With Gratitude

2019 ANNUAL REPORT
Dear friends,

Before we reflect on our work in 2019 throughout this report, it would be remiss of me to not acknowledge your relentless support of local hunger-relief efforts throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for your partnership during these unprecedented and challenging times. With your support, we’re continuing to feed our neighbors who are experiencing hardships.

Last year was an incredible year – we helped provide access to 25.2 million meals for our local community members and we sourced and distributed more than 6.7 million pounds of healthy, fresh produce.

Serving our dedicated network of hunger-relief partners, our free food distribution reached nearly 22 million pounds of food. We used our fundraising resources to secure and provide close to $800,000 worth of food grant support for our partners, and we gave away $200,000 worth of coolers, freezers and other essential non-food, capacity-building resources to help support our network.

That, my friends, is a busy year!

But it was also an especially significant year because, in addition to maximizing our core work, we launched Growing for Good: The Campaign to Reach Further and Feed More. This capital campaign will help us build an additional distribution center in Stark County and will fund a mission-critical expansion of the Akron facility.

We are closer than ever to achieving something truly monumental—putting a charitable food system in place that can change the history of hunger relief.

This is certainly an exciting time to be a part of the Foodbank’s work as we invest in the emergency food network that will serve this community for generations to come. We want to thank you again for all your support in 2019. Your partnership and dedication to this Foodbank’s hunger-relief efforts overwhelm me. We couldn’t do this meaningful work without all of you. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Daniel R. Flowers, President & CEO
As I look back over the past year, I could not be prouder to be associated with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

Under Dan Flowers’ spirited leadership, his amazing team of employees have performed tremendous work to assist individuals in need. This cohesive group works in harmony, each day, to fulfill the Foodbank’s vision of working toward a time when we have a thriving community free of hunger.

We achieved many milestones throughout the year, as noted within the pages of this annual report, none of which would have been made possible without the community’s support. We all know the importance of working together and collaborating toward a common goal. This team could not serve its mission without its faithful volunteers and community partners who further the Foodbank’s mission with generous donations of financial gifts and precious time. I am so grateful to all the Foodbank’s advocates.

In a world that is changing right before our eyes, the one consistent reality is that hunger is among us – now more than ever. But, with the unwavering dedication of our Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank’s team and our community partners, we are making great strides of impacting the difference between hunger and hope.

Together, we can reach further and feed more. Together, we can change the history of hunger in our community.

With gratitude,

William C. Shivers, Chair, Board of Directors
Thank you for making a significant impact in the lives of our neighbors.

I truly appreciate the support given to families who are in need.

With gratitude.

WILLY DANIELS
Food Program Recipient

Your Impact in 2019

- 25.2 million meals provided to the community
- 32.4 million pounds of food and essential items distributed
- $993,356 in capacity-building resources for hunger-relief partners
- 6.7 million pounds of fresh, nutritious produce given to hunger-relief partners
- 143,000 miles driven by the Foodbank fleet to rescue and distribute food
- 13,925 food boxes given to seniors through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- 59,378 hours of volunteer service

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Where does our food come from?

**LOCAL:** Donations from supermarkets, retail partners and local manufacturers

**USDA:** Federal products received through The Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and USDA trade mitigation

**NATIONAL:** Feeding America, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization, helps manage national relationships with donors like Kellogg’s and Kraft

**STATE:** Excess agricultural products are purchased from Ohio farmers with taxpayer dollars through The Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program

**PURCHASED:** Some products are purchased to supplement other items in inventory or to offer fresh produce in the colder months

**FOOD DRIVE:** Donations are collected by community members on behalf of the Foodbank

The Foodbank is extremely grateful for its partnerships with local retailers and grocery stores.

Through food donations, monetary contributions, volunteer support and board leadership, local retailers prove year after year how deeply committed they are to combating hunger and food insecurity. In 2019, Giant Eagle, its staff and customers contributed $327,364 and 837,000 pounds of food to the Foodbank—the equivalent of more than 2 million meals.

