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Harvest for Hunger Idol Event

Akron, Ohio--- March 24, 2010 --- The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank hosted the third annual Harvest for Hunger Idol competition Wednesday March 24th at the Akron Civic Theatre. Performers from local businesses and organizations that held Harvest for Hunger food and funds drives competed to raise money to support hunger-relief efforts. Guests of the event voted for their favorite performance by making donations.

This year nine performers competed for the title of Harvest for Hunger idol. Performers included Sandra Heard from Summa Health Systems, John Beacham from Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Greg Chaplin from Bridgestone Americas, Kyle Lankford from Allstate Insurance, Frank Taormina II from the Akron Beacon Journal, Mikel Lagaras from Akron Children's Hospital, Barbara Clugh from FirstEnergy Corporation, Robert Hunt, Sr. from County of Summit and the group Just Love to Sing from Akron Public Schools.

The Harvest for Hunger Idol is one component of the 2010 Harvest for Hunger Campaign. Many businesses, organizations and families are holding food and funds drives during the month of March. Local supermarket chains including Acme Fresh Markets, Buehler's Fresh Foods, Dave's Supermarkets, Fishers Foods, Giant Eagle, and Heinen's Fine Foods are participating in Check Out Hunger, which allows shoppers to scan coupons and make donations of \$1, \$5, or \$10 at the check out registers. Check Out Hunger runs through April 10. The 2010 Harvest for Hunger goal for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is to raise \$700,000, which will provide 2.1 million meals for people in Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties.

Information about donating to Harvest for Hunger can be found online at www.akroncantonfoodbank.org or by calling (330) 535-6900.

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About Harvest for Hunger. Harvest for Hunger is a collaboration of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Cleveland Foodbank, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio and Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley, serving 21 counties in northeast and north central Ohio. In 2009, Harvest for Hunger raised a total of \$2.9 million providing 10 million meals for people in need across the 21-county campaign region. All donations remain local and provide emergency food at no cost to pantries, meal sites and shelters for each respective food bank. The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank has a local goal in 2010 to raise \$700,000 in Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties.

The **Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank** is a non-profit organization with a mission to Feed People and Fight Hunger. The Foodbank provides food and other essential products to more than 430 community organizations that operate food pantries, hot meal sites and other hunger relief programs in Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties. In 2009, the Foodbank distributed 18.7 million pounds of food, providing 13.5 million meals locally for people in need. For more information visit: www.akroncantonfoodbank.org. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/akroncantonfoodbank.