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Food Pantry for Federal Employees Remains Open at PHL; Donation Collections Are Suspended

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The food pantry Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) set up for federal employees who had been working without pay during the partial federal government shutdown will remain open at least through Thursday. The pantry is sufficiently stocked thanks to the generosity of countless donors, and the Airport is no longer accepting donations.

All federal employees who display a federal ID are welcome to stop by the pantry in Terminal E on the second floor above the ticketing area from 8am – 6pm.

“We have been overwhelmed by the generosity from the entire community all the way from local businesses to passengers coming through the Airport,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “We all understand the difficulties our federal partners, friends and neighbors have been going through, and everyone came together to support them. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the food pantry; it is much appreciated.”

Since the pantry opened on January 22, more than 1,000 federal workers have picked up a variety of food including coupons for turkeys as well as pet food, baby food, formula and diapers, personal care products, toiletries and gift cards for stores.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.