

We understand that the recent government shutdown may be creating unexpected challenges for some families.

Below are local resources that are being offered during this time.

SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORTS

Weekender Bag Program

Available to students **each Friday**. Can request this support by contacting your child's school counselor or building secretary

FREE Breakfast/Lunch

Every student qualifies for FREE meals

RESTAURANTS

Carsonia Park Grill and Bar

Free Kids meals offered with a purchase of a regular menu item. Starting EVERY Sunday and Tuesday, November 2nd. In order to receive this support you will need to provide your SNAP card with matching ID (this will be offered until benefits are reinstated). **Limit 4 kids meals per household, per day.**

Kids Meals Options:

1. 3 Chicken fingers
2. Grilled Chicken Breast
3. Mac and Cheese
4. Burger or Cheeseburger
5. Cheese Quesadilla

NaanStop Indian Grocery

Starting Nov 2nd FREE kids meals every weekend, no purchase required. Must show SNAP card and matching ID. Kids do not need to be present. **Limit 1** meal per child, per household, per day until benefits are reinstated.

Options:

1. 3 Chicken wings or chicken nuggets
2. Grilled chicken breast
3. Burger or cheeseburger
4. Cheese quesadilla
5. Chicken over rice
6. French fries

JD'S STEAKS

Thanksgiving meals being offered. Must be picked up between 11 AM- 1 PM on **Thanksgiving Day.**

Meals Include:

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Corn
Dinner Roll
A slice of pumpkin pie
Bottle of water

Giovanni's 724 Restaurant

Beginning November 3rd, FREE kids meals EVERY Monday and Thursday (while supplies last). Each meal will come with a salad and bread and will be available for kids ages 3-18. Will **NEED** to present SNAP card with matching ID (no children need to be present)

Meal Options Include:

Kids Spaghetti and Meatballs
Kids Penne Rosa
Kids Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken
Large Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

FOOD PANTRIES IN BERKS

Antietam Valley and Exeter

Exeter Bible Fellowship Church

610-926-5802

926 Philadelphia Terrace, Birdsboro

- Open 2nd Saturday of each month (Nov 9th) from 10 AM to 12 PM

Exeter Area Food Pantry

610-572-2344

200 Elm Street

- Open the 3rd Friday of the month (Nov 21st) from 1 PM to 5:30 PM, **by appointment only**

City of Reading

New Journey Community Outreach/ Yellow church

610-375-3310

138 S 6th Street

- Open every Wednesday (November 5, 12, 19, 26) from 8:30 am to 10am.

LGBT Center of Greater Reading

484-345-5765

640 Centre Ave

- Open 1st and 3rd Friday (Nov 7 and 21st 11 AM- 4 PM)

Bethel AME Church

610-223-1339

330 W Windsor St

- Open the 4th Saturday of the month (Nov 22) from 10 AM to 11 AM

Beacon House

610-374-4696

821 Schuylkill Ave

- Open Thursdays and Saturdays (Nov 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29) from 10 AM to 1 PM

Christ Lutheran Church

610-926-5802

1301 Luzerne St

- Open 2nd Monday of each month (Nov 10) from 9 AM to 12:30 PM

Helping Harvest RACC Mobile Market

610-926-5082

2nd and Chestnut St

- Open 2nd Saturday of each month (Nov 8th) from 11 AM to 1PM

First Unitarian Universalist

484-529-7979

416 Franklin St

- Open 3rd Saturday of the month (Nov 19th) from 9 AM to 12 PM

Kennedy House

610-378-1947

532 Spruce Street

- Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday (Nov 5 and 19th) from 9 AM to 11 AM

Other Supports

- **Dial 211** for more supports or visit their website <https://www.pa211.org/>
- Helping Harvest <https://helpingharvest.org/>
- Salvation Army <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/eastern-pennsylvania/reading-pa/>

