



Food Bank of South Jersey Presents: A Success Story About a Woodbury Family

The Woodbury Junior-Senior High School Pantry now serves 10% of the school's families, the highest percentage in the program's history. In following up on a program mailing to one student that had been returned as "undeliverable", the School Pantry program manager learned that the family were unable to manage their rent and lost their housing, rendering the family homeless. The program manager was able to reach out and work with the mother in securing placement in a mother-child shelter within the Woodbury School District, enabling the student to return to his class. In appreciation for the School Pantry program's assistance, the mother now volunteers at the School Pantry, along with five other individuals who are benefitting from the School Pantry program. Each of these School Pantry volunteers is committed to supporting others in the community as they have been helped.

This "client success story" illustrates the ways in which the Food Bank of South Jersey's School Pantry program strives to recognize, serve, and preserve the dignity of Gloucester County residents through the provision of food as well as other wrap-around service assistance for the families in the district.