



DID YOU KNOW?

More than 9,750 volunteers donated more than 58,000 hours of service to the Foodbank in 2016.

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A Lifetime of Achievement

Hundreds of staff and volunteers from our network partners stop by the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank every day to load vehicles with a variety of food for their next distribution. Some drive several hours, many in personal vehicles, to ensure their neighbors won't go hungry. Because of your support, our network partners continue their amazing work in our community. In honor of individuals who give their time, energy and heart to hunger relief efforts, the Foodbank presented three network partners with a Lifetime Achievement Award this past August.

Janet Gore, director of Journey's End Ministries, was one of the award winners presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. She gave 11 years of outstanding service to the Newcomerstown community. The pantry, which she describes as a "lively, loving place," has more than doubled its hunger relief efforts

in the past ten years. In 2016, the pantry served 30,000 families, or 104,000 members of the community with more than one million pounds of food! Janet expanded relief efforts to surrounding towns to ensure anyone who needs help feels welcome. She also led her team of more than 50 volunteers through the transition of becoming a choice pantry, allowing those in need to choose items they would like to take home.

Janet has recently announced her retirement. Although she is stepping down from the director position, she will join the team of volunteers who manage the clothing donation program at Journey's End Ministries.





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EVERY DONATION COUNTS! As colder weather quickly approaches, the need for food for local families becomes even greater. The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's holiday campaign provides food for those who struggle with hunger this time of year. We invite you to join hundreds of individuals, local companies, non-profit organizations, schools and faith-based organizations in making a donation to help feed our neighbors in need.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO JOIN OUR HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

DOUBLE DOLLAR DAY

The Foodbank will hold its seventh annual Double Dollar Day on the traditionally largest online-shopping day of the year, Cyber Monday, November 27, 2017. For every \$1 donated, a generous friend of the Foodbank will make a matching gift. On this day, \$1 = 8 meals.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

A tax-deductible gift is always welcome, which can be made online or via postal mail. With the partnerships and strong purchasing power of the Foodbank, every \$1 donation = 4 meals.

POINT OF PURCHASE DONATION PROGRAM

Own a local business or restaurant? Show support of the Foodbank by becoming an official Point of Purchase partner. Partners are asked to place a donation container at check-out registers, sell Foodbank icons, or engage customers in giving by inserting a buck slip in check presenters. Customized marketing materials will be provided. Partners will be recognized on the Foodbank's website and its social media outlets, and be designated as an official public collection location.

LONG HAUL AGAINST HUNGER

On Friday, December 1, 2017, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank will proudly partner with iHeartMedia for the annual Long Haul Against Hunger event. Listeners of 98.1 KDD, Rock 106.9, 99.7 Canton's New Country, 640 WHLO and My 101.7 are invited to drive by and donate monetary donations and non-perishable food. Drop-off locations include Giant Eagle in Fairlawn, 2775 W. Market St. or Giant Eagle in Canton at The Strip, 6493 Strip Ave. N. To learn more about this event or to donate online, please visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/longhaul.

Please visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/holiday or call 330.535.6900 for more information.

Feeding More Together

We believe in a community where all people can live a healthy and hunger-free life. By focusing on goals set forth in our strategic plan, **Foodbank 2020**, we're committed to providing enough meals to meet the needs of everyone in our region struggling with hunger.

Our 2016 Annual Report focuses on thinking innovatively about how the Foodbank can have the greatest impact on food security for our local communities. The four main strategic initiatives developed include, 1) providing enough food for all, 2) leveraging food as a community catalyst, 3) connecting in service with its network partners and communities served, 4) continuing to strengthen the Foodbank as a community asset.

We invite you to visit akroncantonfoodbank.org/resources to view the 2016 Annual Report.



Thank You, Foodbank Major Partners

Thank you for being committed to fighting hunger for our neighbors in need! We are honored to recognize our top Foodbank Partners, and hope that you continue to support these local partners, as they proudly contribute to us. Recognition opportunities are based on total donations received during the previous calendar year.

LEADERSHIP PARTNERS 200,000+ MEALS



MISSION PARTNERS 80,000+ MEALS

415 Group	Kovatch Family Charitable Fund
Akron Area Interfaith Council	Marc's
Akron Children's Hospital	Nationwide Insurance
Aultman Health Foundation	Robert O. & Annamae Orr Family Foundation
The Beaver Excavating Company	Park Auto Group
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HONOR ROLL

Thank You to our top supporters of the season!

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selfless elf 5k run ♥ walk



In the spirit of the holidays, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank invites you to participate in the fifth annual 5k Selfless Elf run/walk on Saturday, **December 16, 2017.**

For additional information or to register, please visit selflesself.com or contact Megan Birman at mbirman@acrfb.org with any questions.



Foodbank turns orange for Hunger Action Month

In September, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, along with the 200 other Feeding America food banks, celebrated Hunger Action Month, raising awareness about food insecurity and hunger in our communities.

On September 8-9, the Foodbank welcomed more than 1,800 volunteers for the fifth annual Operation Orange. This 24-hour volunteer event invites community members into the warehouse to roll up their sleeves for 2-hour shifts. Activities included bagging fresh produce, inspecting and sorting frozen meat, and relabeling cereal and fruit and nut mix. Special thank you to Dominion Energy, our title sponsor for Operation Orange

Volunteers had a great time working, but also dancing all night long, and mingling with the famous mascots present, including Webster from the Akron RubberDucks, Zippy from The University of Akron, and the Leaf from Summit Metro Parks.

24 HOURS • 1,800+ VOLUNTEERS
266,000 LBS OF FOOD
221,663 MEALS

“We’re incredibly grateful for our friends, community members and network partners who donated their time with us during Operation Orange. All the food you touch today, will be in the hands of those facing hunger in our community by next week.”

DAN FLOWERS
 PRESIDENT & CEO

Thank you for attending Taste of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

Because of your support of Taste of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the largest fundraiser of the year for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, the Foodbank will be able to provide enough food for more than 780,000 meals!

The Rail was crowned the People’s Choice award winner. The Rail won the honor of most popular dish by serving the Mojo Burger, the Mr. Mariola Sandwich, the Bruschetta Burger and a blueberry-basil lemonade made with OYO Vodka.

“Our community truly rallied together to support hunger-relief efforts. Thank you for believing all families in our community deserve access to healthy, nourishing meals and for supporting your Foodbank.”

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