REQUEST FOR PROJECTS

Hunger Action Day of Service

The Foodbank is seeking requests for projects from partner agencies for Hunger Action Day of Service. Hunger Action Month is in September, and the Foodbank will be recruiting volunteers to assist partner agencies in completing projects at their site.

Agencies interested in submitting projects for consideration must do so no later than Friday, July 29th. Project must be held on Friday, September 2nd and be a minimum of 4 hours and a maximum of 6 hours. Projects submissions should consist of activities such as painting, landscaping, cleaning, reorganizing, inventory, etc. Selected agencies will be notified the week of August 8th.

To submit a request, please visit the Agency Zone of the Foodbank website and use the link for Hunger Action Day of Service. If you have questions about Hunger Action Day of Service, please contact Katie Carver Reed at kcarver@acrfb.org.

TEFAP Form Update

Each year, the Federal and State Eligibility to Take Food Home (TEFAP) form changes on July 1, coinciding with the state of Ohio’s fiscal year. Please dispose of all blank July 2015 forms. Your agency will need to file and store all forms currently being used, and clients will need to complete a new form to begin this new fiscal year.

Keep in mind that if a food pantry client uses a proxy, the proxy form needs to be updated each year as well. As with all Foodbank documentation, we require maintaining all files for at least three years for auditing purposes.

Would you be interested in a system that automatically updates the TEFAP form for you? PantryTrak, an online, cloud based system for client intake, not only updates the TEFAP form automatically on July 1, but it also generates all data for the monthly report and much more. Agencies interested in PantryTrak simply need a computer and internet to use this system. If your agency is interested in learning more about PantryTrak, contact Gary Green, Senior Manager, Network Partners at 330.777.7575 or ggreen@acrfb.org.
Network Partnership Program

One of the four goal areas of the Foodbank’s new 5-year strategic plan is focused on building a strong, sustainable, collaborative network within the communities it serves in order to optimize its collective work. In 2016, the Foodbank will establish a Network Partnership Program in order to develop new opportunities for collaborations and benefits between the Foodbank and its network of partner agencies.

Please join us in this effort by participating in an upcoming roundtable discussion about how we can be better together in our collective work to end hunger. Participation in one of these sessions will count towards maintaining grant eligibility for your agency.

Mark your calendars for one of the following sessions:

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016
- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
  North Canton Church of Christ
  1301 E. Maple St, N Canton 44720
- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
  Wayne County Public Library
  220 W. Liberty St, Wooster 44691

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016
- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
  Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank,
  350 Opportunity Plkwy, Akron 44307
- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016
- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
  Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank,
  350 Opportunity Plkwy, Akron 44307

Several Agency representatives will serve as Network Advisors for this process.

Thank you to the following agencies for serving at Network Advisors:
- Don Roese, Peter Maurin Center
- Rev. Harley Wheeler, Minerva United Methodist Church
- Margaret Palisin, Barberton Area Community Ministries
- Crystal Grindley, LifePointe Church of Atwater
- Barb Tisch, Hope Homes
- Melissa Roddy, YMCA
- Mike Ryan, Battered Women’s Shelter
- Carol Henry, Alliance Community Pantry
- Deb Pelligino, Westbrook Park United Methodist Church

Please register on the Agency Zone of the Foodbank website for one of these sessions. Questions about the Network Partnership Program can be directed to Jill Oldham, Director, Network Partners and Programs at 330.777.7574 or joldham@acrbf.org.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

PANTRYTRAK TRAINING
Thursday July 7 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Friday July 29 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday Aug 12 9:30 - 3:00 p.m.

NEW PARTNER ORIENTATION
Thursday July 28 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday Aug 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New Partner Orientation includes Civil Rights and Food Safety Training. Due to time limitations, please bring a bagged lunch since there will not be enough time to leave the Foodbank. Please note, lunch will not be provided. Refrigeration for your bagged lunch will be available.

Have you had a change to key staff or volunteers with your program? They are encouraged to attend the full New Partner Orientation. Visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency/events to RSVP, or contact Gary Green, Senior Manager, Partner Services, at 330.777.7575 or ggreen@acrbf.org.

ESSENTIALS

Many clients are not able to purchase soap on a limited income, and SNAP benefits cannot be used to purchase essential non-food items. Food pantries can better assist clients by providing these items. The Foodbank has soap on the menu - and it is on sale now. A case of soap (12 - 8 oz. bottles) is currently on sale for $1.99 per case. This is a 55% discount! The soap can be distributed directly to clients or used at the agency.

To place an order, login to the E-Ordering system and look for item VAP5209 under Essentials or call the Order Line at 330.253.7054.

Please contact Nanci McCollum at 330.777.7582 with any questions regarding this product.
NPP is growing

The Network Partners and Programs (NPP) Department is welcoming three new team members. Mary Ann Mills will be transitioning from her role as an Americorps VISTA and Jessica Robb will be transitioning from her role in our volunteer department. Here is your chance to get to know them better!

