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OUR MISSION

To find, rescue and distribute food to people living in poverty through an efficient network, uniting the public and private sectors;
To raise awareness of the impact of poverty.

A Letter From Our Director...



In this newsletter, we highlight the UNITE pillar of our mission by featuring the compassion, dedication, and creativity of community collaborators who help make our mission possible. We depend on the wisdom of business leaders to serve on our Board to help guide our strategic direction. Our partner agencies extend into the furthestmost parts of our region to feed families in need. Organizations such as Feeding America, the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, and United Way help procure resources and share best practices to ensure we are efficient and effective. Donors supply food and financial supports, and equally important messages of hope and encouragement. Our volunteers roll up their sleeves and work side by side with us to sort donations, pack boxes, and distribute food.

This is the essence of community.

In a time when many of us have felt isolated and depressed, sometimes the best solution is step outside of yourself and serve others. Can you spare some time to volunteer? Have you been blessed with resources to share with someone who needs help? Come! Join our community. We need you.

"Individually we are one drop; but together we are an ocean." Ryunosoke Satoro



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NEW BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



This quarter, we welcomed a new board member, Mark Lunt. Mark learned about Shared Harvest Foodbank, through our Executive Director and was extremely impressed with his leadership skills which led to him wanting to become more involved. When asked what specifically about the Shared Harvest's mission most drew him to wanting to be on the board, Mark responded, "I am very interested in finding causes and solutions to ending poverty and addressing hunger".

He further explained how growing up his family lived paycheck to paycheck. "I remember my mom at the grocery store, with a clicker, tracking how much she was spending, and once she had reached what she could spend, what was in the cart is what we had to eat." Mark shared with us that he has a daughter with special needs and how he had seen first hand some of the challenges that his daughter's friends also had navigating as adults with limited supports and needing to use SNAP (formally known as food stamps) to feed themselves. When he learned about our SNAP outreach program, he was very impressed as he felt that service helped so many, like his daughter's friends, easily navigate through the processes to get help from anti poverty programs like SNAP. Finally, Mark said he would be remiss not to say, "My faith is a big part of me, not just in words, but showing my faith through actions..showing what compassion and caring look like."

When asked what skills he felt he could bring to the Board, Mark responded, "I can help by using tools that manage risk and define success that lead to better outcomes".

Meet our Partners

MONROE TOWNSHIP GETS A NEW LOOK



Monroe Township Foodbank, started out in the 1980's as an outreach program in collaboration with multiple churches in northern Preble County. In the beginning, there were no established hours but rather if someone needed food, they contacted a local pastor. During the early 2000s they partnered with Shared Harvest Foodbank during the early 2000s, where they established regular operating hours.

"It became our dream to have a separate facility and three years later, we finally broke ground."

--Co Director, Shirley Hundley



While the space in the basement was rather large, volunteers and pantry customers had to walk up and down stairs carrying food which made it difficult for many. By late spring 2021, it was finally move in day and they were beyond excited. In May, the new facility opened, and staff, volunteers, and pantry customers were able to enter with ease, and shopping carts could be used to fill orders and transport to the car. In addition to the new space, we also provided them with a new 2 door cooler to increase their ability to distribute more fresh nutritious foods.

VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY

In 2020, when Ohio was heading towards stay at home orders, as businesses closed due to the pandemic, like many of our partners, Village Food Pantry stepped up. Even though it meant having to find a new building and completely change their model of distribution. Immediately, their numbers increased dramatically and currently not only are they serving close to 200 families a week, they continue to see new families every week. "I think we have so have so many new families due to our new location on a main road that makes us more visible and by word of mouth on how we treat everyone who comes with dignity and care", stated Pantry Director, Pam Benson

"Our drive thru model is very popular, even though they are not getting a choice, they are still getting a good box of food. I try to be very mindful of what they want/need when I order. Ultimately we help people, we feed people, and I hope to continue to do that."

--Director, Pam Benson



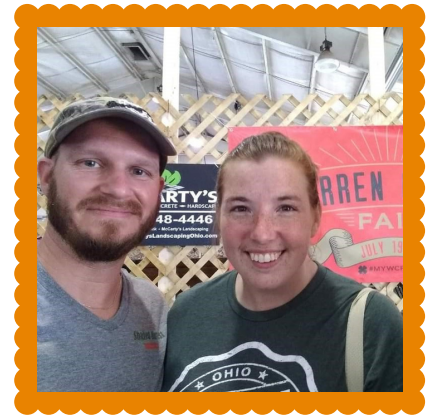
When asked what she hoped to see for the pantry long term, Pam responded, "In one year, I hope to have secured more support, more funding to help with overhead (utilities and rent). In 2 years time, I plan to retire and then I can open the pantry 2 to 3 times a week with more variety of hours for families who work different shifts".



