
2025 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF DONEGAL JULY 2026



The Board of Directors is proud to present the annual highlights for Friends of Donegal (FOD), marking another year of steadfast commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors. Since our incorporation in 2021 and subsequent 501(c)(3) designation in 2022, FOD has focused on mobilizing community resources and influence to create lasting, positive change.

Backed by your generous support and partnership, 2025 stood out as a year of significant expansion and measurable impact within the Donegal School District communities of Mount Joy, Marietta, and Maytown. This progress belongs to our dedicated donors, volunteers, and community allies. Your contributions of time, talent, and financial resources are the engine of our growth, and we extend our cumulative thanks for your vital support.

Engagement & Events

Looking Ahead: 2026/27

Initiatives

We are energized by what's to come:

- Continued expansion of the Donegal Community Garden. The entire 3.5 acres is planted. Goal is to add fruit trees or bees
- Enhanced offerings through the Choice Pantry in partnership with Power Packs, Goal is to increase Choice to 60%
- Increased community speaking engagements to share our story and programs more broadly. Goal is to Commit to 40 events, an increase of 10%
- Add a Spanish speaking Getting Ahead class by June
- Partner with Donegal School District to build edible gardens next school year
- Partner with Lancaster Bible College for an intern position with an MSW student

AS WE STEP INTO
ANOTHER
EXCITING YEAR, WE
DO SO WITH
GRATITUDE AND
HOPE.

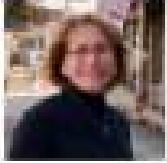
THANK YOU
FOR BEING A PART
OF THE FRIENDS
OF DONEGAL
COMMUNITY.

TOGETHER, WE
ARE MAKING A
MEANINGFUL
DIFFERENCE.

WITH
APPRECIATION,
THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
FRIENDS OF
DONEGAL

FRIENDS OF DONEGAL 2022-2026 AND BEYOND

Friends of Donegal Board of Directors & Employees



Andi Riefenstahl



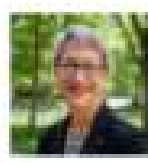
Christina Helfrich



Tom Weber



Deb Gibson



Deb Schieh



Stacy Emminger



Jen Koppel

Mike Campbell-our newest member

Friends of Donegal had the pleasure of participating in several beloved community events in 2025, including:

Taste of Mount Joy Car Show

Winterfest

Chocolate Stroll

Chamber Mixer (hosted by FOD)

Chamber luncheons

Donegal School District Open Houses

Hispanic Dinner

Summer Solstice

These events allow us to stay connected and grow awareness of the work we're doing together.

Fiscal year 2025–2026 was a wonderful year for Friends of Donegal, and it's because of you. Thanks to the generosity of our many donors — food drives, local churches, businesses, and extraordinary individuals — we raised over \$76,000 this year and ended in a solid financial position. Every dollar of that made a real difference for our neighbors.

We were fortunate to once again receive grants from the Pennsylvania Food Bank and generous in-kind food donations from Ocean State Job Lot in Elizabethtown, both of which helped power our PowerPacks program and our choice food pantry. And thanks to one especially generous donor, we purchased a new shed at our largest community garden at Donegal Presbyterian Church — a small addition that will make a big difference for years of growing seasons to come.

None of this happens without careful stewardship, and we're proud to say that our working board and dedicated volunteers keep our overhead remarkably low — over 90% of every dollar you give goes directly to programs that feed and support our community.

