

A Time for Giving: DQE Communications Donates \$15K to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Pittsburgh, PA – December 16, 2020 – On behalf of its valued customers, [DQE Communications](#), the premier provider of high-speed, fiber-optic data networking for businesses and carriers, is donating \$15,000 to the [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#), which serves communities well beyond Pittsburgh. According to the Food Bank, contributions of \$100 can provide up to 500 meals. DQE's gift is expected to help provide food to upwards of 75,000 individuals in need.

According to [government statistics](#), one in five Pittsburghers, or 21.4%, are food insecure – a number that is higher than the national average of 12.3%. The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank notes that food insecurity can be correlated with increased risk of negative health issues as households choose between paying for food and other expenses such as rent, heat and medicine. Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S., reports that the COVID-19 pandemic will cause food insecurity in southwestern Pennsylvania to [rise by 42%](#). Between March 16 and September 30, 2020, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank delivered over 25.2 million pounds of food to 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania.

“At DQE, the wellbeing of the Greater Pittsburgh area is quite important to us and we are proud to support a local non-profit organization like the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank,” says Jim Morozzi, CEO of DQE Communications. “As a local business ourselves, it’s part of our values to give back to lift up the region that we call home. Through a variety of programs as well as drive-up services, distribution partners and its warehouse, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is tackling an immense issue. We are happy to make this contribution on behalf of our customers to tackle food insecurity in the area.”

“With the pandemic and increased expenses during the colder months, the need in the community is greater now than ever,” said Lisa Scales, President and CEO of the Food Bank. “We are thankful for the continued support of DQE Communications. This \$15,000 contribution means so much to our neighbors who are struggling to put food on the table during this holiday season.”

For more information on DQE Communications visit www.DQECOM.com.

For additional information or to contribute to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, go to pittsburghfoodbank.org.

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About DQE Communications

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, DQE Communications is one of the leading providers of high-speed, data networking for businesses and carriers. The company's continually expanding fiber-optic network currently spans thousands of miles and over 2,000 buildings and 116 business parks. DQE Communications' growing list of services include Metro Ethernet, Wavelength, Internet, DDoS Mitigation, SD-WAN, Cloud Solution, Dark Fiber, and Colocation. A subsidiary of Duquesne Light Holdings, DQE Communications was established in 1997 to provide businesses with secure, reliable and flexible network services. For more information, visit www.DQECOM.com or call 1-866-GO-FIBER.

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