



IMPACT REPORT

WINTER 2021

To say the least, 2020 was a challenging year. From the beginning of the pandemic, your Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank determined there would be no closing of the Foodbank. It was our firm intention to lean into our response efforts and to demonstrate to the community that your faith in us was not without merit, and that in our time of testing, we would not fail. We increased the frequency of our drive-thru grocery distributions, serving nearly 47,000 families enough food to help provide 1.8 million meals, a 308 percent increase from the previous year. We delivered food directly to more than 12,000 families in need through innovative partnerships, and we provided access to 27.4 million meals to our eight-county region. But our COVID-19 response is far from over.

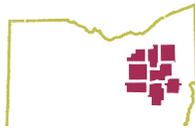
We know it will take months, if not years, for our region's economy and for local families to recover. Thank you for the incredible support so many of you have offered to answer the call to provide food to people in need across the region. Your Foodbank is better resourced than we have ever been going into a new year, and we have a bold plan to make the most of it.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT AND IT'S POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU, YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND YOUR FAITH IN US. WE THANK YOU.

FOOD INSECURITY IN OUR 8-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

16.5%

Percentage of population that is food insecure, a 31% increase caused by COVID-19



Number of food insecure individuals in our area

253,410

25.5%

Percentage of child population that is food insecure, a 43% increase caused by COVID-19



ANNUAL ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

	Meals Provided	27,371,124		Food Pantries	244
	Pounds Distributed	36,025,069		Hot Meal Sites/Shelters	108
	Produce Pounds Distributed	6,824,494		Senior Citizens Programs	44
	Average Daily Distribution	142,956		Youth & Backpack Programs	113
	Volunteers	3,700		Direct Distributions	12
	Volunteer Hours	62,000*		Other Programs	59
	Miles Driven	223,700		TOTAL PROGRAMS	580

*Members of the Ohio National Guard contributed nearly 50 percent of these hours.

