



## News Release

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### Take the Challenge to Help Fight Hunger

All cash, checks and food items donated to Dutchess Outreach from March 1 to April 30 will be counted toward the Feinsein Challenge. For the 17th consecutive year, The Feinsein Foundation, a philanthropic organization devoted to ending hunger in the United States, will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds this March and April. Since the campaign's inception, The Feinsein Foundation has raised over \$2 billion for more than 1,800 agencies and houses of worship nationwide, helping the needy.

The Beverly Closs Food Pantry at Dutchess Outreach is experiencing a major food shortage due to a significant increase in demand. More than 800 people were served in January; more than 300 of them children! The pantry provides a three-day supply of food to low-income families, senior citizens, the unemployed and to those who are unable to work. Items needed the most include: canned meats (such as hash, stews, etc.), tuna, canned vegetables, fruits, soups, canned yams, potatoes, spaghetti, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, powdered milk, cereals and juices.

Anyone interested in donating food or conducting your own food drive should contact Carol Beck at (845)454-3792 or visit [www.dutchessoutreach.org](http://www.dutchessoutreach.org) for more information.

Dutchess Outreach has been serving clients since 1974, meeting temporary basic needs for individuals and families when no other resources are readily available to them. In addition to the Food Pantry, the Lunch Box, and the Children's Clothes Closet, the staff at Dutchess Outreach provide advocacy for people in need of emergency housing, rent, medicine, and other human services.

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