



## 2024 Fall **FOODBANK UPDATE**

### Your impact in action



#### Every meal has a story. Meet Steven.

A few years ago, Steven had a heart attack. He spent months in the hospital, learning to walk and talk again. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with liver failure and type 2 diabetes.

Steven's budget has been strained in a way he never anticipated. He worked in construction sales for nearly 20 years to provide for his family. But after his health emergency, he had to quit working. And his necessary prescription medications cost more than \$600 per month.

To help make ends meet, Steven started visiting the food pantry located in Cleveland Clinic Akron General, a partner of the Foodbank.

**"The pantry has helped supplement some of my meals, and I can pay for my meds," says Steven.**

Thank you for supporting hunger relief!

## Your support helps provide holiday meals

As we enter the holiday season, when traditions center around meals with loved ones, your Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is prepared to help create a season filled with kindness, warmth and nourishing meals for thousands of families struggling with hunger. **Your Foodbank continues to serve a record number of people – seeing an 18% increase in visits from people seeking help.**

Enough food for more than 23 million meals has already been distributed in the first three quarters of the year, up 20% compared to the previous year. Our inventory turnover rate is still extremely high; we're distributing food as fast as it's coming in.

Our community continues to face hardships, but because of your generosity, we can warm the hearts of our neighbors in need, one nourishing meal at a time.

### January-September at a glance



**14,000**  
children served  
monthly

**358,000**  
meals distributed  
to older adults



**20,700**  
food boxes delivered  
to neighbors