

Pizza delivery for a good cause



Tim Morton, left, of the Kamp for Kids organization that benefits children with special needs or who are underprivileged, sought help in distributing food to needy and homeless families and the Jules Thin Crust Pizza organization responded by donating 100 pizzas to families at the Bucks County Homeless Shelter and outside the closed Bucks County Library Center in Bristol Township on Thursday. With Morton are (from left) Scott Shusher, Bella Ordway and Michael Lucca, all of Jules Thin Crust. Panera Bread also donated food items to the event. [PEG QUANN / STAFF PHOTOJOURNALIST]

Homeless outreach provides food, showers and rest

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Bucks County's three Code Blue groups and all YMCA branches are collaborating with other organizations across Bucks County to make sure homeless individuals have access to bathrooms with sinks, food, and showers.

Volunteers who work with the homeless throughout the year know the COVID-19 crisis has put pressure on an already vulnerable population of Bucks County residents, who now have fewer places to eat, sleep and rest from the elements.

Groups across Bucks County offer meals for the homeless, while also referring them to other agencies in Bucks County to get help with housing, employment, medical assistance and financial help. Next week, we will be sharing stories of those in Bucks County who are living without a home through this pandemic and how communities are coming together to help them.



John Brodie volunteers with the Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless, driving donated food, lunch bags and gift cards to the homeless. [PHOTOS BY MARION CALLAHAN / STAFF PHOTOJOURNALIST]

How to get help & how to give help

Bucks County Housing Link: If you are homeless or experiencing a housing crisis, call: 1-800-810-4434

Get Help: Call 211 for resources
Food Pantries: The Bucks County Opportunity Council has a list of food pantries on their website: BCOC.org

Fresh Connect: Free Farmers' Market locations listed: BCOC.org
In Lower Bucks: Advocates for Homeless & Those In Need, an interfaith nonprofit, is helping in many ways. Volunteers from AHTN deliver meals to four locations in Lower Bucks where the homeless used to meet to be taken by an AHTN bus to dinner. They now get the meals at the bus stops from volunteer drivers.
— Call 215-550-3868 or AHTN.org
— Those in need of transportation to pantries, please call 215-550-3868, ext. 100.

In Central Bucks:
Coalition to Support and Shelter

the Homeless: 866-390-0291, ext. 703. Every Monday and Thursday, 3-3:15 p.m., bagged meals and gift cards for food (as available) will be distributed from the CSSH van. Every Monday and Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m., bagged meals and gift cards for food (as available) will be distributed at the Doylestown YMCA. Showers are offered between 4 and 5:30 p.m. at the Doylestown YMCA, 2500 Lower State Road, Doylestown.

Upper Bucks:
Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks: 215-536-5166
Volunteers distribute packaged meals to the homeless in front of the Masonic Lodge in Quakertown a couple of times a week. Along with offering shelter and meals for the homeless, the group also refers the homeless to other agencies in Bucks County to get help with housing, employment, medical assistance and financial help.



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