

Join the Paper Plate Project!

Why paper plates?

Ohio's network of 12 Feeding America foodbanks provides hunger relief in all 88 Ohio counties through more than 3,300 hunger relief organizations, including food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and supplemental feeding programs. State and federal legislators need to hear the voices of their constituents and that hunger is a problem in their communities. A simple paper plate symbolizes that voice.

Since 2010 the Ohio Association of Foodbanks and member foodbanks have collected over 30,000 paper plates from Ohioans standing in line for one of their most basic needs— food— and from Ohioans deeply concerned about hunger and poverty in their community. You can read paper plates collected from across Ohio by visiting www.ohiofoodbanks.org/advocacy.

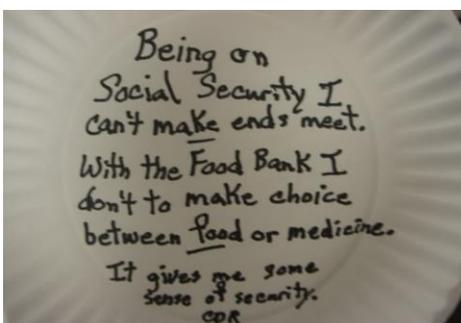
How do I get involved?

It's easy!

1. Get a simple paper plate and fill it out with your message about hunger and poverty.
 - a. Why do you care about ending hunger and poverty in Ohio?
 - b. What brought you to your local foodbank, food pantry, soup kitchen, or shelter— either as a client or as a volunteer?
 - c. What would you say to others to encourage them to take part in the fight against hunger?
2. Mail your paper plate to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, Attn: Nora Balduff, 101 East Town St., Ste. 540, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
3. Or take a picture of your paper plate and e-mail it to nora@ohiofoodbanks.org. Make sure to include your zip code in the e-mail so we can get your paper plate to your legislator!
4. Then tell your family, friends, and colleagues to join you in raising your voice to make a difference!



We'll deliver your paper plate to your legislator. If you'd like to stay informed about the paper plate project and other ways you can advocate to end hunger in Ohio, make sure you sign up for our action alerts by visiting www.ohiofoodbanks.org/advocacy.



If you need a large quantity of plates to distribute to your neighbors, at a church gathering, or at another event, please contact Nora Balduff, director of child and senior nutrition at the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, by e-mail at nora@ohiofoodbanks.org or by phone at 614-221-4336, ext. 230.

Thanks for getting involved by sharing your story through the Paper Plate Project!

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