

## HEALTHY FOOD FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN THROUGH MANNA'S GOLDBERG SMART SNACKS PROGRAM

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The Wolpoff Family Foundation supports the needs of struggling Montgomery County residents through their support of Manna Food Center. Since 1983, Manna Food Center's mission has been to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Over the past 30 years, Manna has distributed 43 million pounds of food to 2.7 million residents of Montgomery County in need of food assistance. Each year Manna has seen a rise in the number of households it serves and the number of people receiving much needed food Manna provides. The pursuit of

this goal is met through efficient and effective use of resources, collaboration and partnerships with other organizations, foundations, and businesses, and the overwhelming outpouring of donations of time, food, and funds from individuals in the community.

Manna provides emergency food to Montgomery County clients through three main mission driven programs - Food for Families, Karen Goldberg Smart Sacks Program, and Agency Food Distribution. Through these programs, Manna is able to provide individuals, families, children, soup kitchens, food pantries, and emergency shelters with food that is so desperately needed. Manna helps direct clients to, and journey on, the road to self-sufficiency. Manna also acts as a voice for the hungry of Montgomery County, advocating on behalf of our clients and other nonprofit organizations with the County Council and elected officials to keep them aware of the state of food insecurity in the county.

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With assistance from the Wolpoff Family Foundation, Manna has been able to grow the Goldberg Smart Sacks program substantially; from 27 schools to 55 schools; and feed over 2,000 children each week who struggle with hunger. The partnership between the Foundation and Manna ensures that no child who needs assistance will go hungry. By feeding children, and providing nutrition resources in both food and word for them, The Wolpoff Family Foundation and Manna are growing a generation of children who will better understand the need for good food in order to learn and succeed.

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