



HOPE, MADE FRESH DAILY

AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOODBANK **2009 ANNUAL REPORT**




Dear Neighbors,

We are honored and moved to write that while times have been hard, in response to these hard times we still see hope, made fresh daily. Like bread, fruit and so many other essentials, we help individuals and families get the basics they need to weather the economic storms. Doing this is the cornerstone of our mission: **Feed People. Fight Hunger.** Though we have been so very successful, there still are the proverbial mountains to move. And in 2009, we had a record number of people join us in the fight to move them. Because of the overwhelming demand for emergency food, we welcomed an unprecedented number of new member agencies – 93 in all – bringing the total number of members served to more than 430 agencies for the first time in our Foodbank history. Also, 1,255 corporate and individual volunteers stepped up and gave more than 19,980 hours of service. 2009 was an incredibly strong year. The Foodbank distributed 18.7 million pounds of food in all, enough to provide more than 14.3 million meals. In addition, we enhanced our efforts to fight hunger in rural areas. As part of our agency capacity building program, the Foodbank partnered with two charities in Tuscarawas County, Journey's End Ministries and the Greater Dover New Philadelphia Food Pantry, which provided the equivalent of 700,000 more meals this year than last year.

While we're proud to recognize our accomplishments, we must remember the need is still great. In 2009, the Foodbank reported that the number of households with children receiving food at pantries had increased by 19 percent over the previous year. There's a kind of worry-free simplicity to being a child that is denied when kids, whether age 5 or 15, have to confront hunger. Helping kids be kids is part of our fight. For parents, making ends meet can be tough, especially when the gap between those ends keeps widening. Numbers show that 49 percent of our customers now report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel. The situations many of our customers face weren't created overnight, and they won't be erased overnight. In fact, experts expect the grip of the recession to be felt beyond 2010. That's why, throughout 2009, we conducted a comprehensive strategic planning process and affirmed our mission by approving a new, three-year strategic plan designed to Fight Hunger Regionally, Feed More People and Engage, Mobilize and Act. (More details about the plan can be found on our website.)

Feed People. Fight Hunger. The message is clear. The challenge is everyone's. But let us say that nothing, even hunger, is insurmountable where there is caring. And nowhere, have we seen caring work harder or more passionately than we have right here in Northeast Ohio.

We thank you sincerely for being part of the mix of people who make a difference, who make hope rise.



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Fight Hunger Regionally

By 2012, the Foodbank will exceed current national standards for meeting hunger needs in each county of its service area.

Feed More People

By 2012, the Foodbank will distribute more than 20 million pounds annually.

Engage, Mobilize, Act

By 2012, the Foodbank will engage 23,000 hours of volunteer support and develop an anti-hunger advocacy network.

2017 COMES EARLY

The future is now. Consider this: we distributed 18.7 million pounds of food in 2009 but weren't expected to reach figures like that until 2017. That tells you how urgent the need is, and how urgent it is that we stay focused on making sure pantries and soup kitchens stay stocked, staffed and operational.

In response to this urgency, the Board of Directors with the leadership of the Foodbank conducted a comprehensive strategic planning process throughout 2009. At its October meeting, the Foodbank's Board of Directors affirmed its mission to Feed People and Fight Hunger through the approval of a new three-year strategic plan. With your help, the Foodbank will achieve these key strategic goals by 2012.

FEED PEOPLE. FIGHT HUNGER.

H U N G E R I N A M E R I C A

In 2009, we joined Feeding America and foodbanks across the country to participate in *Hunger in America Study 2010*, the most comprehensive study ever done on hunger in the United States. The study was based on in-person interviews with more than 62,000 clients, as well as questionnaires from more than 37,000 agencies. The findings exposed the heartbreaking reality of how many people in our community need emergency food assistance. Many of our clients are families needing assistance for the very first time. These are new faces we are seeing and new lives we are touching.

FEEDING
AMERICA

AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOODBANK'S HUNGER IN AMERICA 2010 FINDINGS

The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank provides emergency food for more than 180,000 different people annually. About 46,000 different people receive emergency food assistance in any given week.

Agencies served by the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank provide food for a broad cross-section of households. Key characteristics include:

31% of the members of households are children under 18 years old.

36% of households report having at least one household member in poor health.

5% of the members of households are elderly.

