

NOVEMBER 2017 - OPEN DOOR REPORT

By: Sandra Taylor, Trustee and Vice President

Ocean County Master Gardeners brought us 250 pounds of fresh picked corn & The Farmers Against Hunger filled several shopping carts with fresh picked apples.

The Yom Kippur food drive was very successful. We received 3,000 pounds from Temple Shaari Emeth and 1,110 pounds from congregation Kol Am.

Foodstock was October 14th and we received a large amount of food from the event.

In September, we served 494 adults and 211 children, which totaled 765, a three day supply of food. The Open Door Advocacy Program was awarded \$13,285.35 from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, to be used for rent.

The Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service was held at the Reformed Church of Freehold at 7PM and Jeanne spoke before the offering, which was donated for Open Door.

Erika Woods, our advocacy director, has seen 45 clients since August. She provided rental assistance to 6 families total \$1,556 and prescriptions to 1 person for \$89, and fuel for two families for \$40.

Church and Dwight awarded us a grant of \$10,000. Plus, a grant from Investor's Bank Foundation for \$1,000.

We have been collecting food and turkeys for our clients for Thanksgiving dinner baskets. Thank you in advance for your donations. All turkey and food can be brought to Open Door the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The time should be from Noon until 3PM. Thank you...