



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Foodbank will be closed for partner pickups on September 30, 2022 due to a physical inventory.
- The annual network partner feedback survey launches October 3, 2022. Check your email for a link to share your feedback and ideas with the Foodbank.
- The Foodbank will be closed on November 24-25, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving.

### MAIN CAMPUS

350 Opportunity Parkway  
Akron, OH 44307

### STARK COUNTY CAMPUS

1365 Cherry Ave. NE  
Canton, OH 44714

330.535.6900 phone  
330.996.5337 fax

[akroncantonfoodbank.org](http://akroncantonfoodbank.org)

### TO PLACE AN ORDER

[akroncantonfoodbank.org/order](http://akroncantonfoodbank.org/order)

### TO ADJUST YOUR ORDER

330.253.7054

### SCHEDULED OFF/OACP

Canned Goods (Baked Beans, Chicken Noodle Soup, Corn, Green Beans, Tomato Soup,) Orange Juice

### SCHEDULED USDA

Almonds, Canned Goods (Apple Sauce, Beef Stew, Carrots, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Pears, Spaghetti Sauce, Spinach, Vegetable Soup), Frozen Fish Sticks, Grapes, Milk, Mixed Fresh Produce, Peaches, Pistachios, Plums, Rice, Spaghetti Pasta, Sweet Potatoes

### FOR A MAP OF PANTRY & MEAL LOCATIONS

[akroncantonfoodbank.org/need-food](http://akroncantonfoodbank.org/need-food)

## New Faces in NPP



Ashley Hoegler

**Ashley is an AmeriCorps VISTA serving as a community engagement coordinator at the Foodbank.** She will spend her year of service helping with direct service work and finding new ways to reach people in the communities we serve. Ashley will work collaboratively with the network partners & programs team to ensure hunger-relief partners have opportunities to engage in learnings from one another. She'll also identify barriers to healthy and sustainable food access and suggest solutions to eliminate these barriers across the network. She is most excited about building relationships with our neighbors and developing new resources and events to engage the community. In her free time, Ashley loves to be outside, hiking and camping, rewatching shows on Netflix, and hanging out with her cats.



Sean Burnett

**Sean is the pantry coordinator for the Keith D. Monday Family Food Pantry & Resource Center at the Stark County Campus.** In his role, Sean is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the pantry and will be instrumental in utilizing the pantry and Foodbank resources to experiment with new tools and ideas. He will assist in fine-tuning these learnings which will be shared with our network of hunger-relief partners. Sean is most excited to interact with the neighbors that visit the pantry and the volunteers that help keep the pantry running. In his free time, he likes to play basketball, workout, read and spend time with family and friends.



Neiva McKim

**Neiva is a programs coordinator focused on the home delivery program through the Foodbank's partnership with DoorDash.** She has learned of the obstacles people face when trying to secure food, and the obstacles hunger-relief partners face when trying to reach people who are homebound or lack access to transportation. Neiva is most excited about working toward removing transportation as a barrier to accessing food. In her free time, she enjoys going for walks, reading, working out, and getting outside as much as possible.

# Recruiting new DoorDash hunger-relief partners

In March 2020, the Foodbank began partnering with DoorDash in response to the pandemic. This partnership allowed the Foodbank and its partners to get food to individuals who couldn't access it due to health concerns or transportation barriers. Since then, the partnership with DoorDash has grown and allowed the Foodbank to offer this program to its hunger-relief network. As a result, the barriers of transportation and health concerns for neighbors in the community trying to access food are being torn down.

The partnership has expanded and allowed hunger-relief partners to utilize it to deliver food to individuals and families who are not able to get to a local food pantry in person.

Katy Fuerst, executive director of Feeding Medina County, shared that, "The DoorDash program benefits the community because it eliminates the barrier of having to find transportation to our office for folks who are physically unable to get there. **It also helps to preserve these neighbors' dignity and self-sufficiency because they do not have to ask another person to pick up food for them.**"



She went on to say that the program has been easy to implement even with their small staff. Katy hopes other food pantries will consider adding this program to their menu of services to reach a

population of food insecure individuals and families who may not otherwise have access to free, healthy food.

To be considered for the program, the location of pickup must be shared with DoorDash to ensure there are enough drivers in the area to support the location. Once this is approved, the network partner will sign a DoorDash agreement, and the Foodbank will help with other details. Interested partners can contact Neiva McKim at nmckim@acrfb.org or 330.777.1067 with questions.

## INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING DOORDASH?

The Foodbank is looking for partners who want to add DoorDash to their current pantry program. Below are some quick facts about the program:

- Families can sign up to receive 2 deliveries per month
- Each delivery should be 25-35 pounds of food
- The Foodbank is responsible for scheduling the drivers and troubleshooting any delivery issues
- The network partner is responsible for having pre-bagged food packages prepared for the distribution date
- The pre-assembled bags should contain approximately 20% fresh food
- The network partner will pick a 1-2-hour window to receive drivers and distribute the deliveries
- All clients must be marked as served in FreshTrak

## Thank you for making an impact for local families

Individuals in the Foodbank's eight-county service region are feeling the impacts of inflation. In the first half of the year, there have been 1 million visits to food programs in our hunger-relief network. All program types in the network are continuing to reach further and feed more individuals and families. **The impact of your time and dedication to your food program is making a difference.**



**Nearly 13,000 children** are served monthly through backpack and after-school programs.



**More than 780,000 people** were served at pantries, hot meal sites and shelters in the first half of this year.



**Nearly 10,000 food boxes** have been distributed to eligible senior citizens through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).



At food pantries, **the number of people visiting increased by 11%** compared to this timeframe last year, and **19% of the families' visiting pantries are new**, having never visited a food pantry before.



**Nearly 10,000 food boxes** have been delivered directly to people's homes through the network's partnership with DoorDash.

## REMAINING ROUNDTABLES

### WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HUNGER, NUTRITION, AND HEALTH September 28, 2022

*Main Campus in-person only*

Based on the national strategy around hunger, let's discuss how we can work together to support our community.

### CONNECTING OVER COFFEE October 11, 2022

*Main Campus in Akron & Virtual*

Spend time with other hunger-relief partners building connections and learning from one another.

### CULTURE VIEWED THROUGH FOOD October 27, 2022

*Main Campus in Akron & Virtual*

Learn how food can be a fun way to bring different cultures together.

You can register for these roundtables at [akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency/events](https://akroncantonfoodbank.org/agency/events)