



Second Helpings

A PUBLICATION OF SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Feeding America CEO Visit

Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley staff and volunteers met with Feeding America's CEO, **Claire Babineaux-Fontenot**, during her visit this spring.

page 03

Thanks to Our Recent Donors

We're pleased to feature our donors, like the Girl Scout Troop below, who support the Food Bank through food and fund donations, in-kind support, grants and our endowment fund.

page 04

Equipment Grant in Action

Through the generous gift from Mackenzie Scott, Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley has been able to purchase much-needed equipment for member agencies.

page 06



Girl Scout Troop #80496

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Mitchell, President
Giant Eagle

Chuck George, Treasurer
Hapco, Inc.

Carl A. Nunziato, Secretary
Attorney-at-Law

Stewart (Joe) White, Past President
Dunkin' Franchises

Dr. Chester A. Amedia Jr. M.D.
Nephrologist

Jess Briganti
Apostolakis Auto Group

Bob Krohn
Pepsi Beverages Company

Anthony Modarelli
Sparkle Markets

Ryan Pastore
The PNC Financial Services Group

Lisa Taddei
FirstEnergy

Sidney Wylie
Community Representative

OUR MISSION

Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley's mission is to solicit, store and distribute food to hunger-relief organizations feeding people in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties; and to provide education and advocacy.

OUR VISION

Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley believes that no one should go hungry and is dedicated to building a community that makes food accessible to all people.

CHARITY RATING

The Food Bank holds a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities. A 4-star rating is Charity Navigator's highest rating.



This edition covers the time period of January through March 2022.



Second Harvest
Food Bank
of the Mahoning Valley



Whether rooting for the Cleveland Guardians, Pittsburgh Pirates or the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, baseball lovers all over the Valley are gearing up for what should be an exciting season. At the Food Bank, we are year-round fans of generous supporters—like you—who step up to the plate time and time again to help us make food more accessible to our hungry friends and neighbors in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

The new season also brings a different set of challenges for families with children. **For many children in our community, spring and summer vacations, and even regular weekends throughout the year, are times when they do not receive meals at school from the school's breakfast and lunch programs they depend on.**

With your help, the Food Bank distributed 10.6 million pounds of food last year to 163 member agencies in the tri-county area. We were able to provide more than 40,000 pounds of food each day, fulfilling an average of 12,000 requests for food each week (as nearly one in four children face hunger in the Mahoning Valley).

May is *Older Americans Month* and sadly a prosperous retirement is not the reality for many of our elderly friends and neighbors. The average Social Security benefit is \$1,555 a month, and a majority of seniors today rely on Social Security as their largest source of income. Many must live on considerably less. Each month, through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), a federally funded program, we provide 700 low-income senior citizens **ages 60+** with a box filled with foods that are a good source of nutrients, often lacking from the diets of the elderly.

We are truly grateful for your continued generous support that helps put food on the table for the thousands of hungry seniors, veterans, families and children each month. On their behalf, we thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
Michael Iberis
Executive Director

We rely heavily on monetary donations to help feed hungry families in our community. Please consider making a recurring monthly commitment by donating safely and securely online. Visit **mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org** or scan the QR code at right with your smart phone camera.



It is the policy of Second Harvest Food Bank to maintain the highest level of confidentiality with respect to donor information. We will not share donor names, addresses or fund-related financial information with organizations outside of the Food Bank. From time to time, donor names may be listed in Food Bank publications, but only after written notification is provided. In all cases, donors are given the option of remaining anonymous.

A Warm Welcome to the Valley

SPECIAL TIME WITH FEEDING AMERICA'S
CEO CLAIRE BABINEAUX-FONTENOT

Second Harvest Food Bank staff and volunteers were able to spend time this past month with Feeding America's **CEO, Claire Babineaux-Fontenot**. Babineaux-Fontenot made a commitment to visit all 200 Feeding America Food Banks. While in the Mahoning Valley, she praised Executive Director Mike Iberis for his leadership and thanked our staff for the wonderful work done here. Of the day's importance, Second Harvest Director of **Development, Renee** Fuller said, "It was an exciting opportunity to talk with Claire. She leads the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States with experience, wisdom and a hands-on, humble approach. It was inspiring for all." Feeding America, a domestic nonprofit organization, is a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks that feed more than 46 million people through food pantries, meal sites, shelters and other community-based agencies.



Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley was honored to be among 30 of the 200 member food banks nationally to receive Feeding America's *Advocacy Hall of Fame* certificate. This certificate was presented to our team in celebration of meeting six advocacy requirements for the challenge.

Donors Help Answer This Question...

WHERE IS MY NEXT MEAL COMING FROM?



Representatives from Dietz & Watson



Kim and Renee with Jason Baglama and Johnie Washington, United Steel Workers Local 9401

FOOD & FUNDS DRIVES

With gratitude, we thank those who contribute to help us feed hungry families in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

Armstrong's Breaking Bread one-day collection provided 281 pounds of food.

Austintown Fitch High School students collected 2,635 pounds of food for Harvest for Hunger.

Canfield Seniors Jack Hamilton and **Jake Yurchison** collected 512 pounds of food in their neighborhoods.

Dietz & Watson donated 5,000 pounds of assorted meats and cheeses through their Families Helping Families program in conjunction with local Giant Eagle stores.

Girl Scout Troop #80496 provided 4,246 meals from the donations they collected.

Great Clips donated \$1,300 to provide 6,500 meals to Feed Our Valley.

Hubbard High School students collected 3,021 pounds of food to begin Harvest for Hunger.

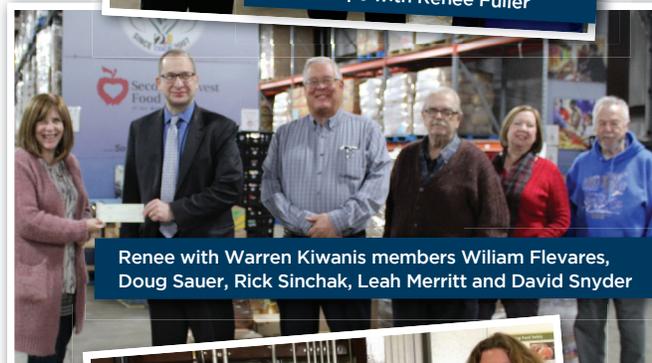
United Steel Workers Local 9401 donated \$1,400 in gift cards.

Ursuline High School's Theatre Department collected 359 pounds of food.

Warren Kiwanis donated \$1,887 from the 2021 Turkey Trot.



Jeff Lehman and Steve Vesey of Great Clips with Renee Fuller



Renee with Warren Kiwanis members William Flevares, Doug Sauer, Rick Sinchak, Leah Merritt and David Snyder



CHS Seniors Jack Hamilton and Jake Yurchison

FOOD DONORS

We extend our sincerest thanks to the many grocers, food manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers and brokers in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties who donate food to the Food Bank. Your donations are a lifeline to many who need emergency food assistance. Your efforts are truly appreciated and are making a difference to those without enough food to eat.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to the companies that contribute in-kind services.

GRANTS

Red Nose Day

\$10,000 to be used for childhood hunger.

Milk PEP Great American Milk Drive

\$929.36 to be used to purchase milk.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley Endowment Fund was established to provide for the growth of principal and the generation of future income to benefit our mission at Second Harvest. We invite you to become an endowment donor.

Charitable planned giving can provide many options with significant tax benefits to you, as the donor, while benefiting Second Harvest. Gifts to the endowment can be made by donations of cash, marketable securities, real estate or life insurance. Donations can be structured in many ways:

Lifetime gifts of stock or cash – A current gift may be advantageous under the new income tax rules.

Bequests – Name Second Harvest Food Bank in your will or trust.

Income-Producing Plans – Set up a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust to receive income for your lifetime with the remainder to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Charitable Lead Trusts – Support the Food Bank now and still leave assets to your heirs.

Life Insurance – Second Harvest Food Bank can be named as beneficiary or owner of your life insurance policy to make a substantial gift.

