Milk is one of the most requested items at food banks, yet it is rarely donated. As such, hungry families in our local communities are missing out on the essential nutrients milk provides. Through Fill a Glass with Hope®, Feeding Pennsylvania and industry partners — American Dairy Association North East and Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Association — are working to change those circumstances by raising awareness and connecting food banks with local milk suppliers.

The first-ever statewide charitable milk program, Fill a Glass with Hope® provides a means for Feeding Pennsylvania’s food banks to purchase milk for the families they serve. Funds are raised through grants, corporate sponsors and individual donors who share our goal in providing fresh milk to those who need it most.

Launched as a pilot during the 2015 Pennsylvania Farm Show, Fill a Glass with Hope® raises funds that allow Feeding PA food banks to purchase milk directly from area processors — at a discounted price — to distribute to local families.*

Since the inception of the program, Feeding Pennsylvania’s members have distributed more than 14 million servings of milk to families across Pennsylvania who need it most.

To donate to the food bank serving your local area, visit www.feedingpa.org/milk.

*Financial contributions made to Feeding Pennsylvania enable the purchase of milk at a discounted price to distribute to those in need and enable expansion of much needed infrastructure to handle fresh milk. Operational costs vary across the Feeding Pennsylvania network.

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Feeding Pennsylvania is a partnership formed among Pennsylvania’s Feeding America member food banks. Our collective effort promotes and aids our members in securing food and other resources to reduce hunger and food insecurity for their communities and across Pennsylvania, and provides a shared voice on the issues of hunger and food access. Our member food banks serve nearly 2 million people annually by distributing more than 164 million pounds of food throughout Pennsylvania to more than 2,700 agencies and feeding programs. In 2018, our collective workforce included over 400 employees, who hosted more than 43,000 volunteers and facilitated more than 423,000 volunteer hours. Our members offer a wealth of experience in and knowledge about hunger relief. Feeding Pennsylvania fosters the exchange of ideas and information among these members to create innovative strategies and best practice guidelines for solving the problem of hunger in Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.feedingpa.org.

American Dairy Association North East

American Dairy Association North East is one of 19 state and regional milk product promotion organizations working under the umbrella of United Dairy Industry Association, a federation of state and regional dairy promotion organizations. We are the local affiliate of National Dairy Council®, which has been conducting nutrition education and nutrition research programs since 1915. American Dairy Association North East is the local planning and management organization for dairy foods throughout the region. Supported by 10,845 dairy farmers in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and northern Virginia, they work closely with Dairy Management Inc.™ to bring a fully integrated promotion program to the Mid-Atlantic region. For more information, visit www.AmericanDairy.com.

Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Association

The Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Association was originally formed as the Crawford County Dairy Association in 1871. Within 17 years, the county group became a statewide organization with a focus on supporting Pennsylvania dairy farms. In 1954, the Association joined together with the Valley Grange #1360 from Lewisberry, Pa., to serve hand-dipped milkshakes at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. More than 60 years later, the Association now serves 140,000 vanilla, chocolate and mixed milkshakes each year. The Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Association relies on the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show to fund its activities. The Association has surpassed the $1 million mark in funding to dairy youth development and education programs, securing a bright future for Pennsylvania’s dairy industry. For more information, visit www.padairymens.com.