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VNA Philadelphia's FOOD PANTRY Delivers Meals to Patients *and* Gives Back to the Community

Philadelphia--- Visiting Nurse Association of Philadelphia Delivers Food Amidst Pandemic to Patients and More!

COVID-19 has put immense pressure on local food banks which have faced an “unprecedented demand” according to Governor Wolf. VNA Philadelphia (Visiting Nurse Association of Philadelphia) is a non-profit organization that provides care to approximately 1,200 patients each day through home health, palliative and hospice programs combined. The largest “hospital without walls,” VNA serves the Philadelphia area including Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties. Since 1886, and through several epidemics, VNA Philadelphia has continued to provide healthcare. Since the launch of a Population Health program and subsequent Food Pantry in January 2019, VNA has been able to supply health services *and* food!

“This is what sets us apart,” explains Craig Hindman, VNA’s Director of Population Health and Clinical Services. “We are getting food to our patients, many of whom reside in the poorest zip codes in Philadelphia at a time such as this when it is needed most.”

Through clinicians’ dedication and partnerships with Philabundance, Caring for Friends, and the Philly Family COVID Fund, VNA Philadelphia’s Food Pantry has continued to feed many of Philadelphia’s neediest residents. Since March alone, VNA’s Food Pantry has delivered 1,071 frozen meals to patients and 203 bags of fresh produce. Seeing the critical need for food, VNA’s Food Pantry has recently expanded to serve others in the community. In fact, 169 bags of produce have been shared with community partners such as AIM High Studios and Mercy Gate Church in the past two months.

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VNA Philadelphia is the oldest and largest non-profit home health and hospice provider in the region and one of the most innovative in the nation. Founded in 1886, VNA Philadelphia is headquartered in the East Falls section of the city and serves more than 50,000 residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs each year.

VNA Philadelphia is Medicare Certified, licensed by the State of Pennsylvania, and Accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP). To find out more about the VNA, contact us at 215-473-0772 or visit www.vnaphilly.org

[Picture: Craig Hindman, VNA's Population Health Director, restocking VNA's Food Pantry with donations from the Philly Family COVID Fund]