

DECEMBER 2025

# Friends of Donegal

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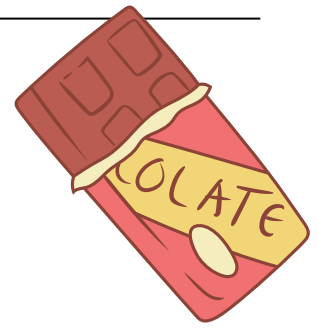
**GREAT EVENT, COLD!  
LOTS OF SINGING, EATING, AND FUN!  
THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO  
SUPPORTED BY ATTENDING.  
WE GOT ALOT OF FOOD  
FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE.**



Welcome  
-2026-  
Happy New Year!



# CHOCOLATE STROLL



## THE CHOCOLATE STROLL

WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JANUARY 23 FROM 4-7PM  
AND SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026 FROM 1-3PM.

YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS FOR \$15 STARTING DECEMBER 1ST.  
THE PROCEEDS GO TO FRIENDS OF DONEGAL TO CONTINUE OUR WORK  
WITH THE DONEGAL POWER PACKS PROGRAM. PLEASE COME OUT AND  
SUPPORT THIS FUN EVENT. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

CHECK THE MERCHANDISER DECEMBER 31ST TO  
READ MORE ABOUT THE EVENT OR EMAIL [INFO@FRIENDSOFDONEGAL.ORG](mailto:INFO@FRIENDSOFDONEGAL.ORG).



## GETTING AHEAD



### JOIN US FOR A 16-WEEK CLASS ON: GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST GETTIN'-BY WORLD

The secret to getting ahead is getting started!

- Become an investigator of your life and your community
- Build your stability and resources
- Investigate how poverty impacts you and your community
- Rewrite your future story: create a plan based on your goals
- Participate in problem solving discussions

WEDNESDAYS 6-8:30 PM

JANUARY 14 - MAY 13 OR AUGUST 15 - DEC 19

WEEKLY DINNER, CHILDCARE, AND GIFT CARDS PROVIDED

TO ENROLL CALL: (223) 341-3592 OR EMAIL [INFO@FRIENDSOFDONEGAL.ORG](mailto:INFO@FRIENDSOFDONEGAL.ORG)

THE DONEGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT SPONSORING, OFFERING OR ENDORSING THIS ACTIVITY.



CLASSES HELD AT:  
FLORIN CHURCH  
815 BRUCE AVE.  
MOUNT JOY, PA 17552







## **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

MY NAME IS RUTH ANN BARR. I GREW UP IN A FAMILY THAT EVEN THOUGH MY MOTHER HAD HEALTH AND PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, BOTH SHE AND MY DAD ENJOYED ENTERTAINING. SO THERE WERE NOT TOO MANY SUNDAYS WE DIDN'T HAVE COMPANY TO OUR HOUSE. OF COURSE, I GREW UP HELPING TO PREPARE AND SERVING THE MEAL. I SHARE THIS TO EXPLAIN MY DELIGHT WHEN PASTOR TOM AT FLORIN CHURCH CAME TO ME AND ASKED IF I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COOKING FOR A SMALL GROUP THAT WAS GOING TO BE MEETING AT THE CHURCH. HE SAID WE WOULD PREPARE THE MEAL AND SERVE IT AND THEN THE GROUP WOULD GO INTO THEIR CLASS. THAT WAS 4 YEARS AGO, AND THE REST IS HISTORY. I HAVE MET A LOT OF AMAZING PEOPLE AND MADE SOME AWESOME FRIENDS . THESE FOLKS HAVE EVEN NAMED ME THE KITCHEN ANGEL. . I HAVE SOMUCH FUN LOOKING THROUGH COOKBOOKS AND RECIPES TO COME UP WITH MEAL PLANS AND SERVING IT. THANK YOU FRIENDS OF DONEGAL AND GETTING AHEAD CLASSES FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF YOUR ACTIVITIES.



# DONEGAL POWER PACKS



**WE HAD THIS GROUP FROM LCBC KID MINISTRIES STOP BY THE MARIETTA CHAPEL TO HELP US STOCK UP OUR SHELVES. LCBC KIDS DONATED 1,000 LBS OF FOOD ITEMS FOR OUR POWER PACKS FAMILIES. WAY TO GO LCBC!!**



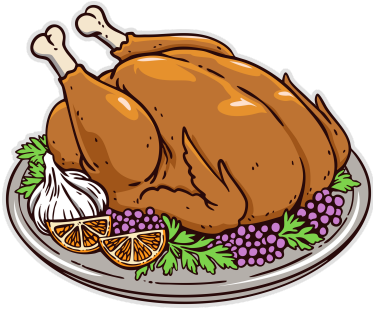
***DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, WE HAD 75 ENROLLED FAMILIES. THESE 75 FAMILIES CONTAIN A TOTAL OF 156 CHILDREN, 149 ADULTS, AND 16 SENIORS! POWER PACKS AND OUR FAMILIES ARE THANKFUL THE SNAP ISSUES ARE OVER AND THE NEW BUDGET WAS PASSED!***

## **FAMILY TESTIMONIAL:**

**SO WE TRIED THE ENCHILADA CASSEROLE THE WEEK BEFORE THANKSGIVING WITH CHICKEN BREAST AND IT WAS PHENOMENAL. 5 OF 6 KIDDOS TOLD ME HOW GOOD IT WAS & HOW MUCH THEY ENJOYED IT. AND IT WAS ONLY 5 BECAUSE 1 WAS SICK & HAD TO EAT SOUP. SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS INSTANT FAMILY FAVORITE RECIPE WITH US!**

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD



DAVE AND JOY FROM DAVE'S TOYS AS WELL AS TRISTAN AND RACHEL FROM PAPA'S PIZZA HOSTED A FREE THANKS GIVING MEAL FOR 200 PEOPLE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26 FROM 4-7PM. THEY BOTH WANTED TO GIVE BACK TO A COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THEIR BUSINESSES. FRIENDS OF DONEGAL SHOWED UP TO HELP SERVE AND DELIVER FOOD TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.



THANK  
YOU

DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TRUIST BANK  
FLORIN CHURCH  
ANDREA SHAW & FAMILY  
NICOLE MAYNARD  
KAYLA BALIN & FAMILY  
THE DELICH FAMILY  
LCBC