About **73%** of clients are non-Hispanic white, **22%** are non-Hispanic black, **3%** are Hispanic, and the rest are from other racial groups.

41% of households include at least one employed adult.

68% have incomes below the federal poverty level during the previous month.

3% are homeless.

THE NUMBERS ARE STARTLING. EVEN WITH ONE ADULT WORKING, 41% OF HOMES ARE STILL NOT ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.



Hope, made fresh daily, means making a difference everyday in the lives of people who are hungry, and creating a place where things go right when so much else seems to be going wrong.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

While the demand for food continues to be vast, Harvest for Hunger, our largest food and funds drive, works wonders at closing the gap. In 2009, in the eight counties served by the Foodbank, the campaign raised more than \$688,000 and 2,064,000 meals. More than 250 businesses, churches and community organizations held food and fundraising drives. This open-handed generosity allows the Foodbank to take 100 percent of these donations and provide food at absolutely no cost to food pantries, hot meal sites and shelters across our service area.

HARVEST for HUNGER



Millions of people live each day without consistently knowing when their next meal will come. Many of them are children. As these numbers grow, so do the lines at meal sites and food pantries. When the need is this great, the giving needs to be greater—and it was. Through the generous donations of time, money and supplies from people and companies across our community, we met the rising tide of need. As we pursue our mission in the years ahead, we urge you to join us, to **Feed People and Fight Hunger.**

VOLUNTEERS DELIVER HOPE

To put it simply: volunteers are the heart of our food assistance programs. Between managing the record-breaking demand for food assistance and breaking in our new, state-of-the-art facility, volunteers and staff helped make 2009 as successful as ever. Throughout the year, 1,255 volunteers assisted at the Foodbank providing more than 19,984 hours of service.



Their ranks swell as the need rises and last year, as many as 94% of pantries, 89% of kitchens, and 64% of shelters in the Foodbank service area used volunteers. Many programs rely entirely on the time and efforts of volunteers. In fact, 74% of pantry programs and 53% of kitchens have no paid staff at all.



FINANCIALS

| PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE: | UNRESTRICTED | TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED | PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED | TOTAL |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Public support: | | | | |
| Grants and contributions | \$ 364,765 | \$147,522 | | \$512,287 |
| USDA distributed fees | 387,215 | | | 387,215 |
| Donated food | 19,722,571 | | | 19,722,571 |
| Fundraising | 2,005,408 | | | 2,005,408 |
| Capital campaign | 11,443 | | | 11,443 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 395,617 | (395,617) | | |
| Total public support | 22,887,019 | (248,095) | | 22,638,924 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Purchase program | 763,469 | | | 763,469 |
| Shared maintenance | 981,755 | | | 981,755 |
| Distribution fees | 116,387 | | | 116,387 |
| Freight income | 141,576 | | | 141,576 |
| Investment income | 35,652 | | | 35,652 |
| Unrealized loss on investments | 265,314 | | | 265,314 |
| Realized loss on sale of investments | (75,726) | | | (75,726) |
| Gain (loss) on interest in net assets of the Endowment | 67,060 | | 177,399 | 244,459 |
| Loss on sale of fixed assets | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 17,858 | | | 17,858 |
| Total revenue | 2,313,345 | | 177,399 | 2,490,744 |
| Total public support and revenue | 25,200,364 | (248,095) | 177,399 | 25,129,668 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Program services | 22,855,367 | | | 22,855,367 |
| Supporting services | 752,028 | | | 752,028 |
| Fundraising expenses | 866,982 | | | 866,982 |
| Total expenses | 24,474,377 | | | 24,474,377 |
| Change in net assets | 725,987 | (248,095) | 177,399 | 655,291 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | 8,424,557 | 565,865 | 182,232 | 9,172,654 |
| Net assets, end of year | \$9,150,544 | \$317,770 | \$359,631 | \$9,827,945 |



2009 MEMBER AGENCIES

Carroll

Atwood Angels Food Pantry
Blest Ministry
Camp Aldersgate
Camp Wakonda
Carroll Co. Council on Aging
Carroll Golden Age Retreat
Hilltop Learning Center
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
Malvern Christian Care Center, Inc.
Minerva Assembly of God
Northeast Jefferson Food Pantry
Salvation Army/Minerva
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Holmes

Caring Station
Holmes County Senior Center
Holmes County Share A Christmas
Love Center Food Pantry
Millersburg Church of Christ
Millersburg Church of God
New Beginnings Ministries & Outreach
Skyview Ranch

