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Families Rely Heavily on County Food Pantries in the Summer

– School is Out, and Donations are Scarce

During the summer months, county Food Pantries are in dire need of donations. Did you know that a cash donation to Food Pantries provides up to TEN TIMES more food than a canned food donation? The Hunterdon County Partnership for Health “Fund Drives Feed More” campaign encourages groups to raise funds for Food Pantries this summer, when they are in most need. Fund drives maximize the impact of a donation and help pantries stock shelves with healthy food options.

Food Pantries are hit hard in the summer months. It’s a time when utilization goes up, and donations go flat. Families depend on Food Pantries to provide healthy food for their families. Many low-income families are reliant on the Free and Reduced Lunch and Breakfast Programs during the school year. During the summer months, children are home from school all day, and that means more meals to prepare. When school is not in session, household food costs can go up as much as \$300 per month for each child. This monthly increase is a huge burden on struggling families. Families depend on Hunterdon County Food Pantries to reduce this burden. Food pantries need community support to provide healthy food to nourish our residents.

Nearly 8,000 Hunterdon County residents do not have access to a nutritious food supply, according to Feeding America, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Food Pantries are key to addressing Food Insecurity in Hunterdon County, especially as programs such as SNAP (Food Stamps) see cuts in eligibility and total funding.

This year, the Hunterdon Partnership for Health launches an important summer campaign to educate donors and fill those shelves. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Please visit, <http://partnershipforhealth.hunterdonhealthcare.org/> for a complete list of Hunterdon County Food Pantry locations and make a donation today.

DID YOU KNOW?

A cash donation to
your local food
pantry provides
10 times more food!

...and often even more



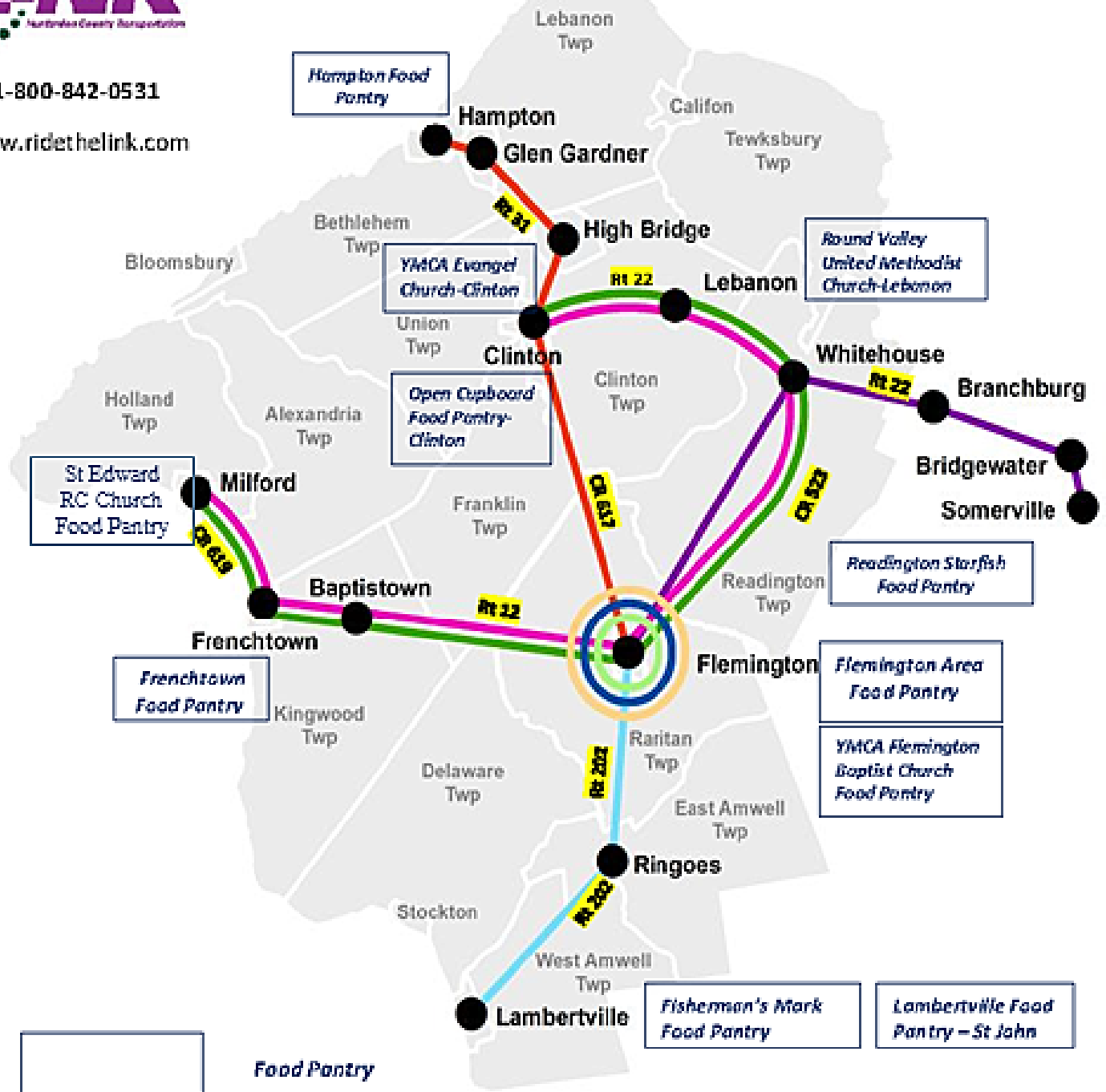
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Food Pantry



Route 14: Lambertville-Ringoes-Flemington



Route 15: Hampton-Glen Gardner-High Bridge-Clinton-Flemington



Route 16: Raritan Township-Flemington



Route 17: Milford-Frenchtown-Flemington-Whitehouse-Clinton



Route 18: Clinton-Lebanon-Whitehouse-Flemington-Frenchtown-Milford



Route 19: Flemington-Raritan Township



Route 21: Flemington-Raritan Township (Saturday Service)



Route 23: Flemington-RVCC-Bridgewater Commons Mall-Somerville

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