Foodbank hosts Network Summit

Earlier this month, more than 100 network partner representatives from all eight counties gathered for the 2021 Network Summit. This biennial event hosted by the Foodbank is an opportunity to meet and share stories of success and struggle, best practices and collaborate with one another.

This year’s summit was special because it was the first opportunity to welcome our hunger-relief partners to the new Stark County Campus. President and CEO Dan Flowers kicked off the event with stories of the past and how the network did an amazing job coming together to support our neighbors in need throughout the pandemic. Katie Carver Reed, the director of network partners and programs, spoke about the exciting possibilities for our future work together. Network Partners also had an opportunity to network and reflect during guided breakout sessions.

Thanks so much to those who were able to join us at this year’s Network Summit. If you weren’t able to attend the event and are interested in a tour of the Stark County Campus, please call the network partners & programs team at 330.535.6900.

FAMILIAR FACES MOVING TO CANTON

You might recognize some of our Foodbank staff members working at the Stark County Campus now!
Mission Complete: Ohio National Guard departs Foodbank

On July 2, 2021, after more than a year of service to food banks across the state of Ohio, the Ohio National Guard’s mission was complete. Since March 2020, when the 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment in Stow first joined the Foodbank to help aid in pandemic relief, they were instrumental in the Foodbank’s ability to support hunger-relief partners. They made a lasting impact by:

- Driving more than 71,000 miles to deliver 1,295 orders totaling more than 5.6 million pounds of food
- Picking and packing more than 19.5 million pounds of food
- Supporting more than 1,300 network partner distributions, which served more than 56,000 families in our community

We are forever grateful for the service they provided us. Thank you for your support of the Ohio National Guard during their time in our service area.

Warehousing Footwear

As temperatures climb outside, we want to thank you for remembering to wear closed-toe shoes when picking up orders in the warehouse at the Foodbank. This rule is an important way to make sure we all stay safe, especially around powered equipment and when lifting heavy boxes.

Order Add-ons

If you’d like to add items to an order that’s already been placed, please call the order line at 330.253.7054. The order cut-off time is 11:30am the day before, which also applies to add-ons.

E-Ordering System

Please see the email from the network partners team from early July that details how to choose your location when picking up and order. Please make sure all fields are filled in before your order is placed.

TEFAP Requirements Return

The temporary TEFAP procedures (verbal signatures) put into place during the pandemic are no longer in effect. The income eligibility guidelines and intake forms have been updated on FreshTrak/PantryTrak and are also available on the Agency Zone. Please dispose of any old, blank forms.

Volunteers Picking Up Food

Please make sure that anyone who picks up food for your organization is listed on your Foodbank account so that we know your order is in good hands when it leaves the building. If you have someone new picking up since you last updated your account, please contact your partner representative in the network partners & programs department or call 330.535.6900.

Stark County Campus FAQs

As we begin to move into the new Stark County Campus, we understand you may have some questions about the new facility. Below are a few frequently asked questions and answers that may help.

Should I pick up from the Stark County Campus?

The choice is yours. If the Stark County Campus is closer to you than the Main Campus in Akron, then we recommend it.

Is the menu the same for both campuses and will there be a MarketPlace?

The food menu is the same for both locations and the same quality MarketPlace items will be available at both campuses.

Is the order cut-off time the same for the Stark County Campus?

Yes, the order cut-off time will remain 11:30am the day before your scheduled appointment for both locations.

When can I stark picking up my food orders at the Stark County Campus?

Partners began picking up food orders on July 12, 2021.