

# 25-26 Impact Report



## Who does food insecurity impact?

**20%**

of all children in  
the U.S. live in food  
insecure households

**5.4%**

of all U.S.  
households are  
food insecure

**13.5%**

of residents in PA  
are experiencing  
food insecurity

**19.3%**

of children in PA  
are experiencing  
food insecurity

**16.8%**

of households in  
Lancaster County  
are food insecure

In one August 2026 week at the Loft,  
**463 households** visited the Food Pantry.

This food reached **1,336 individuals**.

**30%** of these individuals included  
children ages 0-17 years old.

## Mission

The Loft Community Partnership is dedicated to building community connections, creating strong partnerships, and improving resource accessibility for our neighbors.

### A Note from Our Director

## *Navigating Change, Together*

The 2025–2026 year was a season of change, transition, and, ultimately, finding our place to grow.

For much of the year, we found ourselves navigating the challenges of spaces that simply were not designed to meet the needs of our growing organization or the community we serve. Our work stretched across separate locations, requiring staff, volunteers, partners, and neighbors to adapt again and again. We moved resources, rearranged operations, adjusted programs, and found creative ways to keep showing up—because the needs of our community did not pause while we figured out where we belonged.

And through it all, people kept showing up.

Our volunteers continued to give their time, energy, skills, and compassion. They sorted groceries, stocked shelves, recovered food, supported community programs, welcomed neighbors, organized donations, moved furniture, served meals, and stepped into countless behind-the-scenes roles that made our work possible. Their service was not simply an extension of our programs—it was a powerful expression of what community looks like in action.

This year reminded us that a community resource organization is built not only with walls, equipment, and systems, but with people who are willing to serve one another.

That spirit carried us through the uncertainty of operating in separate spaces and helped us reach an exciting milestone: finally landing in our permanent home. Our new space gives us room to operate more effectively, bring services together, welcome more neighbors, and imagine what is possible for the future.

But the most meaningful part of this journey is not the building itself. It is the community that helped us get here.

Every volunteer hour, every donation, every partnership, every grocery item sorted, every neighbor welcomed, every problem solved, and every person who said “How can I help?” contributed to this moment. Our new home reflects that collective investment.

As we look ahead, we are carrying forward the lessons of this year: change is easier to navigate when we navigate it together, challenges become opportunities when a community shares the work, and service has the power to transform both the person giving and the person receiving.



Thank you to every volunteer, partner, donor, staff member, board member, and community member who continued to show up.

We have arrived—but we are just getting started.

With gratitude,  
Jenna Graeff  
Executive Director  
Loft Community Partnership

## Vision

We aspire to build a caring community where basic resources are accessible. We envision partnerships that connect need with abundance, nourish supportive relationships, and create community that cares.

## Values

Engage, Educate, Empower, Gather, Grow, Nourish, Innovation, Empathy, Teamwork

### A Note from Our President

## *Building Our Next Chapter*

The past two years have marked an important chapter in the LOFT Community Partnership’s story. What began as a commitment to meet immediate needs in our community has grown into something far greater. As our programs expanded, we found ourselves moving from place to place to deliver the services our community required. While we were always grateful for the spaces made available to us, the continual relocation of our operations underscored the critical importance of establishing a permanent home. This home will allow the LOFT to grow, serve more effectively, and remain sustainable for years to come.

With that vision in mind, we launched a capital campaign and were deeply fortunate to see so many people step forward in support of the LOFT’s future. Through their generosity, we were able to purchase our property on Charlotte Street in Millersville and establish a lasting home for our organization.

This building represents far more than a physical space. It is a foundation for our future and a clear statement that the LOFT is here to stay. It provides a place where our community can gather to serve, support, and care for one another. Just as importantly, a permanent home enables us to accomplish more than ever before while easing the demands placed on the dedicated volunteers who make our work possible.

Looking back on how far the LOFT has come, I am profoundly grateful to everyone who believed in this organization and helped us reach this milestone. Our donors, volunteers, community partners, and supporters have each played an essential role in turning this vision into reality. We are especially thankful to CCS Building Group for partnering with us to complete the necessary improvements and prepare our new home to serve the community for years ahead.

As Board President, I am proud of what we have accomplished. I am even more excited about the possibilities this permanent home creates for the LOFT’s future. We have built more than a place to serve. We have established a foundation from which the LOFT can continue strengthening our community for generations to come.

Tom Keller  
President, Board of Directors  
Loft Community Partnership



## Loft Food Pantry: Improving Access

- Expanded service hours to include an evening and weekend access point, creating more flexibility for neighbors balancing work, school, transportation, and family responsibilities.
- Expanded Pop-Up Pantry access in harder-to-reach areas of the community, bringing food resources closer to where neighbors live.
- Household-size tickets allow food support to be more appropriately matched to the size and needs of each household.
- One-size service carts create a more equitable pantry experience, ensuring every household begins with the same baseline opportunity to access food.
- Flexible, barrier-reducing access continues to shape how we deliver services—meeting neighbors where they are while protecting dignity, choice, and equitable access.



## Neighbor Impact: Data Review

- Average number of weekly pantry visits: **425**
- Average pounds of food distributed per week: **14,000 lbs**
- **1236** unique Penn Manor households were served, comprised of **3,818** individuals
- Volunteers serve an average estimated **225+ hours** weekly at the Loft
- **10+ food pantry clients have become regular Loft volunteers**, and serve to support and inform our programs!



*Last Day at Jefferson Hall*



*First Day at Charlotte Street*



The *Nourish and Grow Summer Lunch Program* provides consistent, healthy meals to Penn Manor students when school is out and access to free and reduced lunch is limited. In Summer 2025, we distributed **2,700 meals per week** for an estimated total of **24,000 meals!**



# Ways to Help

Looking to donate goods, funds,  
or volunteer hours?

Visit [loftcp.org](http://loftcp.org) or contact us today:

717-723-8180

[Contact@loftcp.org](mailto:Contact@loftcp.org)



## Upcoming Events

Extra Give - Nov 20, 2026

Dad Rock Dance - Mar 13, 2027

Grow With Us - May 15, 2027

Driving Out Hunger - Sept 21, 2027

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for more events and updates!

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