Second Harvest and its charitable agent, Farmers Trust Company, can work with you to include Second Harvest Food Bank in your estate plan. Please call Michael Iberis at 330.792.5522 or Debbi Grinstein of Farmers Trust Company at 330.740.1214 for more information or if you would like to discuss the endowment. *All information is confidential.*

We Distribute \$10 Worth of Food (5 Meals) for Every \$1 Donated



Make a safe, secure monetary donation to help feed hungry families in our community at mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org.



Warren Pantry Expands

THANKS TO EQUIPMENT GRANT SUPPORT

The First Presbyterian Church of Warren's Food Pantry was able to expand their services and offerings by utilizing equipment Second Harvest Food Bank provided through our equipment grant. In late 2020, the Food Bank received a large grant from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott and has been working since then to invest strategically in the capital improvement needs of our partner agencies. As food insecurity grows, so does their need for better and larger equipment.

THESE ITEMS ALLOW US TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT AND VARIETY OF FOOD GIVEN TO OUR CLIENTS, ESPECIALLY MEATS AND PROTEIN SOURCES

In 2021, First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry served over 1,400 people, while open on the third Tuesday of each month.

Their services are critically important to many people facing food scarcity and hunger in the Warren area. After receiving new equipment, a deep freezer, new refrigerator/freezer and new shelving at the facility, First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry expanded into a second room, increased their capacity for frozen meats, non-perishable items, fresh and frozen products.

Of the new equipment volunteers said, "The additions of these items allowed us to increase the amount and variety of food given to our clients, especially meats and other protein sources. We are grateful for this grant to help us better serve our community."



JoAnn Rubrake, Dorothy Gorton, Janet Williams, Cindy Athya and A.T. Tanase



HELP FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE IN COLUMBIANA, MAHONING AND TRUMBULL COUNTIES

- 1** conduct a food drive
at your office, church, school or neighborhood
- 2** support food drives & fundraisers
call us or visit our website for information
- 3** make a monetary donation
donate online or use the envelope attached
- 4** volunteer
call Penny for information 330.792.5522 ext. 102

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

FOR YOUR NEXT DONATION BY GRACIOUSLY
GIVING LESSER STOCKED ITEMS SUCH AS:



shelf stable milk real milk, you can store in the pantry because of airtight no-light packaging (not powdered), can be used on cereal



cooking oils have a long shelf life, provide flavor to foods and are needed to make even the most basic of meals



spices like oregano, basil, cinnamon, fresh cracked pepper or other spices are a small luxury that add flavor to any meal



coffee and tea are often an affordable option to donate that help bring a coffee shop favorite to a family's kitchen



pancake mix and syrup are both extremely popular, when we are able to get them they do not stay in stock for long



fresh produce is another rarely donated item, but could help lower blood pressure, reduce risk of heart disease and stroke

MAKE A HOUSE A HOME

BY HELPING FAMILIES WITH HOUSEHOLD WITH ITEMS LIKE:



feminine products are an expensive necessity, but aren't covered by WIC or SNAP benefits



cleaning supplies are essential in maintaining healthy living conditions, however aren't covered by most programs



hygiene products are welcomed items—soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, etc.



WHERE THE FOOD COMES FROM

- Growers
- Manufacturers
- Community Food Drives
- Distributors
- Retailers



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Storehouse of food for our friends and neighbors facing hunger.



FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED

- Food Pantries
- Meal Sites
- Homeless Shelters
- Senior Programs
- Youth Programs
- Residential Programs



FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER

- Families with Low Incomes
- Elderly
- Homeless
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Children
- People with Disabilities
- Veterans



Second Harvest Food Bank

of the Mahoning Valley



2805 Salt Springs Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44509

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 526
YOUNGSTOWN, OH

 **1 in 6** 

people in the Mahoning Valley face hunger.

 **1 in 4** 

children in the Mahoning Valley are at risk for hunger.

20,000 or more children in the tri-county area do not know where their next meal is coming from.

9 million meals

were provided to those in need in the tri-county area by the Food Bank last year alone.



1 click

to help make feeding our neighbors possible.

MAHONINGVALLEYSECONDHARVEST.ORG

Call the Food Bank at 330.792.5522,
or visit our website at
mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org
for additional information.

Editor In Chief - Renee Fuller
Editing and Design - McConnell Marketing
©2022 Second Harvest Food Bank

