



DID YOU KNOW?
Nearly 1 in 4 children in the Foodbank's 8-county service area struggles with hunger.

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You've given José's family hope!

José still describes himself as a newlywed, even though he's been married a year. At Love Center Food Pantry, he is soft spoken, but when talking about his wife, Idalila, a sense of pride spreads across his face. Idalila is enrolled in nursing school, and their small family found themselves needing a little extra help to make it through this month. A friend knew of José's struggles and told him about the food pantry.

The first time he visited, José fondly recalls the sense of community he discovered inside Love Center's doors. Leaving the food pantry today, and the neighborhood that's helped them obtain bags full of fresh produce, breads and canned goods, this couple is hopeful of their future: a future where, as a nurse, Idalila will be proud to help those around her.

Because of stories like José's, your Foodbank remains connected to the greatness that happens when people take care of each other.



Thank you for believing in our mission! We want to make you proud. To read other stories like this, we invite you to **view our 2013 Annual Report online** at akroncantonfoodbank.org.

Love Center Food Pantry is a member agency of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.



SAVE the DATE

Save the date for Taste of the NFL at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

September 23, 2014
DETAILS INSIDE!

You helped provide more than 4 million meals

Thanks to your support, the 2014 Harvest for Hunger campaign had record-breaking success. More than \$1 million and 100,000 pounds of food was collected during the campaign, and one hundred percent of the donations will go directly toward feeding hungry men, women and children in our community. A special thank you to Bill Frantz from Sandridge Food Corporation, Shawn McCall from US Foods, and C.J. Fraleigh from Shearer's Foods, who led our local Harvest for Hunger campaign.



For the mom who visits a food pantry for fresh vegetables during summer vacation, and for the senior citizen who goes once a week to a soup kitchen to help stretch his money to buy necessary prescriptions - you have provided more than food; you have given these individuals hope. Thank you for continuing to rally around your Foodbank during Harvest for Hunger!"

— Dan Flowers at the Harvest for Hunger Celebration on May 9, 2014



HARVEST for HUNGER

SARTA buses collected Harvest for Hunger donations from Stark County businesses, organizations and schools.



Your Harvest for Hunger donations provide free food to those in need.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Last year, nearly 1,200 volunteers participated in Operation Orange, our first-ever 24-hour volunteer event. We need your help to make this year's event even bigger. Get a group of family members, friends or coworkers together and register today!

OPERATION ORANGE

24-HOUR VOLUNTEER EVENT

SEPTEMBER 5-6
12:00PM — 12:00PM

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE
akroncantonfoodbank.org

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January, the Akron Summit-County Public Library and the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank came together to pilot an after-school snack program at two of the Library's urban branches, Highland Square and Vernon Odom.

The program provides healthy snacks, Monday through Thursday after school, for patrons 18 and younger, during the school year. In the last six months, more than 1,500 snacks were served to children in our community!



Michelle, pictured with her daughter, Miranda, who received a healthy snack

“There is a real issue of hunger in our neighborhoods. **These children are hungry, and this program addresses a need in our community.** It can't be stated enough how important this program has been for the children, but also for our staff who's had the pleasure of getting to know them.” -Cheryl, General Manager, Branch Libraries

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The Honor Roll recognizes our top supporters of the season. Together we are the difference between hunger and hope.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



SAVE the DATE

September 23, 2014

5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

VIP Lounge opens at 5 p.m.

We look forward to having dinner with you at Taste of the NFL at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on September 23, 2014. Meet Pro Football Hall of Famers and enjoy tastings from local chefs and wineries while raising awareness and dollars toward the fight to end hunger.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor, WQMX/WONE/WAKR/ANN, and our event co-chairs, Greg Long and Gary Smith. For sponsorship opportunities and more information about Taste of the NFL, please contact Leslie Letner at lletner@acrfb.org or 330.777.7572.

Join the fight

We are proud to have such loving supporters at the Foodbank, but did you know that many of our supporters also know how to fight? Fighting hunger is easy when you sign up to be an advocate on the “**Get Involved**” section of our website. Our advocates help us express the need for more food, more funding and more legislative support when we need it most. Please join the fight!





DATES TO REMEMBER

CORE Lunch & Learn for Young Professionals
AUGUST 8

Hunger Action Month
SEPTEMBER

Hunger Action Day
Wear Orange
SEPTEMBER 4

Operation Orange
SEPTEMBER 5-6

Taste of the NFL
SEPTEMBER 23

Selfless Elf 5K
DECEMBER 20

For event details, visit
akroncantonfoodbank.org



Please save the date for our second annual Selfless Elf 5K on Saturday, December 20, 2014. Last year, more than 800 runners dashed through the cold and dressed up in festive holiday-themed costumes, striped elf socks and runner gear. The 3.1-mile course begins and ends at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. For sponsorship information, please contact Stephanie Hinchliffe at 330.777.1055 or shinchliffe@acrfb.org.

Neighbors helping neighbors

With your partnership, we're fighting hunger and helping more people than ever before — and growing stronger each year! In an effort to thank those in our community who are committed to fighting hunger and making a difference for our neighbors in need, we are honored to introduce our new Foodbank Partner program. We hope that you will continue to support these local partners, as they proudly contribute to us.

Recognition opportunities are based on total donations received during the previous calendar year. If you or your company would like more information on the program, please contact Leslie Letner, lletner@acrfb.org or 330.777.7572.

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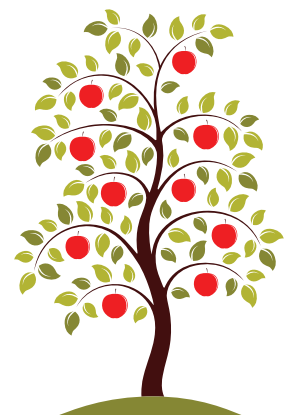
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Consider your legacy

The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is privileged to have you supporting its mission. Just as you have made helping people and organizations a passion in your life, others have chosen to continue their work in the future through a legacy gift. Your Foodbank continues to plan for the future, and **you can help by including us in your will or other estate plans.** Your foresight and commitment will serve as an investment in the future for our community. To discuss any plans or questions you may have, please contact Gina Campbell at gcampbell@acrfb.org or 330.777.2309.



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