



## **Hunger Statistics:**

### **Local:**

- There are over 900,000 individuals at risk of food insecurity each year in the Delaware Valley (Philabundance)
- Philabundance agencies have seen a 26% increase in need over the past year compared to a 22% increase from the year before. (Philabundance Agency Survey, 2011)
- In the last decade, the number of people living in poverty has greatly increased in every county in our service area, including our poorest county, Philadelphia (increase of 18.12%) to our most affluent county, Chester (36.04% increase). (2000 Census and 2010 American Community Survey 1 year estimates)
- An estimated 26.7% of the Philadelphia population lives in poverty. (2010 American Community Survey 1 year estimates)
- Philadelphia has one of the highest child poverty rates in the US with 36.4% living at or below the federal poverty line. (2010 American Community Survey 1 year estimates))
- The Food Hardship rate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania is 31.2%, the fourth highest in the nation (FRAC Study, 2011)
  - The Food Hardship rate is the percentage of people who could not afford to purchase enough food last year
- Nearly half of households with children living in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania experience Food Hardship (FRAC Study, 2011)

### **Pennsylvania and New Jersey:**

- In Pennsylvania, an estimated 13.4% of the population lives in poverty, while 30.1% live at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Line (2010 American Community Survey 1 year estimates)
- In New Jersey, 10.3% of the population lives in poverty, while 23.8% live at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Line. (2010 American Community Survey 1 year estimates)
- Over the last three years, 12.5% of Pennsylvania residents were food insecure. (USDA, 2011)
- Over the last three years, 12.1% of New Jersey residents were food insecure. (USDA, 2011)

**National:**

- In 2010, 48.8 million Americans lived in food insecure households. (USDA, 2011)
- More people are living in poverty in the US than ever before. (Census Bureau, 2009 report)
- 15.3% of Americans are living in poverty, the highest level in over 15 years. (2010 American Community Survey 1 year estimates)
- More than 1/3 of households served by food banks had one or more adults working. (Feeding America, Hunger in America 2010 report)
- The National Food Hardship Rate is 18% (FRAC Study 2011)
- 40% of people surveyed reported having to choose between paying for food and paying for their rent or mortgage. (Feeding America, Hunger in America 2010 report)