



# FIRETREE PLACE



FIRETREE PLACE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: APRIL-JUNE 2021



Kids LOVE to eat!



Kids LOVE to help cook!



Kids REALLY LOVE to eat what they help cook!



## GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF

**Miss Trista Falls** has been involved with the foodservice industry professionally for 18 years. She obtained an Associate's Degree in Baking & Pastry Arts from the International Culinary Academy in 2003. Over the years she has had the pleasure of working in many different foodservice settings from bakeries & restaurants to health care facilities. Trista has been with Firetree Place for 2 years. She started as the Food Programs Coordinator and was recently promoted to Food Programs Director. Prior to joining Firetree Place in May 2019, she worked as the cook for the YMCA, where she also provided healthy meals for youth. She looks forward to continuing to provide healthy, consistent meals to youth from the community while with Firetree Place.



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## MISSION

## STATEMENT

FIRETREE PLACE IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT ENGAGES THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDES RESOURCES THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. FIRETREE PLACE ENSURES THE EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL ENRICHMENT OF OUR AREA'S YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SENIORS BY PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS, CAMPS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS.



According to Feeding Pennsylvania, 2020 data showed on average, 2 million people annually are receiving food assistance. In Pennsylvania alone, that is about 400,000 hungry kids! AND due to Covid-19, these numbers nearly doubled in just three months!! To help combat these growing numbers, Firetree Place participates in a couple different programs which provide free and nutritious meals to enrolled youth and to members of our community. What's being done in your community to fight food insecurity?

The **Children and Adult Food Program** (CACFP), monitored by the Department of Education, provides federal funds and reimbursements for eligible, nonresidential child & adult care facilities, after school programs, day care providers and emergency shelters. By participating in CACFP, Firetree Place is able to provide our youth well-balanced, nutritious meals before and after school. In order to participate, Firetree Place has each enrolled family complete a confidential eligibility form for submission to the DOE. By doing so, we are able to provide these well-balanced, nutritious meals throughout the school year at very little to no cost!



The **Summer Food Service Program** (SFSP), monitored by the Department of Education, requires that we provide meals that meet or exceed the federal standards for nutrition. The goal of the program is to ensure that youth have access to healthy foods over the summer months. The program also provides centers like ours reimbursement for these meals as long as the confidential income eligibility meal forms provided are filled out and submitted for each participant. With this program, Firetree Place is able to provide nutritious breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks to all youth enrolled in our summer program at little to no cost!

In effort to provide nutritious foods to our neighbors, Firetree Place, in partnership with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, host a **Fresh Express** program. Fresh Express provides fresh produce and dairy products from both local and national donors, which is brought to Firetree Place by Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Items such as potatoes, carrots, onions, lettuce, apples, strawberries, yogurt, eggs, milk, assorted pantry items & much more are distributed by our staff and volunteers on Fridays.

"I would like to express my gratitude to Fresh Express for the help given to families in need. I help out 3 families who are unable to get food themselves. These items come in handy when I prepare some of their meals. Thank you for what you do for myself and others. It is so greatly appreciated. Thank you, always."

Claire Smith ~ Patron of Fresh Express



Our AMAZING Volunteers!!



Cars Lining Up to Receive Food

**Coming soon to Firetree Place!** Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP) is a program that works to improve the health of low income persons age 60 years and older by providing nutritious USDA foods. Keep your eye out on Firetree Place's website and/or our Facebook page for updates!

## Local Organizations & Businesses:

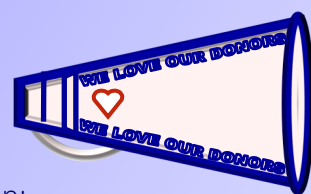
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