



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder: The Foodbank will be closed for distribution Monday, September 3, 2018 (Labor Day) and Friday, September 7, 2018 (Operation Orange). Limited appointments are available on Thursday, September 6, 2018.
- September is Hunger Action Month!

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### CLIENT ASSISTANCE

855.560.0850 toll free  
GETFOODHELP.ORG

### TO PLACE AN ORDER

Call: 330.253.7054  
Toll free: 800.673.6490  
Online: go.acrfb.org/order

### SCHEDULED OFF/OACP

cereal (cornflakes, crispy rice),  
lite pancake syrup, macaroni  
and cheese, mixed vegetables  
NSA, orange juice, pancake mix,  
peas, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti  
and meatballs, thin spaghetti,  
white rice, whole kernal  
corn, wide noodles

### SCHEDULED USDA

1% milk, canned goods (refried  
beans, sweet potatoes), macaroni  
and cheese, orange juice, rice  
crisp cereal, wide egg noodles



The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is a proud member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity.

## Discussing Foodbank Partnership

Discussing your relationship with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank associates your work with a regional network fighting hunger in our area. Below are a few examples of how to describe the partnership to clients, media and the community.

Use information from the Network Partner Report – it provides comparative data to your county, your average cost per pound, the number of meals your program has provided and much more.

Examples:

"Our program is a proud network partner of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank."

"Last year, our program provided \_\_\_\_\_ meals to families in our community through our partnership with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank."

The topic of paying for food may be brought up when discussing your partnership with the Foodbank. It's important to be transparent when addressing these questions. A few facts to keep in mind: **The Foodbank commits to increasing the percentage of free food provided to network partners to at least 80 percent by 2020 and MarketPlace food items and fresh produce are always free!**

When it comes to fees, the Foodbank's fee structure is like every other food bank across the country. A small portion of the food distributed includes a nominal "shared maintenance fee" that ranges from \$0.04 to \$0.18 per pound, consistent with every food bank in the U.S. This small fee covers a portion of the costs associated with transporting, receiving, storing and distributing dry, refrigerated and frozen goods. Please remember: **The person in need receiving food is NEVER charged a fee for food, and food donations collected at a food drive by individuals and organizations within the community are always made available to network partners for free.**

Examples:

"Our partnership with the Foodbank provides access to food at little or no cost to our agency."

"In 2017, we distributed more than 2 million pounds of fresh, nutritious produce, all supplied by the Foodbank for free."

Get more tips about communications from the Network Partner Communications Toolkit, available in the Agency Zone at [akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency-zone](http://akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency-zone).



# Foodbank Hosts Food Pantry Simulation

In June, the Foodbank hosted its first pantry simulation. The pantry simulation was created to provide an immersive pantry experience in which participants navigate the charitable food system to find a week's worth of food for their household.

For many food pantry managers and volunteers, the experience of needing and finding food assistance is not familiar. The pantry simulation is meant to provide a better understanding of the user experience. The stress and uncertainty families experience when finding food to meet their needs is very real. It is important for food pantry staff and volunteers to understand what families have gone through to arrive at their doors.

**THE FIRST PANTRY SIMULATION WAS ATTENDED BY 12 NETWORK PARTNERS. IT RECEIVED GREAT REVIEWS!**



"Every agency should be required to send someone to this. It was very eye-opening."

"Coming from a client's perspective, you can see the frustration."



**THE NEXT PANTRY SIMULATION IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 FROM 1PM - 3PM.**

Visit the Agency Zone of the Foodbank website to register.

## Stay Tuned in Stark County

The Foodbank has recently identified a new site in Stark County to further the important work of our strategic plan and closing the meal gap by increasing access to nourishing food. In the months ahead, we will be working with the surrounding neighborhood and community partners to determine how to best use the site.

We care about everyone having access to food and being a good community partner, and we will continue to keep you informed of these activities.



## SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH.

The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, along with the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks, will come together across all 50 states in an effort to raise awareness about hunger and mobilize the public to take action against hunger. The Foodbank encourages the community to advocate by raising awareness, making a donation or volunteering their time in the month of September.

During this very special month, the Foodbank will host its 24-hour volunteer event, Operation Orange, Hunger Action Day of Service, and Taste of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. We also encourage everyone to wear orange, the color of hunger, on September 13, 2018, which is National Hunger Action Day.

Please share your hunger-relief story on your social networks during the month of September. Reference the Foodbank's Facebook page for shareable content!

## OPERATION ORANGE PRODUCT WILL BE FREE ON THE MENU

The Foodbank is hosting Operation Orange on September 7 and 8, 2018. Operation Orange is a 24-hour volunteer event at the Foodbank in which volunteers inspect and sort various products.

This year, volunteers will be sorting 5-pound bags of apples, clementines, potatoes, onions and carrots. These fresh items will be made available for free on the Foodbank's menu.

To pre-order these items, please contact Ryan Dyke at [rdyke@acrfb.org](mailto:rdyke@acrfb.org) by Friday, September 7, 2018.