



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Foodbank will be closed on December 31, 2018 for inventory and on January 1, 2019 for New Year's Day.
- Earn a food grant by attending the Harvest for Hunger Campaign Kick-off Breakfast on February 26, 2019.
- Save the Date for the Network Summit on August 8, 2019.

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CLIENT ASSISTANCE

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GETFOODHELP.ORG

TO PLACE AN ORDER

Call: 330.253.7054
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Online: go.acrfb.org/order

SCHEDULED OFF/OACP

apple juice, canned goods (beef stew, chili with meat and beans, diced tomatoes, mixed vegetables), corn, cornflakes, eggs, spaghetti rings, spaghetti sauce, thin spaghetti

SCHEDULED USDA

2% milk, apples, canned goods (beef stew, diced tomatoes, garbanzo beans, ham, meatless spaghetti sauce, mixed fruit, tomato sauce), cheese, dehydrated potato flakes, dry black beans, dry split peas, fresh potatoes, frozen goods (blueberries, chicken drumsticks, chicken thighs, ham, turkey roasts, whole chicken), grapes, long grain rice, oranges, pork loin, pork patty



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

Annual Agreements Now Available

Beginning in 2019, network partners will submit the annual Partnership & Liability Agreement and USDA & Ohio Commodities Agreement online. This change will speed up the process and make it easier for network partners to complete.

Instructions for online agreements will be sent via email to the main contact on file with the Foodbank. The main contact and the highest authority at the organization must sign the agreements. It is recommended

that both individuals review and sign the agreement together prior to submitting. After the agreement is signed and submitted electronically, network partners will receive a copy of the completed agreement via email.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AGREEMENTS IS FEBRUARY 1, 2019.



Partner Program Improvements

In 2017, the Foodbank launched the Network Partner Program. The purpose of this program is to build a strong, sustainable, collaborative network within the communities served by the Foodbank to optimize our collective work.

The network has provided feedback about this program, and in 2019 it will be simplified to reflect the needs of the network and better recognize the current work of hunger-relief partners. More information about the changes to the program will be sent with the network partner mailing in early 2019. Questions about the program? Contact Keith Freund at kfreund@acrfb.org.



New USDA items coming soon

The USDA will spend up to \$1.2 billion to support U.S. farmers by purchasing products to be distributed through the nation's food bank network. The product, purchased through a trade mitigation package, is expected to provide record amounts of USDA products for the national food bank network and hunger-relief programs like yours. The purchased products will include apples, beef, blueberries, corn, cranberries, dairy, grapes, lentils, orange juice, peanut butter, peas, pork, potatoes, rice and walnuts.



The first product loads should be arriving very soon. To help keep your program informed about product availability, we will be sending regular emails with product details and expected delivery dates to help you maximize your ability to take

advantage of these products. Please make sure you, and any other leaders from your organization, are receiving emails from the Foodbank

If you need to make changes to your program's email addresses, please contact Keith Freund at kfreund@acrfb.org.

To assist in getting the high volume of product to individuals and families in need, the USDA is encouraging:

- existing food pantries and hot meal sites to offer additional food distributions to the public.
- nonprofit organizations and churches who are not currently operating a public food program to start a seasonal or limited-time emergency food program.

If your organization is interested in starting a public food program, or if you know of an organization that may be interested in starting a public food program, please contact Gary Green at ggreen@acrfb.org or 330.777.7575 or Linda Steinhebel at lsteinhebel@acrfb.org or 330.777.2303.

Make your list & check it twice

Network partners are encouraged to check product when loading at the Foodbank and at your program. During the pickup process, a volunteer or staff member should stay with the vehicle and be responsible for reviewing the order invoice to confirm receipt of the correct products and quantity of products. If there is an error, alert the order desk. This ensures the Foodbank's inventory system remains accurate and network partners receive all ordered product.

Volunteers at the food program should always keep food safety in mind and check the quality of products before distribution. While food may have been safe to distribute at the time it was picked up from the Foodbank, it may perish before there is an opportunity to distribute.

Double checking orders and product at the Foodbank and at your food program will maximize the benefit to the individuals and families we serve.



Help enhance next year's educational opportunities

This year, the Foodbank hosted 29 roundtables for network partners to connect and learn. Topics included cooking demonstrations, pantry simulations, communications and more.

The Foodbank is always looking for feedback about its roundtables to ensure topics are of interest and value to the network. A short "Question of the Month" survey has been emailed to the network partner main contact and is also available via the Extra Helpings e-blast.

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND STAY TUNED FOR THE 2019 ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE.

In addition to roundtables, the Foodbank will host the Network Summit to gather network partners together for a day of learning, networking and connection as we continue to fight hunger in our eight-county service area.



SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 8, 2019

You're invited to the
**HARVEST
FOR HUNGER**

**CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF
BREAKFAST**

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

7:30am Networking & Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00am Program

John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill St., Akron

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
akroncantonfoodbank.org/rsvp

Presented by



**NETWORK PARTNERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
AND WILL RECEIVE A \$25
FOOD GRANT APPLIED
TO THEIR ACCOUNT FOR
EACH TICKET PURCHASED,
\$200 MAX PER PARTNER.**



**JOIN THE 28TH ANNUAL HARVEST
FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN**

The Harvest for Hunger Campaign is the Foodbank's largest fundraising campaign and supports food distribution, including free food items, all year long.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Come to an exciting breakfast to celebrate this year's Harvest for Hunger Campaign on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Learn about ways to get involved, meet the campaign co-chairs and hear campaign updates. Let's rally together and inspire our community to get involved!

CHECK OUT HUNGER

One of the easiest ways to participate in the campaign is to scan a \$10, \$5 or \$1 donation coupon as you Check Out Hunger each time you visit a participating supermarket.

HOST A FOOD AND FUNDS DRIVE

Gather your friends, family and co-workers and join hundreds of local companies, schools and social organizations in hosting a food and funds drive to help individuals in need in our community. For campaign materials and to register your drive, please visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/harvest.

HONORARY CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

Special thank you to our 2019 Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs, Dr. Brian Harte from Cleveland Clinic Akron General and Robert Roland from Day Ketterer.

MAKE A DONATION \$1 = 4 MEALS

Whether donating online or by mailing a check, your donation goes a long way.

**PORTAGE LAKES POLAR
BEAR CLUB PRESENTS**

**16th Annual
Polar
Bear
Jump**

**COME MAKE A SPLASH ON
FEBRUARY 23, 2019**



WANTED:

Warm-hearted people
willing to freeze their bodies
to raise money to feed
people and fight hunger.

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