It’s clear that giving back to the local community is a cornerstone of Giant Eagle’s culture. As a food retailer, they have a passion for supporting organizations that help our neighbors in need put food on the table.

“We believe that strengthening our communities lifts us all up, but, more simply, is just the right thing to do,” said Dan Donovan, the senior director of corporate communications.

33% LOCAL

1% FOOD DRIVE

5% PURCHASED

17% STATE

18% NATIONAL

26% USDA

Our ability to partner together to feed families is inspiring for me and our Team Members.

With gratitude,

BILL ARTMAN

Foodbank Board Member
Senior VP, Retail Operations
Giant Eagle & Market District

Thank you to the dedicated food donors who help stock our shelves.
If we can put food in someone’s hand who’s in a low point in their life, it’s fulfilling for me to help.

With gratitude,

DAVE RICHEY
Community Harvest Program Volunteer

Because of our committed partners and volunteers, food is being rescued rather than thrown out.

The Foodbank is committed to rescuing food and getting it into the hands of the children, families and seniors struggling with hunger.

In addition to accepting shelf-stable products, the Foodbank obtains prepared and perishable food donations from restaurants, grocery stores, banquet facilities, events, etc. These items are rescued through the Agency Direct Pickup program (ADP), Community Harvest program and the Starbucks FoodShare program.

ADP empowers hunger-relief partners to pick up food donations directly from a donor. This innovative distribution model helps partners with limited storage receive products just prior to their distribution.

The Foodbank’s Community Harvest program and the Starbucks FoodShare program rely on volunteer drivers to collect perishable donations and deliver them directly to hunger-relief programs.

The Starbucks FoodShare program began at the Foodbank in 2017.

The program allows Starbucks stores to donate its surplus food to help people facing hunger. “Each Starbucks store is part of a community, and we’re committed to strengthening neighborhoods wherever we do business,” said Jane Maly, senior manager of global responsibility.

“This program is one way we are supporting our community and living our mission to inspire and nurture the human spirit — one person, one cup and one neighborhood at a time,” said Jane.
The generosity of leaders in our region helps eliminate the difficult choices families are often forced to make.

The Foodbank is extremely grateful for the support it receives from organizations and businesses within the community. These partnerships are invaluable to our hunger-relief efforts. Volunteer support, leadership on our board of directors, financial contributions, food and funds drive leaders – we couldn’t do this work without their support.

The FirstEnergy Foundation has been a long-time advocate of the Foodbank. For nearly 20 years, FirstEnergy has integrated the Foodbank into its larger, sustained commitment to hunger relief. It has worked hard to improve the vitality of the communities where its customers, employees and their families live and work.

“The Foundation cares deeply about collaborating with vital organizations to enable positive, sustainable changes that make our communities stronger and improve the quality of life for residents,” said Lorna Wisham, president of FirstEnergy Foundation and vice president of corporate affairs and community involvement for FirstEnergy.

The organization, its leadership and employees are committed to helping provide access to food for people facing hunger. In 2019, FirstEnergy employees helped provide the equivalent of 725,000 meals for our local community.

“By supporting the Foodbank and ensuring access to nutritious food for all, we can transform our community and give every individual the chance to succeed,” said Lorna.

I wish we could end hunger forever, but any effort toward that goal is worth supporting.

With gratitude,

LORNA WISHAM
President
FirstEnergy Foundation

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Together, we will change the history of hunger relief in our community.

The Foodbank is committed to providing enough food for all who need it. We have quantified the Meal Gap, which is the difference between the number of meals our community needs, and the number of meals that can be accessed. In order to meet the Meal Gap entirely, we must first increase our capacity; we must grow.

2019 was a significant year for the Foodbank. It secured 66 percent of its $11.5 million capital campaign goal, Growing for Good: The Campaign to Reach Further and Feed More. The campaign will help build a new distribution center in Stark County and will fund a mission-critical expansion of the Akron facility.