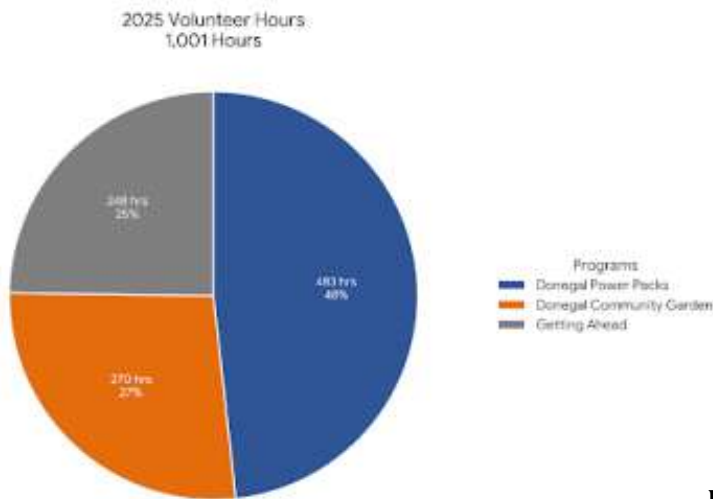
FRIENDS OF DONEGAL		
INCOME STATEMENT		
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026		
REVENUE		
Contributions	\$46,803	61%
Grants	\$12,755	17%
In-Kind Donations	\$16,468	22%
Other Income	<u>\$447</u>	1%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$76,473	
EXPENSES		
Programs and Services Delivery	\$68,758	91%
Management and General	\$6,463	9%
Fundraising	<u>\$500</u>	1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$75,721	
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	<u>\$752</u>	

Looking ahead to 2026–2027, we're setting our sights even higher, budgeting just over \$94,000 in revenue and \$83,000 in expenses, which will give us a bit of a cushion to grow. With supporters like you behind us, we're confident we'll get there.

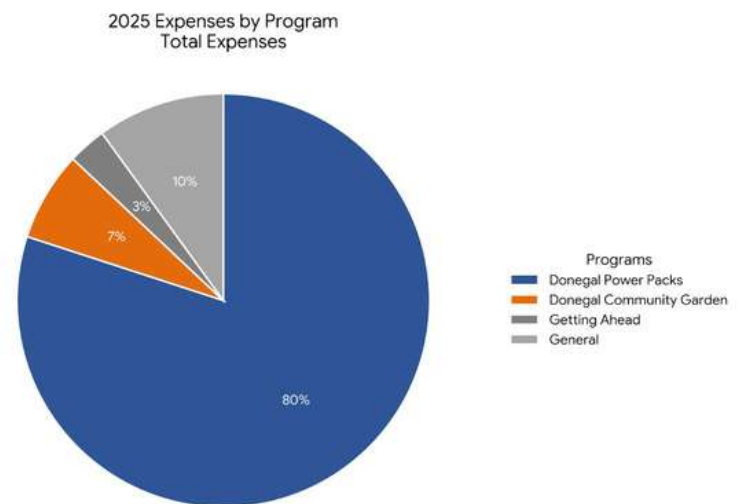
Thank you, from all of us at Friends of Donegal, for making this work possible. We couldn't do any of it without you — and we hope you'll stand with us again this year.

Deb Gibson, FOD Treasurer

VOLUNTEER GRAPH FOR 2025



EXPENSE GRAPH FOR 2025



The above graphs show how volunteer hours and finances are distributed across the 3 FOD programs: Getting Ahead, Donegal Community Gardens, and Donegal Power Packs. This is the first year to start formally tracking all our volunteers. We can't wait to see what is in store for 2026!

GETTING AHEAD

Florin Church

Thank you Pastor Dennis and congregation for allowing FOD to use your facilities for Getting Ahead, Staying Ahead, and the garden.

The 9th Getting Ahead class graduated in April 2026. To date, 67 investigators graduated from the 16 week class. Our next class begins in August 2026. We now have 6 Facilitators to help investigators during the program. Thank you to Monica and Deb for leading the charge this spring.



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
AUGUST 12 - DEC 16

WEEKLY DINNER, CHILDCARE, AND GIFT CARDS PROVIDED
TO ENROLL CALL: (223) 348-3542 OR EMAIL INFO@FRIENDSOFDENEGAL.ORG

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





Marietta Community Chapel

Thank you Pastor Gerald and congregation for allowing FOD to use your facility for Power Packs. There are about 80 families receiving Power Packs every 2 weeks on Thursday and Saturday at Marietta Community Chapel. The breakdown: 150 Children, 140 Adults, and 17 Seniors. Each weekly bag holds 16-18 pounds of food.

