



Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network

Community building through faith, cooperation and understanding

Dear Friend and Neighbor,

As someone who was born and raised in the Tamaqua area, my roots here run deep. During my formative years, I was deeply influenced by World War II veterans. Their generation—often called the Greatest Generation—instilled in me a deep love of country and a lasting appreciation for the importance of community.

These values of hard work, grit, and looking out for one another defined my upbringing. The support and foundation I received here prepared me to step out into the wider world, eventually leading to a 28-year career in the United States Navy, including four defining years at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Although my service took me far from home, my heart has never truly left Tamaqua. I continue to support Tamaqua programs because of the unbreakable bonds formed during my upbringing in Schuylkill County. Every time I look back, I see a community of caring, committed people who refuse to let their neighbors fall through the cracks.

Our community is only as strong as its most vulnerable members. We all benefit—socially, economically, and spiritually—when we work together to bridge the gap between those who have and those who go without. At the foundation of this effort is a simple truth: a nutritious meal is not a luxury; it is a basic necessity. Ensuring our neighbors have access to food is more than an act of generosity—it is a shared responsibility.

Last year, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of businesses, organizations, and individuals like you, this campaign raised more than \$25,000 to stock our local food pantries. This year, the need remains just as urgent. In fact, it is even greater as reductions in social program funding place additional strain on the families who rely on these vital resources.

Will you please join me in supporting the Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network by making a contribution to the 2026 Hunger Campaign? Your gift stays in the community, helping provide nutritious food for local families, children, and seniors who need it most.

Thank you for your time, your generosity, and your continued commitment to making Tamaqua a place where neighbors care for one another and no one is forgotten.

With respect and gratitude,

*Honorary Chairman, 2026 Tamaqua Hunger Campaign
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