Stark Community Foundation has been a supporter of the Foodbank for more than 30 years. By supporting the Foodbank, the Foundation can make a larger impact in Stark County because they aren’t simply supporting one hunger-relief organization, but the Foodbank’s entire Stark County network of 117 food programs. The Foundation granted its largest board-directed gift ever—$1 million—to the Foodbank in 2019 in support of Growing for Good.

Our work at the Foundation to combat food insecurity in Stark County has opened our eyes to the number of people struggling through no fault of their own.

With gratitude,
MARK SAMOLCZYK
President & CEO
Stark Community Foundation

Please visit Growing4Good.org to learn more about our capital campaign.
Your investment in local hunger relief efforts helps fuel our vision of a hunger-free future.

More than 10 years ago, Alex and Pat Piteo decided to focus their philanthropic efforts on organizations in their own backyard that are providing services in key areas.

They were familiar with the Foodbank through their employers’ fundraising efforts and knew they could make a significant impact on hunger relief.

After contributing financially for so many years, Alex decided he’d volunteer with the Foodbank once he retired, and he’s been a diligent and hard worker ever since.

“I’ve met a lot of good people through the Foodbank, and we always have a great time,” said Alex.

Volunteers are vital to our efforts! They help us…

- Sort & repack food donations
- Pick up & deliver food donations around the clock
- Volunteer within our network of hunger-relief partners
- Assist with administrative tasks and office projects
- Plan & lead special events
- Serve families directly at Neighborhood Distributions
We’re so grateful for the volunteers who give so selflessly of their time and talents.

In partnership with Akron Public Schools and The LeBron James Family Foundation, your Foodbank operates a food pantry within the I PROMISE School. The pantry, available to families of students, is managed by Foodbank staff and volunteers. Offering wraparound services and additional support within a school setting is an innovative approach to supporting the entire family.

Melody Wren found comfort in volunteering for the Foodbank seven years ago. At the time, she was struggling with grief and was looking to be a part of something positive while giving back to her community. Her weekly volunteer service quickly confirmed her dedication to local hunger-relief efforts. She was one of a few chosen to help operate the food pantry at the I PROMISE School.

Melody witnessed many families struggling to provide the basics for their children before retiring from Summit County Children Services. She likes helping families navigate the pantry and enjoys hearing their delight at receiving the healthy and nourishing products.

“I’m thankful for the opportunity to be a servant in this community. I support the Foodbank and its work because it makes a difference in families’ lives,” said Melody.

2019 Volunteer Impact

10,443 volunteers

59,378 hours of service

29 full-time employees equivalent

2,109,591 meals processed through volunteer efforts
We couldn’t do this work without our hunger-relief partners—the first line of defense against hunger.

We’re proud to partner with approximately 500 food pantries, hot meal sites, shelters, backpack and afterschool programs, and other hunger-relief programs within our eight-county area. These committed partners serve our community members in neighborhoods where people need food.

He Brought Us Out Ministries, located in the North Hill neighborhood of Akron, knows it is making a significant impact on people’s lives. During a focus group comprised of food recipients, a man stated he was able to save up for and purchase much-needed medicine for his family because he can receive groceries at the ministry’s pantry. "That was really powerful to hear," said Executive Director Gary Wyatt.

Once a month, the pantry opens its doors and serves approximately 100 families. In 2019, it helped provide 56,600 meals for nearly 4,000 people facing hunger. “The need is real. You can never give away enough food. We know that a kid can’t learn and focus on an empty stomach.”

He Brought Us Out Ministries was chosen to participate in the Voices project, a client-centered feedback program to help inform system improvements which was funded by the Huntington Akron Foundation. Foodbank staff helped facilitate focus groups and surveys to better understand a client’s experience while at the pantry.