This 100% increase from last year is due to our partnerships with Ocean State Job Lot and 2 large community food drives with Weis Markets and Saint Mark's United Methodist Church. FOD wrote a grant application (to Central PA Food Bank and American Heart Association) and received a 2 door, glass front refrigerator. The fridge will help to keep the harvest from the garden fresh longer.





Donegal Presbyterian Church

Thank you Pastor Matt and congregation for allowing FOD to use your facilities

The garden space is full and we are fast on the way to reaching our 3,500 lb goal. Thank you to donated seeds from Rohrer's and a local farmer, Doug W, we are growing sweet corn and flowers. We are excited to bless our Power Packs families with flowers when they pick up food this summer. Planting began when the Mount Joy Senior Apartments residents planted seeds in March to start growing in our greenhouses.

A huge thank you to LCBC Impact PA, the Donegal Presbyterian Church, the Donegal Boys Baseball team, FCCB, and multiple others who came out in force to help plant the garden May 16. There were more than 80 volunteers who supported FOD and the gardens. Thank you to the garden committee-Ruthann, Doug, Doug, Mike, Mike, Betsy, and Jarod who planned the garden over the winter months.

The recipients of free produce include: Donegal Power Packs, Senior Apartment residents in Mount Joy, Mount Joy Food Bank, and Community Cupboard, as well as the Adopt a pantry program.





Pictured here is
our board
president Andi
with our
newest board
member
Mike Campbell

FAMILIES ASSISTED BY FRIENDS OF DONEGAL

FY 2024-20 families served.

FY 2025-55 families served

Beyond our programs, FOD provided individualized support to more community members over the past year. Our Christmas program supported 22 families with the help of Truist Bank, Florin Church, Molly's, and community families.

We worked independently and alongside partners such as Helping Services, Mount Joy Borough, and businesses to meet unique needs and deliver sustainable solutions to clients challenges. Friends of Donegal is thankful for our community partners.

TESTIMONIALS

To me, Friends of Donegal means a caring and helpful community of friends. For the first time in my life, I feel I have found my village within this community. Friends of Donegal has had a major impact on my life as well as my children's lives and for that I am grateful. Thank you so much! Forever an answered prayer.

Kayla & girls

Friends of Donegal has 3 great community programs! I am so glad it was established. God calls us to help others and that is what FOD does. I work in a child care center in the district. Donegal Power Packs helps many families in the center. A friend volunteers her time with Power Packs. I can see the joy that she experiences in helping these families with food insecurity challenges.

Tammy



Annual Impact Story: Cindy is reaching her goals



I was an investigator in the Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World 16 week class early in 2022. There was a lot of emphasis during my investigation in class that identified how impactful it is to help other community members and build social capital-networking opportunities. That concept really resonated with me personally. Volunteering was something I loved to do. I was introduced to the Donegal Power Packs project, a weekend food program.

Donegal Power Packs was a good match for my skillset. Friends of Donegal took over the project in 2024. This opened more opportunities for interacting and supporting the Donegal community consisting of Mount Joy, Maytown, and Marietta.

My confidence in representing FOD in the community has been greatly enhanced. I attended multiple events with board members to talk about the FOD impact on the community at large. I have probably been with FOD at about 12 events.

I have challenges socially with anxiety and getting up to speak in front of a group of people, but then I remember people are counting on me to get the word out about FOD and their programs. I look forward to continuing my journey towards better health and being involved for many years with this organization.



Friends of Donegal is deeply grateful to our supporters, both new and old. Together, we are building a stronger community—but our work is far from finished. We still have a long way to go, and we can't do it without you. Whether you lend your time as a volunteer or make a financial contribution, your support keeps our mission moving forward. Let's keep going!