MARY ANN MILLS
Partnership Field Advisor
Favorite music or song?
“Yesterday” by gospel recording artist MaryMary
Favorite childhood memory?
Spending Summers in Asheville, North Carolina with my grandparent, aunts, uncles, and lots of cousins.
Where did you go to school?
Archbishop Hoban High School
Where did you grow up?
Akron, Ohio
What is one food you can’t live without?
Bread
Describe your family.
Very close, affectionate family with an enormous sense of humor!
What is your favorite electronic device?
Samsung Tablet (because it does not ring!) you may leave the parenthesis off it you think our agencies might not find the humor in it
How do you spend your downtime?
With family.
What is one thing most people probably don’t know about you?
Active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. for 15 years.
Name one thing you want to do this year.
Take my daughter on a tour of historical Philadelphia, PA

JESSICA ROBB
Program Services Advisor
Favorite music or song?
I love anything you can dance to as well as acoustic/relaxing music (my sister calls it Snoozy Music)
Favorite childhood memory?
Dancing around the house with my dad in our pajamas on Saturday mornings (delaying chores, of course)
Where did you go to school?
Cuyahoga Falls schools, then Cedarville University for undergrad and University of Akron for grad school
Where did you grow up?
Cuyahoga Falls and Akron
What is one food you can’t live without?
Hot Carbs
Describe your family.
We make the quirk work!
What is your favorite electronic device?
Cell Phone
How do you spend your downtime?
Hiking, festivals, eating, listening to challenging podcasts, and being outside as much as possible
What is one thing most people probably don’t know about you?
I used to be a competitive tap dancer!
Name one thing you want to do this year.
Visit my best friend in Scotland

ERICA BANKS
Program Services Connector
Favorite music or song?
90s R and B
Favorite childhood memory?
Family Cookouts
Where did you go to school?
Firestone High School/Central State University
Where did you grow up?
Akron, Ohio
What is one food you can’t live without?
Broccoli
Describe your family.
Small, close knit, and I have one puppy
What is your favorite electronic device?
Phone
How do you spend your downtime?
Watching Movies
What is one thing most people probably don’t know about you?
I love math.
Name one thing you want to do this year.
Travel somewhere new

FOURTH ANNUAL 24-HOUR VOLUNTEER EVENT
September 9 & 10, 2016
Join us beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2016, when approximately 125 volunteers will be sorting and inspecting donated food in the Foodbank’s 83,000 square-foot warehouse every 2 hours until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Please contact Gary Green if you are interested in being a project leader during Operation Orange.

For a complete NPP department staff list with contact information, please visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency/staff
Proper use of food

As a partner of the Foodbank, agencies are only able to use food for the programs included in the original partnership application. All other programs or activities operated by the church/organization are not permitted to use Foodbank food without permission from the Foodbank as outlined in the Partnership & Liability Agreement. On this agreement, lines 2, 25, and 27 speak directly to the programmatic use of foodbank food.

2. Will use the items from Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank only in a use related to the agency’s exempt purpose and solely for the feeding of the needy, ill or infants and children.
   - In order to maintain an account the Foodbank, your agency must have program that supplies food as a primary or secondary part of the program and the program must be focused on helping the needy, ill or infants and children.

25. Will NOT use Foodbank food as an incentive, or for activities that coerce, require or promote religious affiliation or church membership.
   - Foodbank food cannot be used as a door prize, raffle item or an incentive to participate in another activity such as parenting or budgeting classes. In addition, Foodbank food cannot be used for vacation bible school, bible study or revival.

27. Will NOT use Foodbank food for organization fundraising events or activities or other non-approved programmatic activities.
   - Foodbank food cannot be used for fundraising dinners, community carnivals, sports events or any other program or activity that has not been documented and approved by the Foodbank.

If an agency is operating another program and would like to use Foodbank food, the agency should contact Foodbank staff and complete an updated application. Once approved for the new program, your agency is eligible to use Foodbank food.

If you have any questions, please contact one of your Network Partners & Programs team members. If your agency is located in Holmes, Medina, Wayne or the city of Akron, contact Team Apple. If your agency is located in Carroll, Portage, Stark, Tuscarawas and Summit county outside of Akron, contact Team Bread.

Celebrating 25 Years of Harvest for Hunger

Community leaders and campaign coordinators rallied at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Friday, May 13 to celebrate the record-breaking success of the 2016 Harvest for Hunger campaign. With the incredible support of agencies, businesses and organizations, the campaign raised $1,064,357 and 115,928 pounds of food to date. Because of the success of the campaign, which marked its 25th year, the Foodbank will be able to provide more than 4 million meals to those struggling with hunger in our community.

“Harvest for Hunger is the community’s efforts that makes millions of pounds of food free to charities and people in need through the Foodbank,” said Dan Flowers, President and CEO of the Foodbank. “This campaign has been a tough fight with great effort from our leaders and supporters. Today we are celebrating the hard work, kindness and generosity of the great people and companies that made it a success.”

As part of the Foodbank’s new 2020 Strategic Plan, all Harvest for Hunger food drive food collected will be free to the Foodbank’s partner agencies. Two of those partner agencies, the Akron-Summit County Public Libraries and Hattie Larlham, also helped the campaign by holding their own Harvest for Hunger food drives and together collected more than 496 pounds of food.

Additionally, more than 200 businesses and organizations held food and funds drives to support Harvest for Hunger. This year’s top financial donors that were recognized at the wrap up were FirstEnergy Corp. and The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The Aultman Health Foundation had the largest food drive this year, collecting more than 6,400 pounds.

Together, local supermarkets raised $479,000 and nearly 9,000 pounds through Check Out Hunger, which allowed shoppers to scan coupons and make donations at the checkout register. Participating supermarket and retail partners included Ace Hardware, Buehler’s Fresh Foods, Dave’s Supermarkets, Dunkin’ Donuts, Fisher’s Foods, Giant Eagle, Heinen’s Fine Foods and Panera Bread.

The money raised will also help underwrite the cost of certain Foodbank programs to reach more families and individuals in need.

If your agency would like to help the Harvest for Hunger campaign visit akroncantonfoodbank.org