How Others Chose to End Hunger

FEED OUR NEIGHBORS, SUPPORT OUR FUTURE

For a 3rd year in a row, the Warren County Farm Bureau, in partnership with the Warren County Ag Society, held a fundraiser of sorts with the 4H hog sale on July 22nd. During the auction, any winning bidder had the option to donate their pig to Shared Harvest Foodbank. Not only did this help the young farmers, it also provided fresh pork for distribution to our 11 pantries, shelters, and other hunger relief organizations in Warren County. This year, we received 3200 lbs.



HELPING HANDS

We were very excited to welcome volunteers back to our distribution center in July. Our volunteers have been instrumental in helping prepare for both our drive thru food pantry and for our CSFP program. Additionally, corporate groups have helped us serve over 100 families each week when we started our drive thru food pantry in August.



Faces of Hunger



"I was so surprised to see the food was 'real'. I felt so energized after eating all these fresh foods."



"They don't give seniors enough to live on."



"I had to change jobs for health reasons and my new job paid less but my bills stayed the same."

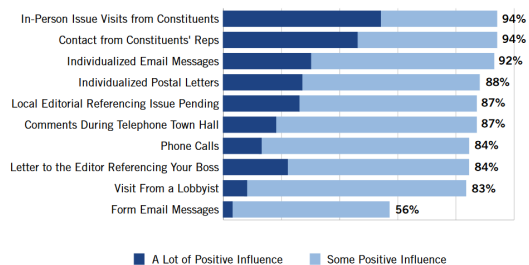
ADVOCATE TO END HUNGER

Have you or someone you know lived (or is currently living) with food insecurity? Do you volunteer at a pantry or other anti hunger charitable organization?

Did you know that 94% of lawmakers who have not made a firm decision on a policy are most influenced by constituents or constituent's representatives. Your voice matters and that is why Shared Harvest Foodbank is collecting stories now. We want to bring your voice and face to the decision makers on policy that addresses hunger and poverty.

Contact Sarah at sarah@sharedharvest.org to learn more about how you or someone you know can be heard.

If your Member/Senator has not already arrived at a firm decision on an issue, how much influence might the following advocacy strategies directed to the Washington office have on his/her decision?



(n = 190-192)

Source: Congressional Management Foundation 2015 survey of congressional staff, including Chiefs of Staff, Communications Directors, Legislative Directors, and Legislative Assistants.



Giving

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Interstate Whse.
Khem Gurang
Kraft/Mondelez
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Ohio Association of Foodbanks
Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Performance Food Service
Snyder/Lance
Tyson

FOOD DRIVES

Express Scripts
First Financial Bank
Performance Food Service Employees
Conagra Employees

RETAIL RESCUE

Aldi's
Amazon Fresh
Kroger Company
Meijer Stores
Target
Walmart



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: SOCIETY



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CHI

The Delta Kappa Gamma CHI Society, founded in 1939, is one of two local chapters in Butler County. The group is comprised of women educators and currently boast 51 members who meet approximately eight times a year. In addition to supporting Shared Harvest, they provide scholarships to seniors in high school who are planning to become teachers, as well as scholarships for teachers who are starting out in their career. In the past they have also provided support to Hope's Closet and Dolly Parton's Book Club.

In 2006, Lydia Hofmann, a member, learned about Shared Harvest Foodbank through her husband, Rich Hoffman, who helped Chuck Osso launch the BackPack Program in the Oxford Community. Tina Osso, Founding Director of Shared Harvest, was invited to present to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society which initiated ongoing collections of both laundry detergent (a common need often expressed by our partner agencies and not something that can be purchased with Food Stamps) and monetary donations.

This past week they brought in 22 bottles of detergent (100 pounds) and \$38 in cash donations (304 meals), which is on par with what they provide on average several times per year when they meet.



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HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE SEASON IS UPON US

Contact Amberlee Finkes at
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if you have a question about
running a food drive.

or

if you are ready to start one,
visit our website

<https://www.sharedharvest.org/run-a-food-drive>
to complete a food drive application



Items Most Needed



- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Soups and Stews
- Canned Veggies & Fruit
- Complete Pancake Mix
- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
- Rice & Beans

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Cereal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Toilet Paper
- Hand Soap & Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

