

Summer food drive helps fill up cupboard

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The Abington Food Cupboard welcomed donations of more than 140 bags of food during its late summer food drive Aug. 22.

The group Friends of Abington Food Cupboard organized the drive to help the cupboard stock shelves during a difficult time of year. Around Thanksgiving and in May, when the U.S. Postal Service runs

the Stamp out Hunger program, the cupboard receives an influx of donations.

“The rest of the year, they run out. We have been able to change that by having food drives at the absolute most dead times of year. Talk about the cupboard being dry, where they usually have lots of food on the shelves, there was nothing,” said John Spiegelman, one of the drive’s organizers.

“The 140-plus bags that we brought in at this time gave them a big boost,

which made them very happy.”

The cupboard, which has been in the area for nearly 40 years, serves families in Abington and in a 10-mile radius of Abington. Families can call the cupboard’s hotline to receive bags of food, specifically put together to match dietary restrictions and the number and ages of people in the household.

The volunteers at the cupboard put together a mix of breakfast, lunch and dinner items from the shelves of do-



The Friends of the Abington Food Cupboard restock the shelves during the group’s summer food drive. From left are Fred Neibauer of Huntingdon Valley; Abington Township Commissioner Lori Schreiber of Roslyn; Mark Kelliehan of Willow Grove; Stephen Pashko of Abington; and food drive coordinator Susan LaDuca of Huntingdon Valley.

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nated nonperishable goods. However, many items go quickly. The cupboard is always looking for items such as hot and cold cereal, pancake mix and syrup, dried or condensed milk, canned fruits and meats, peanut butter and jelly, cans of tuna, mayonnaise, canned pastas, soups and stews, cookies and snacks for children and coffee

or tea.

“With regards to that list, you never need to wait for a food drive to donate food to the cupboard; they need it all year-round,” Spiegelman said.

The donations brought in by the Aug. 22 drive helped stock the shelves for the time being. Organizers Spiegelman, Kathleen Joyce and Susan LaDuca were happy with the results.

“It’s great, 140 bags of food is not bad for a day that is threatening massive thunderstorms, and a time of year when pretty much everybody is down the shore; 140 bags is a decent haul,” Spiegelman said.

Food can be donated at Abington Food Cupboard, 2086 Parkview Ave., Abington. For more information, call the cupboard at 215-885-2234.



Carrying bags of food and supplies into the Abington Food Cupboard are, from left, Abington Township Commissioner Lori Schreiber, June Parkinson and John Spiegelman.