in their Highlights Program (see image above). For every sale of one of these t-shirts, Power Packs receives a contribution! Visit them online or in person, right downtown Lancaster by central market!

ADDRESS FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our address is:

1915 Olde Homestead Lane
Suite 102
Lancaster, PA 17601

Thank you



NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Power Packs is blessed to have an amazing contingent of dedicated volunteers. We have our “regular” volunteers who are here on a weekly, and for some daily, basis. There are too many to name, but they know who they are and what they mean to our mission.

We also have numerous groups of volunteers who share their time with us to get food out the door every week. Once again, I could try to list the groups that have graced us with their presence recently, but I don’t want to omit anyone. However, there is one group that I do want to mention, because of a personal interaction that took place.

A few weeks ago, we had a group of students from Manheim Central HS. They chose Power Packs for their “Going Beyond” day of service project. They pitched in doing anything asked of them and really made our distribution run smoothly, all with smiles on their faces.

One young lady in the group introduced herself to me and said she wanted to come to Power Packs because her family had received Power Packs when she was younger, and both her parents had lost their jobs. She relayed how much Power Packs meant to them and how excited she got every week to see what they were receiving that week. She was equally excited to tell me how happy she was that now she could help other kids by volunteering.

These are the stories that inspire us every day and drive us to give extra; so a child has a nutritious meal instead of going hungry. To all of you who support Power Packs, thank you for opening your heart and making a difference in a child’s life.

Brad Peterson, Executive Director

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

MEET JOY MELEY: BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

When did you join the Power Packs Project Board?

I joined in January 2022!

How did you hear about Power Packs Project?

As a school social worker in Penn Manor, I have worked with PP for over 10 years! We were one of the earliest school districts to participate in the weekly distribution.

Why did you choose to join the Board?

This program was the first consistent food program for many of our families in PMSD. I have a unique perspective because I have assisted on the distribution end for so many years. I have had the pleasure of talking with so many families about how PP has helped.

What is your favorite Power Packs event or memory?

PMSD has had a wonderful coordination system of volunteers to make sure the packs were assembled and ready for families. We have used students in the buildings and now we use adult volunteers in the community to assist with distribution. I have helped give so many meals over the years that I can't pick one memory. But all the interactions with families and volunteers continue to be wonderful exchanges in a very chaotic world of social work.

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

My husband and I are lifelong Lancaster County residents with a daughter and three sons. We enjoy outdoor activities, visiting national parks, and going to the beach.

CHICK-FIL-A VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the many amazing volunteer groups that we've been able to host in our Lancaster Warehouse lately!

One of the most recent was a group from the local Chick-Fil-A franchises and WOW they powered through a lot of work in our warehouse in such a short time - we are so thankful for you!



We are so thankful for continued partnerships with local produce companies and nonprofits, like First Fruits Farm in Maryland. Look at all of these amazing potatoes, pulled out of the ground on a Tuesday and sent out in 1,400 Power Packs the NEXT DAY!

We so appreciate you!



EXTRAGIVE

Please don't forget to support us on November 18th, the day of the ExtraGive!

Thank you to our corporate matching sponsors, Trout CPA and Ephrata National Bank!

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Power Packs Volunteers - we want to celebrate you!

If you'd like to, please email Liz at Liz@powerpacksproject.org and opt in to be spotlighted in upcoming newsletters when it is your birthday! Don't worry, only months and days will be printed! We'd love to spotlight our volunteers and celebrate your birthdays!

Only those who opt-in will be featured, so it's up to you!

VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS



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