

# Borough of Morrisville

## Resolution No. 1027

**WHEREAS,** The Interfaith Food Alliance is a coalition of 12 communities of faith who have come together to combat the issue of food insecurity in our community through education, service and advocacy. The service component is met through hosting the Family Backpack Center, a supplemental food source for children of the Morrisville School District, and their families, who have been identified as at risk of food insecurity. The food center is housed in Morrisville United Methodist Church and is open four days each month and families are invited to visit two of those four days. The Alliance has partnered with many local businesses, individuals, faith communities, civic organizations, and government officials to achieve their mission. They also partner with the Bucks County Opportunity Council and receive meat through their food distribution program.

**WHEREAS,** The Alliance began in 2014 as a grassroots organization of concerned citizens. The Alliance was approved as a non profit organization in 2015 and first opened its doors by serving four families. The Alliance currently has 42 families registered, and serves over 200 children, though not all families visit regularly.

**WHEREAS,** One of the best things about the center are the relationships that have been built with the families who visit. Over time, trust has been built between the guests and the volunteers and many relationships and friendships have been established to assist the families in additional ways.

**WHEREAS,** A special thing about the center is the Birthday Shelf. Guests let staff know when they are going to be celebrating a birthday in their family so the Alliance can provide cake mix, icing, candles, party plates, napkins and other decorations. The Alliance provides these items not only for the children's birthdays, but also the adults in the family, as we believe that being able to celebrate these milestones together strengthens the family unit – and everyone should be able to celebrate their "personal holiday".

**WHEREAS,** The Alliance collects and shares school supplies each year and provides holiday gifts for each child at Christmas. The Alliance also provides jackets for each child in the fall and other little surprises throughout the year.

**WHEREAS,** The Alliance knows that it cannot solve all of the problems of families who visit the center. However, they are honored to walk with them as they are able, doing what they can, where they are.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Morrisville Borough Council, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereby recognizes this 15th day of April 2019 in honor of the Interfaith Food Alliance.

**RESOLVED** this 15th day of April 2019 in Council Chambers.

  
Debbie Smith, Council President

ATTEST:

  
Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager