ANNOUNCEMENTS

• If there are any changes to your program’s hours, location, or leadership, please let your Foodbank representative know.

• If you receive pallets or gaylords from the Foodbank, please return them as soon as possible.

• The Foodbank will be closed on May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day.

Meet new NPP team members ready to serve you

Sarah Brown
Sarah joined the Foodbank in September 2021. She is the programs coordinator and assists in facilitating and coordinating strategic programs, including CSFP and the DoorDash delivery program. Before coming to the Foodbank, Sarah was a caseworker in the child welfare field. She is excited to work with hunger-relief partners to help feed the community and grow our programs that reach vulnerable populations.

David Freggiaro
David is new to the network partners and programs team but has been a Foodbanker for a year in the volunteer center. There, he led volunteer projects to ensure that donated food was safely packaged and made available to hunger-relief partners. He recently transitioned to the role of partner relations coordinator and is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with partners in Summit County. David looks forward to building connections with partners and helping them maximize their relationship with the Foodbank to best serve the community.

Brooke Duro
Brooke also joined the Foodbank in September 2021 as a partner relations coordinator. She is the Foodbank representative for hunger-relief partners in Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties. She conducts site visits and cultivates partner relationships. Brooke also works on network education and communications. Before coming to the Foodbank, she held a position at United Way of Summit & Medina. She is excited to continue building relationships with partners that are serving their communities.

Mallory Pilz
Mallory began her role as the program outreach coordinator in December 2021. She coordinates the Foodbank’s mobile, pop-up pantry and manages direct distribution partnerships. She also supports the DoorDash delivery program. Before joining the Foodbank, she supported disaster relief work with various nonprofits. She is excited to forge new partnerships and see those partners find joy in serving others while distributing food in new areas.
Stark County Campus Highlights

Since opening its doors in July 2021, the Stark County Campus has been used for internal and external meetings, cooking demonstrations, informational roundtables for the network, volunteer opportunities, partner distribution operations, and serving community members through the Keith D. Monda Family Food Pantry & Resource Center. Below are a few highlights from the Stark County Campus’ first six months in operation.

🍎 The Stark County Campus distributed more than 3 million pounds of food from its warehouse through nearly 2,000 hunger-relief partner pickups.

🍎 The Danbury Senior Living Teaching Kitchen has been the site of cooking demonstrations for partners and community members. Chefs have used food from the Foodbank’s menu to make simple, nourishing meals.

🍎 The Keith D. Monda Family Food Pantry served more than 3,200 families and distributed nearly 96,000 pounds of food in September – December 2021. The pantry allows the Foodbank to test new innovations and concepts in pantry operations. Key takeaways and learnings will be shared with the network at the roundtable held on April 29.

🍎 New partnerships with five area nonprofits were established to meet the needs of neighbors beyond food. These partners provide health screenings, education, referrals, community connections, legal services, job assistance, housing and more in the Aultman Health Foundation Resource Room.

The Foodbank is so grateful for the community’s support of the new Stark County Campus. Through this campus and future renovations in Akron, the Foodbank hopes to better serve its hunger-relief partners and community members facing hunger.

Partner Appreciation & Pampering

On April 19, we want to show our appreciation for all you do to serve our community with a partner appreciation & pampering hour! This will be held at the Stark County Campus from 1pm-3pm. Volunteers from the National Beauty College will offer hand massages, Foodbanker Sarah Brown will teach relaxing yoga basics, and the Aultman Wellness on Wheels team will teach destressing techniques. We hope you can join us.

RSVP here before April 15:
http://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org/events/agency/partner-appreciation-pampering
Network Partner Feedback Survey

In November 2021, the Foodbank distributed its annual Network Partner Feedback Survey to all its hunger-relief partners. Responses were received from 175 partners. The feedback received is used to help guide the Foodbank in finding areas of improvement and opportunities to grow. Some main takeaways of the survey included:

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
The impact of the shared maintenance fee waiver in 2021 was extremely helpful for many partners. The Foodbank will continue to seek funding and make investments to ensure most of its food will be made available to partners at no cost.

**TRANSPORTATION**
The ability to receive food deliveries from the Foodbank was also mentioned in the survey feedback. To make the Foodbank as accessible as possible, it launched a network partner delivery program. Partners interested in receiving their food orders through the program for a $100 delivery fee, should contact Nate Kreis at 330.436.3173 or nkreis@acrfb.org.

**AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF PRODUCT**
The Foodbank received feedback regarding the type and quality of products available on its menu. It learned about the type of products that are most desirable for partners and the families served. This information was shared with staff members who manage the Foodbank’s menu, and will help guide discussions about the types of food received and distributed by your Foodbank in the future.

**THE FUTURE**
The Foodbank is embarking on a new strategic plan in 2022. All your feedback has been shared with our strategic planning consultant to help lead larger conversations about our future work.

Thank you to all the partners who shared feedback. While this survey is completed annually, the Foodbank is always open to receiving feedback from you. If you have thoughts, ideas, or concerns, please reach out to your Foodbank representative.

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**WORD SEARCH**
The Foodbank appreciates all you do to serve your neighbors. Take the time to sit back, relax and complete a word search! Whoever returns the completed word search to Brooke Duro via email (bduro@acrfb.org) first, will win a prize.

WORDS TO FIND:

BACKPACK PORTAGE
CARROLL SENIOR
HOLMES SERVE
MARKETPLACE SHELTER
FOODBANK STARK
MEAL SUMMIT
MEDINA TUSCARAWAS
MONTHLY REPORTS VOLUNTEER
NEIGHBORS WAYNE
PANTRY YOUTH

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