Medina

Brunswick Food Pantry
Brunswick United Methodist Church
Church at Stony Hill
First Baptist Church/Medina
For His Glory
Humbolt House
Living Hope Church/Medina
Medina United Methodist Food Pantry
Salvation Army/Medina
Second Baptist Church Medina
Seventh Day Adventist CSC
St. Francis Xavier Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Paul's Free Farmers Market
Trease Road Child Care Center

Portage

Blick Clinic
Brimfield Community Cupboard
Center of Hope
Christian Cupboard/Ravenna
Church of Christ/Ravenna
Coleman Adult Day Services
Coleman Professional Services
Community Action Council Youth Center
Community Bible Church
Community Food Pantry
Crestwood 4Cs
Kath's Kasa Inc.
Kent Social Services
Miller Community House
New Beginnings Church of God
Randolph Suffield Food Shelf
Rootstown Elementary P.T.A.
Safer Futures

Salvation Army/North East Portage Food Shelf
Salvation Army/Ravenna
Senior Nutrition Program
Streetsboro Christian Cupboard
Streetsboro Community Pantry
The Lord's Pantry
The Village Network/Ravenna-Portage
Town Hall II Horizon House
Upper Room Cultural Development Center
Winfield Food Pantry

Stark

Adventure Place
Alliance Area YMCA - YMCA of Central Stark County
Alliance for Children & Families
Alliance Kiwanis
Alliance of Churches, Inc.
Alliance Pregnancy Center
American Rescue Workers
Apostolic Faith Missions Dept.
Believer's Assembly Church
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Camp Wanake
Canaan Acres Christian Camp
Canal Fulton Community Cupboard
Canton Area YMCA
Canton Calvary Mission
Canton Free Will Baptist Church
Canton Friendship Center
Canton Pentecostal Temple
Christian Harbor of TMRC
Church of God Saints in Christ
Church of the Master/Canton
Church of the Savior
Community Care Services, Inc.
Community Drop In Center
Community Services - Stark County
Community Treatment Center
Concerned Citizen's of the 4th Ward
David YMCA-YMCA of Central Stark County
Dueber Kids Club
Faith Kitchen
Family Life Center
Feed My Sheep/Alliance
First Assembly of God
First Christian Church/Alliance
First Christian Church/Canton
First Church of the Resurrection
First United Presbyterian Church
Glory Bound Christian Church
Grace Fellowship
Grace Operation & Development Center
Grace United Church of Christ
Helping Hands Network
His Place for You Ministries
J.R. Coleman Family Services
James S. Thomas United Methodist Church
Jazzy Kidz Day Care

Jesus Christ People Care Center
Life Song Church
Lifeline Ministries
Light & Life Outreach Pantry
Little Flower Emergency Food Pantry
Louisville Community Cupboard
Louisville Area YMCA
Martin Luther Lutheran Church
Massillon Knights of Columbus
Hot Lunch
Minerva Area YMCA - YMCA of Central Stark County
Mt. Olive Baptist Church/Canton
Multi Development Services
New Hope SDA Church
North Canton Church of Christ
North Canton YMCA - YMCA of Central Stark County
Northwest Church of Christ
Pathway Caring for Children
Pregnancy Support Center
Project Rebuild Community
Vocational High School
Quest Recovery Services
Refuge of Hope
River of Life Pantry
Rivertree Christian Church
RLCF (River of Life Christian Fellowship)
S.A.L.T. Box Kitchen
Salt and Light Ministry
Salvation Army/Alliance
Salvation Army/Canton
Serving Hands Ministries
Sharing and Caring
Sherrick Road Church of God
Shiloh Baptist Church
Southeast Community Interfaith Meal

St. Barbara's Food Pantry
St. Joan 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. Inc.
The Village Network Foster/Canton
TLC/Manna House
TLC/Manna House II
Trinity Lutheran Church (Urban Ark)
Union Baptist Church/Canton
Zion Lutheran Church North Canton

Summit

Access Inc.
Akron AIDS Collaborative
Ujima House
Akron Baptist Temple
Akron Bible Church/Hope Cafe
Akron CSC & Urban League
Akron Missionary Baptist
Akron Rotary Camp
Akron Summit Community Action
Agency/Springfield
Akron-Summit Community Action

