



# Your Investments in Action


As we reflect on 2022, we are so grateful for you and your support. Your generosity made all the difference for local families facing hunger. As we celebrated our 40th anniversary, the relevance of the Foodbank's mission was evident all year long.


Post-pandemic inflation, the increased cost of food, and supply chain issues presented us with a food shortage that we have not seen in our 40-year history. However, once again, you stepped up to the challenge, providing food to our neighbors in need across eight counties.

**WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR YOU. YOU ARE INVALUABLE TO THE MISSION, AND WE COULDN'T DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU!**

## THE IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY IN 2022

  
**23,286,282**  
MEALS PROVIDED

  
**6,874,264**  
PRODUCE POUNDS DISTRIBUTED

  
**30,040,573**  
POUNDS DISTRIBUTED



## EVERY MEAL HAS A STORY. MEET JIM.

Jim served in the United States Army when he was a young man and was often stationed overseas. Unfortunately, his time in the military was cut short after he was injured.

Now as a senior citizen, Jim is living in an apartment on a tight budget. He cannot afford a car, but he lives near a local food pantry, which makes picking up food much more manageable.

The food pantry provides Jim with nourishing groceries, and the friendly staff provides him with a meaningful, welcoming experience.

“To be able to come and see a facility like this and see the type of people that work in a facility like this and how genuine they are, that’s eye-opening. That’s a treat. That’s a blessing.”

## IMPACTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Record high inflation in 2022 meant our neighbors struggling with hunger were forced to make difficult choices, like choosing between nourishing groceries and paying for other necessary expenses. Rising costs at the supermarket and gas pump have taken their toll. As pandemic-related SNAP benefits expire in March, we anticipate more families will have a difficult time making ends meet. The Foodbank and our hunger-relief network will serve as a place to turn for families seeking help.




**2.53 MILLION**  
visits to our hunger-relief network in 2022



people visiting food pantries in our network  
**UP 14%**



of people visiting food pantries in our network  
**30% WERE NEW**

fuel costs compared to 2022  
**UP 38%** 

## WITH GRATITUDE

We are honored and privileged to partner with you to improve the lives of the people in our community by providing them with nourishing meals. Thank you for your commitment to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and for being part of our Foodbank family. We appreciate your support!



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