



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shop MarketPlace without placing an order from the menu – just call to schedule an appointment 7am-2pm.
- Mark your calendar for the County Networking Event dates found on page 2.
- The Foodbank will be closed Monday, May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day.

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CLIENT ASSISTANCE

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TO PLACE AN ORDER

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

SCHEDULED OFF/OACP

Apple Juice, Beef Ravioli, Beef Stew, Canned Corn, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cornflakes Cereal, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Orange Juice, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Peas, Pork 'n' Beans, Spaghetti Rings, Spaghetti Sauce, Thin Spaghetti, Toasted Oats, Tomato Juice, Unsweetened Applesauce, White Rice, Wide Ribbon Noodles

SCHEDULED USDA

American Cheese, Canned Goods (Garbanzo Beans, Green Beans, Pears), Corn Flakes Cereal, Cranberry Juice Concentrate, Dry Split Peas, Eggs, Fresh Apples, Frozen Blueberries, Frozen Ham, Long Grain Rice, Orange Juice, Oranges, Peanut Butter, Pistachios, Pitted Dried Plums, Pork Loin Roast, Pork Patties, Vegetable Oil, Walnuts, Whole Milk

Foodbank Looking for New Programs to Help Close the Meal Gap

Strengthening and growing the infrastructure of our hunger-relief network is key to the Foodbank's goal of closing the Meal Gap by 2025. With the intention of providing enough food for everyone in need, the Foodbank is committed to sourcing enough product to meet the demand. This is no small task, but equally important, is the need for more like-minded community organizations, churches and nonprofits like you, to join the network.

By growing the number of programs across our eight-county service area, together, we will ensure there are enough locations, days and times available for individuals and families to access food easily. Whether it is adding a new activity to an existing program or encouraging

a new organization to join the network, more is better. No single program can end hunger alone.

If you would like to recommend a potential new partner of the Foodbank, or if your program is interested in brainstorming ideas on how we can partner together to serve your community more effectively, we want to hear from you! The Foodbank wants to hear your ideas and is interested in collaborating to achieve our vision of a thriving community free of hunger.

Please contact Gary Green at ggreen@acrfb.org or Linda Steinhebel at lsteinhebel@acrfb.org to learn more.

If you're not aware of other programs in your community but would like to help increase access to your neighbors, consider:

- Adding an extra hour or two to existing distribution times
- Opening additional days during the month
- Lifting restrictions such as where families live, or how often they can visit each month



Proud member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity.

PLEASE CONTACT THE NETWORK PARTNERS & PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT AT 330.535.6900 IF YOUR PROGRAM IS INTERESTED IN CHANGING DAYS, HOURS OR RESTRICTIONS DURING THIS TIME.



Foodbank hosting Hunger-Relief Networking Events

Please come represent your organization, bring your volunteers, and invite other community stakeholders to take part in one of these dynamic, collaborative events where we will **SHARE DATA** surrounding the need for food in your area, **DISCUSS CHALLENGES** unique to addressing hunger in this specific area, and **WORK TOGETHER** to create solutions.

CARROLL COUNTY

June 19, 2019 1:00pm-3:00pm

Carroll County Council on Aging
100 Kensington Rd. NE
Carrollton, OH 44615

HOLMES COUNTY

May 23, 2019 9:30am-11:30am

Love Center Food Pantry
1292 Massillon Rd., Ste. A
Millersburg, OH 44654

MEDINA COUNTY

May 15, 2019 1:00pm-3:00pm

Montville Township Police Department
6665 Wadsworth Rd
Medina, OH 44256

PORTAGE COUNTY

May 8, 2019 1:00pm-3:00pm

Chestnut Conference Room at the
Ohio Means Jobs Building
253 S. Chestnut St.
Ravenna, OH 44266

STARK COUNTY

MAY 7, 2019 9:30AM-11:30AM

First Christian Church in North Canton
6900 Market Ave. N
North Canton, OH 44721

SUMMIT COUNTY

June 12, 2019 1:00pm-3:00pm

Barberton Area Community Ministries
939 Norton Ave.
Barberton, OH 44203

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

July 16, 2019 1:00pm-3:00pm

LifeWay Church
742 Cookson Ave. SE
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

WAYNE COUNTY

May 21, 2019 9:30am-11:30am

The Salvation Army Wooster
437 South Market St.
Wooster, OH 44691

Inspiring Community Collaboration in Mantua

It all started with a phone call from a volunteer from Mantua Center Christian Church. From there, a grassroots effort to feed the Mantua community snowballed!

