



Dear Friends,

As we approach the two-year anniversary of our new facility, we find ourselves reflecting on how far we've come and imagining what's possible for our community. These two years have flown by. There's a saying, "You fill the space you have," and we've certainly found that to be true. What once felt like a large, new building is now a busy, welcoming hub of activity. We've strengthened programs, built sustainable routines, and continued responding to the growing and changing needs of our neighbors. Our food supply remains strong, and we are proud of what we've built together.

Still, we know the work is not finished. Not everyone in Centre County who needs food is receiving it. Rising costs, housing instability, and changes to SNAP and other federal supports continue to strain local families. We see the uncertainty many households are carrying, and we know demand for our services will continue to grow in the months ahead.

We cannot meet that need alone. The State College Food Bank (SCFB) is primarily privately funded through generous donations from individuals like you. Your support determines whether families receive fresh produce, protein, dairy, and grocery staples for nourishing meals. Together, we can ensure every neighbor has access to food, dignity, stability, and hope.

Your support ensures that when a parent walks through our doors, they can leave with dignity, knowing they have what they need to feed their children. It means a senior on a fixed income does not have to skip meals to afford medication. It means a neighbor facing a temporary crisis can find stability and hope.

As we look ahead to the next chapter in our facility, we are committed not only to sustaining what we have built, but to expanding access so that more people who need support can receive it. With your partnership, we can continue to respond to uncertainty with strength and compassion.

Thank you for being part of this important work. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community has to face food insecurity alone.

With gratitude,

Allayn Beck, *Executive Director*



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16,278
Individuals helped
through our pantry!



21%
Increase in pounds of
groceries distributed

600,000

Pounds of food
donated!



17,000+

Hours of time given
from volunteers



We're thrilled to welcome **A Great Big World** back to State College this year! Their uplifting music and heartfelt storytelling create the perfect opportunity to bring our community together for a truly meaningful and memorable evening. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Mark Your Calendar!

4.16

CBICC AFTERHOURS

For more information visit www.CBICC.org

4.21

2-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Join us to celebrate 2 years of operating in our facility on Gerald Street.

11am to 1pm

169 Gerald Street, State College, PA 16801

5.06

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For more information visit www.centregives.org

9.14

2ND ANNUAL GREAT BIG FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER CONCERT

Watch our Facebook page for more announcements regarding the concert. If you're interested in being a sponsor, email us at Business@scfoodbank.org

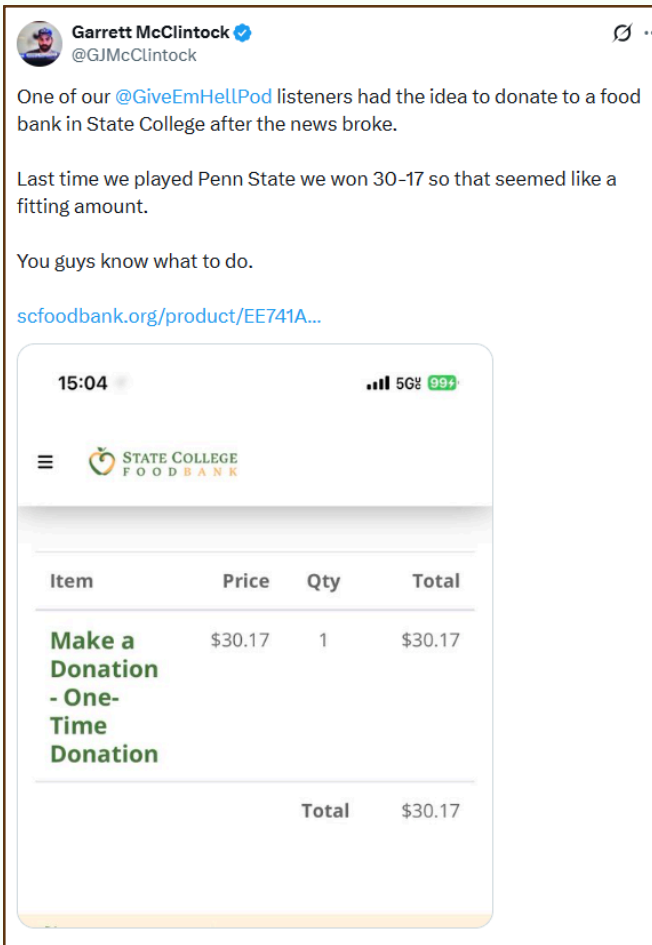


Football Fans Bring Strong Support to the Food Bank during the 2025 Season

This past fall, a podcast made the State College Food Bank go viral among Brigham Young University (BYU) football fans, followed by recognition from the Sickos Committee, another college football related podcast. The wonderful world of college football fans brought their support for SCFB.

It started on Giving Tuesday 2025. The PSU football program was considering BYU Coach Kalani Sitake for the position of head coach. Discussions progressed, and though he ultimately withdrew his name from consideration, podcast listeners responded to a call for generosity by donating to the State College Food Bank in increments of \$30.17, the score of BYU's last victory over PSU in 1992, 30-17.

Donations rolled in; the SCFB website temporarily crashed, then resurrected. All told, BYU fans from across the country donated just under \$11,000.



“It’s pretty humbling to even just hear that our little corner of the Internet could make such a big difference for so many people.” - Garrett McClintock

Quick on the heels of this flurry, another online group—the Sickos Committee—held their annual college football fan poll. This group, fueled by fan camaraderie and love of collegiate football, has raised more than \$52,000 for food banks across the country. The Penn State football team pulled out the #1 spot in the Sickos poll. In honor of their win, fans and followers of the Sickos Committee were encouraged to make donations to the winning team’s local food bank. The result was \$13,500 for the State College Area Food Bank from donations across the country.

The SCFB has been humbled by the generosity of our own community time and time again, but this recent show of support from fans across the country truly floored us. The goodwill and positivity shown to our local community have made a lasting impact that will not be forgotten.





We work hard to meet people's dietary needs and preferences by offering items that support a wide range of diets from vegan and vegetarian to low sodium and gluten-free choices. Our goal is not just to provide food, but to provide food with dignity and ensure that every neighbor in Centre County can access options that reflect who they are and what their family likes and needs.

We also ask for regular feedback from our clients, and we adapt our grocery offerings and distribution system to better meet the evolving needs of our community. Our staff and volunteers build meaningful relationships with the people we serve and genuinely look forward to seeing one another during each visit. It is a unique and special experience rooted in trust, respect, and community.

Community food drives and financial donations make all of this possible. These contributions allow us to supplement our pantry and intentionally purchase foods that support our clients' diverse needs, helping us provide not just groceries, but care and connection.



The Client Experience

At the State College Food Bank, the client experience matters. Every person who walks through our doors comes from a unique background with different cultures, traditions, and life experiences. We believe everyone deserves to feel respected, welcomed, and seen.

1:00 PM



SCFB Client

What should the community know about the Food Bank?

The Food Bank never shuts its doors at the needy. No matter what your situation is or how you think it might be perceived, just call and ask questions.

How have we helped you?

Before coming to the food bank, I was running out of food and money before the end of the month. This meant I would starve for the last 3 to 5 days of the month waiting to get my SSI check.

I cried the first time I got home from the food bank because I wouldn't go hungry that month.