“We’re all about making changes and improving the process for the better. People are already down; we’re here to treat them with respect and give them incredible food,” said Gary.

After evaluating client survey results and feedback, the pantry made a few key changes. With approximately 30 languages spoken in North Hill, language differences were a major barrier. Working with Foodbank staff, a video was created in English and Nepali to explain how the pantry operates. For non-English readers, signs using images were also created to enhance the process.

Gary and his team of volunteers are passionate about serving the people of North Hill. “If we can do just one thing to remove the stress or depression someone is feeling during this low time in their life, then we’ve done our part.”

We’ve never seen anyone or any organization invest in treating people better.

With gratitude,
GARY & PATRICIA WYATT
He Brought Us Out Ministries
We are committed to efficiently and effectively investing your donations in the fight against hunger.

92 percent of all financial and in-kind donations go directly to food programs and services.

Financial transparency is important to us. Please visit our website for additional financial information. akroncantonfoodbank.org/resources

## Revenue & Support

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## Financials

*In 2019, the Foodbank began fundraising for a $11.5 million capital campaign that will fund the construction of an additional facility in Canton and an expansion at the Akron location. These key capital projects will address organizational capacity constraints and create new distribution points increasing access to nutritious food for the community. Learn more at Growing4Good.org.*
Hunger-Relief Partners

CARROLL COUNTY
Carroll Co. Council on Aging
Carroll Golden Age Retreat
Harbor Point
Hilton Learning Center
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
Malvern Christian Care Center, Inc.
Minerva Community Outreach at St. Paul's
Minerva United Methodist Church
Northeast. Jefferson Food Pantry
Riley's United Methodist Church/
Three Loaves Food Pantry
The Salvation Army (Minerva)
True North Church

HOLMES COUNTY
Bernean Community Church Operationzl
Darb Snyder Senior Center
Kno Ho Co CAC Airland Head Start
Lakemore United Methodist Church
Love Center Food Pantry
Millburn Church of God
St. John's United Church of Christ
Glenmont Food Pantry

MEDINA COUNTY
Battered Women’s Shelter/Medina
Brunswick United Methodist Church
Buckeye Christian Assembly
Feeding Medina County
First Baptist Church - Medina
First Church of God - Minden
Holden United Methodist Church
Holy Martyrs Catholic Church
SVDP/ Sacred Heart
Lafayette United Methodist Church
Life Spring Community Church
Living Hope/Medina
Lodi Family Center
Medina Police Activities League
Newbridge Place
Oak Family Care Center - Brunswick
Our Lady Help of Christian’s Church
Second Baptist Church Medina
Seville United Methodist Church
St. Ambrose Catholic Works of Mercy
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Paul’s Fine Farmers Market
The Salvation Army (Medina)
York United Methodist Church

PORTAGE COUNTY
Ben Bureau Family Foundation
Black Horse Baptist Church
Brimfield Community Cupboard, Inc.
Catholic Charities Serving
Portage and Stark County
Christian Cupboard-Ravenna/
Center of Hope
Church of Christ/Ravenna
Coleman Professional Services
Community Action Council/Youth Center
Community Bible Church
Community Food Pantry
Crestwood 4Cs
Kent Social Services
Mariah Center Christian Church
Miller Community House
Nelson Garnettville Community Cupboard
Rahab Ministries Portage
Randolph Suffolk Aftershield Food Shelf
Raven Packs
Renassance Family Center of
Windham, OH, Inc.
Riverwood Community Chapel
Saler Futures
Streetsboro Community Pantry
The Lord’s Pantry (Trinity
Lutheran Church)
The Salvation Army (North East
Portage Foodshed)
The Salvation Army (Ravenna)
Upper Room Cultural Development Center
Windham Bible Church
Family & Community Services
New Hope Baptist Church (Windham)