The Foodbank received several phone calls from multiple individuals in a matter of days, all from Mantua, a city in Portage County. All these individuals wanted to learn how their respective organizations could partner with the Foodbank to serve their community in a bigger way.

The timing of so many calls from the same community was unusual,

so Foodbank staff facilitated a collaboration meeting to bring these Mantua residents together with Crestwood 4Cs, an existing hunger-relief partner of the Foodbank.

After coming together, each group determined a role they will play in making this dream a reality. They are now well on their way to establishing a food pantry in a community center that will be open weekly to serve members of their community. This was an incredible example of what can happen when our network works together to create innovative solutions to meet the needs of our neighbors.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE HARVEST FOR HUNGER KICK-OFF BREAKFAST!

On February 26, 2019, we welcomed nearly 500 community members, many of them representing hunger-relief programs within our network, to help us kick off the 28th annual Harvest for Hunger Campaign. This Campaign is the Foodbank's largest fundraising initiative and helps support food distribution all year long. All proceeds from the Campaign go directly to providing free food for our network of partners.

To learn more on how your program can get involved with this year's Campaign, visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/hfh.



This year's co-chairs spoke about the impact of hunger in our community and the importance of community involvement with the Campaign.



Nearly 500 guests joined us for breakfast to kick off the 2019 Harvest for Hunger Campaign.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND....

**(INSERT ALMOST ANY
FOODBANK FORM HERE)?**

A: We have an entire page of the Agency Zone on the website dedicated to storing almost all forms you'll need for your program: akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency/forms

**Q: WHEN IS THERE GOING TO
BE MEAT ON THE MENU?**

A: Repacked boxes of meat are usually put on the menu very early in the week, since the packing of those boxes typically occurs on Saturdays.

**Q: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN SHARED MAINTENANCE
AND VALUE ADDED PROCESS (VAP)?**

A: Collecting, sorting, packaging, handling and storing donated food incurs costs. Network partners agree to help offset a portion of these costs through a handling fee, called shared maintenance. The costs associated with materials used for repacked items, such as boxes, labels and bags, is called value added process.

**Q: WHY DOES THE FOODBANK
HIGHLY ENCOURAGE BEING
A CHOICE PANTRY?**

A: A Choice Pantry allows clients to select their own food items instead of receiving a prepacked or standard bag of groceries. With this method, clients do not have to take items they already have, do not like, or cannot eat for health or personal reasons. It limits food waste, saves money for the pantry, makes ordering easier because pantries know what popular food items to stock, ensures the dignity of clients and provides an opportunity for pantry volunteers to get to know clients better. Being a Choice Pantry may not work everywhere, and the Foodbank understands this. It's a great option for programs that have adequate space and volunteer support.

Understanding Food Date Labels

Partners who have attended the Network Partner Orientation will likely recall learning about packaging dates on food. In a recent survey, researchers at John Hopkins University discovered that more than half of participants incorrectly thought date labeling was federally regulated, or said they were unsure what dates on food actually mean. Very few food items are likely to become unsafe based on the date shown on the product. Most often, dates refer to product quality, not safety.



Here are some basic guidelines on food packaging dates:

SELL BY DATE

This date indicates how long a store should display an item and allows a reasonable amount of time for the product to be used after the date.

BEST IF USED BY DATE

Often determined by the manufacturer, this date usually reflects the last date a product is likely to be at peak flavor and quality.

PACKAGE DATE

This is the date the food was packed or processed.

EXPIRATION DATE

For most products, this date indicates the last date it should be eaten or used. However, if perishable foods are packaged and frozen properly, they will be safe to eat after the expiration date.

Not All Families in Poverty Use Government Assistance

Several different programs exist in the United States to assist individuals and families living in poverty, like food assistance and subsidized housing. People of all ages, races and geographic areas rely on assistance from various safety net programs.

However, an Urban Institute analysis recently found that 13 million people living in poverty do not utilize these programs. Among the very poorest Americans, nearly one-third of households receive no benefits from safety net programs.

A few theories provide insight into why some groups of people are more likely than others to receive benefits. For example, some families might have

access to other resources or family support available during difficult times.

Many of our hunger-relief partners have witnessed another theory - social stigma preventing someone from utilizing available programs.

Yet another reason is some individuals and families may rely on local programs instead of utilizing government assistance. For example, they may visit a food pantry or hot meal program. To ensure people in our communities do not go hungry, the existence of local emergency food assistance programs is vital.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR
YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!**