Agency/Barberton Branch
ALPHA Nutrition Program
American Red Cross of Summit Co.
Antioch Baptist Church
Ardmore
Arlington Memorial Baptist Church
Asia Inc.
Barberton Area Community Ministries
Barberton Seventh Day Adventist
Battered Womens Shelter
Bethany United Church of Christ
Bethel 7th Day Adventist Church
Blick Clinic
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve
Butch Reynolds Care for Kids
Café Forty-One:Eleven
Calvary Open Bible Church
Catholic Social Services of Summit Co.
Catholic Workers of Akron
Cherubim's Cultural Center
Child Guidance & Family Solutions
Choices Community Social Center
Christ the King Church
Christ Way Ministries
Church of Christ/Cuyahoga Falls
Church of the Holy Spirit
College Students Ministry
Community Habilitation Services Inc.
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Community Pregnancy Center
Community Support Services
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CYO Camp Christopher
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Destiny Youth Academy
East Liberty Assembly of God
Education Alternatives
Ellet Good Neighbors
Emmanuel Christian Assembly
Evan, Inc.
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Outreach Ministries
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Feed My Sheep Ministry
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First Presbyterian Church
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Focus Community
Development Corp.
Focus Community Development Corp. - Youth

Focus Service Providers
Food Pantry at St. John the Baptist
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Gennesaret, Inc.
Good Neighbors
Good Samaritan Hunger Center
Greater Works Outreach Ministries
Greek Orthodox Church of Annunciation
Green Good Neighbors
H.A.N.D.
Harvest Food Pantry
He Brought Us Out Ministry
Heart to Heart Ministries
Food Pantry
Help Open Peoples Eyes
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Interval Brotherhood Home
JoAnns Pantry
Joseph's Kitchen
Journey Covenant Church
Kenmore Neighborhood Food Pantry
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Living Stone Apostolic Church
Lockwood United Methodist Church
Macedonia Baptist Church
Manna From Heaven
Maranatha Bible Church
Mature Services
Mature Services Marion Hall
Middlebury Chapel Food Pantry
Miller Avenue United Church of Christ
Mogadore Baptist Church
Mt. Olive Baptist Church/Akron
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
New & Living Way International
Ministries
New Exodus Christian Fellowship
SDA
New Life Christian Fellowship
SDA Church
New Life Missionary Baptist Church
North American Indian Culture Ct.
North Hill Community Baptist Church
Northfield Presbyterian Church
Community Meal
Open M
P.A.L.S. Home Consortium
Pastoral Counseling Service
Pavilion of Praise Church of God in Christ
Peoples Baptist Church
Phillips Chapel CME Church
Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Pregnancy Care of Summit County
Prince of Peace Baptist Church

Project Agape CDC
Retirees Hunger Center
S.C.C.T.T./S.O.S.
Safe Landing
Salvation Army/Akron Citadel
Salvation Army/Akron Temple
Salvation Army/Baberton
Salvation Army/Grant St.
Second Baptist Church
Shelter Care
Solid Rock Christian Fellowship
Baptist Church
South Side Dreams Association
South Street Mission
Springtime of Hope
St. Bernard's Catholic Church
St. Bernard's Hot Meal
St. John C.M.E. Church
SVDP/ Immaculate Conception Church
SVDP/ Immaculate Heart of Mary
SVDP/ St. Hilary
SVDP/ St. Martha's Conference
Tallmadge Church of the Nazarene
Tallmadge Good Neighbors
Tarry House
Tarry House Respite
The Chapel
The Father's House
The King's Chapel
The Sanctuary
The Village Network
The Village Network/Foster/Akron
Time For New Beginnings Ministry
Tower of Prayer
Trinity In The Community
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United Presbyterian Church
Unity Holiness Ministries
University of Akron Project MacD
Urban Ounce of Prevention Services
Victory Garden
Violets Cupboard
Visitation of Mary
Wesley Temple AME Zion Church
Williard United Church of Christ
Wonder World Child Development Center
Word of Life Outreach Center
YMCA Camp Y-Noah
Zion Lutheran Church/Akron

Journey's End Ministries
Salvation Army/Dover
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Twin City Pantry
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Friendship Meals Inc.
Gault Family Learning Center
Hands of Grace
Hope Homes, Inc.
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New Hope Christian Center
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Orrrville Boys & Girls Club
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