STARK COUNTY
All Saints Temple C.O.G.I.C.
Alliance Community Pantry Inc.
Alliance for Children and Families
Believer’s Assembly Church
Bolton United Methodist Church
Boys & Girls Club of Massillon
Canton Fulton Community Cupboard
Canton Calvary Mission
Canton Crossroads United Methodist
Canton Friendship Center
Catholic Charities Serving Portage
and Stark County/Stark
Central Baptist
Chapel of the Cross UNC
Community Guest Services Inc.
Community Drop in Center
Community Life Development
Community Restoration Centers,
Inc. of Stark County
Deliverance Christian Ministry
Domestic Violence Project, Inc
EN-RICH-MENT
Faith Kitchen
Feed My Sheep/Alliance
First Christian Church Massillon/Backpack
First Christian Church/Canton
First Immunual UCC
Grace Fellowship
Grace United Church of Christ
Helping Hands Network
Hope Outreach Ministry of Stark County
Interfaith Campus Ministry
Jesus Christ People Care Center
Lake Township FISH
Lifeshop Community Church
Little Flower Emergency Food Pantry
Louisville Community Cupboard
Massillon Knights of Columbus
Mt. Zion Community Church
North Canton Church of Christ
North Industry Christian Church
PACE Inc.
Pleasant Outreach Inc.
Refuge of Hope
River of Life Parish
Riverway Christian Church
S.A.L.T. Box Kitchen (St. John
Lutheran Church)
S.A.M. Center
Salt & Light Ministry (Community
Life C.O.G.I.C.)
Serving Hands Ministries
Sharing and Caring
Sherick Road Church of God
St. Barbara’s Food Pantry
St. Joseph of Arc Catholic Church
St. John’s United Church of Christ
Stark County Hunger Task Force
SVDP/ St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
SVDP/ St. Mary’s Church
T.O.S.M.
The Hope Pantry/Calvary Temple
Assembly of God
The Salvation Army (Alliance)
The Salvation Army (Canton)
The Salvation Army (Massillon)
Taypan Hands of Hope
True North Church
Urban Ministries Church/Canton
UrbanArk, Inc.
Warriors Project
Well of Hope Ministries
Westbrook Park United Methodist Church
YWCA Canton

Zion Lutheran Church North Canton
The Apostles of Canton
Coleman Crisis Services
The Summit
Deliverance House II
The Lord’s Pantry
Perry Helping Perry
Domestic Violence Project Inc.
3rd Street Community Church
RAM Ministries
Project REBUILD, Inc.
Beacon Academy

SUMMIT COUNTY
Access Inc.
Akron Bible Church/Helps Café
Akron Community Pantry
Akron Christian Reformed Church
Akron Community Development
Association - RBMS
Akron Rotary Camp
Akron Say No to Toper
Akron Urban League
Akron Summit County Public Library
ALPHA Nutrition Program
Apostolic Church of Akron
Arlington Memorial Baptist Church
ASIA, Inc.
Beaverton Adventist Community Services
Beaverton Area Community Ministries
Battled Women’s Shelter
Ben Curtis Family Foundation
Bethany United Church of Christ
Blessings in a Backpack
Blessings in a Backpack - Green
Bliss Club
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve
Bread of Life (Heart of Christ Ministries)
Breckenridge Church (First
Church of God Tallmadge)
Bulldog Bags, Inc.
C.O.B. Outreach
Calvary Apostolic Church of
Akron/Love Thy Neighbor
Catholic Charities Community
Services of Summit County
Celebration Church
Centenary United Methodist Church
Church of God Community Social Center
Christ The King
Church of Christ/Cuyahoga Falls
Church of Our Saviour
Community Health Center
Community Support Services
Compass North Church
Copley Road Community Center
Coronet Bible Church/Four Square Church
Coronet Christian Assembly
Coronet Church / City Lights
Cutler
Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors
Eagle Ministries Chapel, Inc.
Emmanuel Christian Assembly
Faith Temple Church
Family of Faith
Family Resource Center
Feed My Sheep/Bakery Road
Christian Church
Firestone Park United Methodist Church
First Apostolic Faith
First Baptist Church of Akron
First Congregational Food Cupboard
First Faith Development Corp
First Grace Student Center
First United Methodist Church
Fish and Loves Food Pantry
Focus Community Development Corp
Forest Hill Community Christian Church
Germanset, Inc.
Good Neighbors
Good Samaritan Hunger Center
Good Shepherd Christian Church
Greek Orthodox Church of Annunciation
Green Good Neighbors
Harmony House, Inc
Harvest Food Pantry
He Brought Us Out Ministry
Healing Vine Ministries
Heart 4 The City
Heart to Heart Ministries, Inc.
Heaven’s Gate Community Church
Help Open Peoples Eyes (H.O.P.E.)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Hudson Community Svcs Assoc.
I Promise School Pantry
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Interval Brotherhood Home
Jack’s Pantry
Journey Covenant Church
Kings Kitchen
Lakeview United Methodist Church
Lakeview Outreach Ministries
Legacy II, Inc.
Lockwood United Methodist Church
Macedonia Baptist Church
Middleville Chapel Food Pantry
Mount of The Lord
Mt. Olive Baptist Church/Akron
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
New Exodus Christian Fellowship
New Hope Baptist Church
New Life Missionary Baptist Church
Nordonia Hills City Schools Foundation
Northfield Presbyterian Church
North Portage Christian Church
Open Door Assembly of God
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Our Community Hunger Center
Pavilion of Praise Baptist Church
Peter Maurin Center of Akron
Philips Chapel CME Church
Prince of Peace Baptist Church
Rahab Ministries

River of Life Assembly of God, Akron Inc.
S.T.A.R. House
Safe Landing
Sarah’s House
Second Baptist Church
Shelter Care
South Akron Youth Mentornship
South Arlington United Methodist Church
South Street Ministries, Inc.
Springtime of Hope
St. Bernard Parish
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
St. Paul Holmes Church Of God
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church -
Fed My Sheep
St. Paul’s with a Goal (SWAG)
Summit County Children Services
SVDP - Fr. Hilbert Oraman Center
SVDP/Immaculate Conception Church
SVDP/ St. Harvey
Terry House
The Celis & Allyergy Friendly
Food Pantry
The Church in Silver Lake
The Emergency Assistance Center
The Father’s House
The Homeless Charity
The Salvation Army (Akron)
The Salvation Army (Barberton)
The Sanctuary
The Word Church
Tower of Prayer
True Reaching You Ministry, Inc.
Utarian Universalist Church of Akron
United Methodist Church of Macedonia
United Presbyterian Church
USA, Holmes Ministries
Urban Vision
Valor Home
Vantage Aging
Visitation of Mary
Wonder World Child Development Center
Word of Life Outreach Church
LAKC Community Services
Family Services
Pregnancy Choices
SPAN Ministries (Shepherd’s
Pasture for All Nations)
Ricky Powers Foundation
YMCA
Caring for Kids
Kingston Mission Outreach
Cruades Baptist Church
First Congregational Church Twinsburg
Humility of Mary-Housing
Faith in Christ
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Church
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St. Barnabas Village
Good Shepherd Christian Church
Copley Outreach Center
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With your help, families can overcome hunger and find financial stability.

Establishing strategic partnerships with local stakeholders is key in the Foodbank’s mission to feed more people. The relationships forged between the Foodbank and our passionate and committed Major Partners are vital to our community’s collective wellbeing. Thank you, Major Partners, for continuing to make a difference!

VISIONARY PARTNERS
1 million+ meals

LEADERSHIP PARTNERS
200,000+ meals
Our Mission
To lead a collaborative network that empowers people to experience healthy and hunger-free lives. We distribute food to feed people and we advocate, engage and convene our community in the fight to end hunger.

Our Vision
A thriving community free of hunger.

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