



2023

Annual Report





The Ohio Association of Foodbanks assists Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks in providing food and other resources to people in need and pursues areas of common interest for the benefit of people in need. Our statewide hunger relief network is made up of about 3,600 food pantries, hot meal sites, shelters, and other hunger relief programs serving food insecure Ohioans in all 88 counties in Ohio.



FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

This year, amid swirling local, state, regional, national, and global turmoil, Ohio households have faced historically high prices for food at the same time that pandemic-era supports, like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotments, ended. Unsurprisingly, but devastatingly, these simultaneous crises have contributed to a significant increase in food insecurity and growing numbers of people seeking help from our statewide charitable hunger relief network.

What is giving us strength to keep pushing this growing boulder up a steepening cliff? The foodbankers and volunteers that continue to show up with conviction in our shared cause. The funders and donors that remain committed to preventing hunger and promoting food and economic security. Our state and federal partners that continue to invest in meeting gaps in access to nutritious food today while supporting innovative models for addressing the upstream causes of food insecurity longer-term. And most importantly, the Ohioans living with food insecurity who have linked arms with us to share their stories and advocate for their futures.

We invite you to learn more about our efforts to ease hardship and seek hope this year, and we ask humbly that you continue to walk with us and the people we serve.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE SOURCES

Government Revenue	\$59,112,797
Foundation Revenue	\$470,535
Other Operating Income	\$381,533
Dues from Foodbanks	\$245,497
Donations	\$90,885
Interest Income	\$166,758
Total Income	\$60,468,005

EXPENSES

Food Programs*	\$51,837,876
Other Programs**	\$6,395,295
Fundraising	\$58,915
Administration	\$1,498,626
Total Expenses	\$59,790,712

**Includes Ohio Food Program and Agricultural Clearance Program, Governor's Summer Meals Programs, ARPA, and LFPA **Includes AmeriCorps, Benefits Outreach, Navigator Program, Connecting Kids to Coverage, and Work Experience Program*

We could not achieve our mission to provide food and other resources to people in need and to pursue areas of common interest for the benefit of people in need without the support of a variety of public and private partners and community members. See pages 22-24 for a full list of our funders and donors.



NETWORK SNAPSHOT



Our statewide network of 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,522 member hunger relief agencies and programs provided 256,603,128 pounds of take-home groceries, or enough to provide 214 million meals, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Collectively, our network provided those take-home groceries to 4,672,538 households, made up of 13,170,328 household members, including 3,812,789 children (28.9%), 6,410,389 adults (48.7%), and 2,947,150 seniors (22.3%). Our network also provided 15.2 million prepared meals through shelters, hot meal sites, and Kids Cafes.



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**

1,134 member agencies serving 6 counties
52,855,614 pounds of food distributed
753,513 households with 1,897,918 household members served
463,293 (24.4%) children, 848,675 (44.7%) adults, 585,950 (30.8%) seniors



127 member agencies serving 4 counties
11,117,203 pounds of food distributed
259,333 households with 773,092 household members served
225,952 (29.2%) children, 360,409 (46.6%) adults, 186,731 (24.1%) seniors



546 member agencies serving 8 counties
31,439,985 pounds of food distributed
588,105 households with 1,624,886 household members served
459,659 (28.2%) children, 803,280 (49.4%) adults, 361,947 (22.2%) seniors



**Second Harvest
Food Bank**
of the Mahoning Valley

112 member agencies serving 3 counties
10,384,261 pounds of food distributed
159,542 households with 400,545 household members served
109,402 (27.3%) children, 181,504 (45.3%) adults, 109,639 (27.3%) seniors



**mid-ohio food
collective**
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654 member agencies serving 20 counties
78,564,636 pounds of food distributed
1,558,975 households with 4,994,655 household members served
1,588,885 (31.8%) children, 2,512,962 (50.3%) adults, 892,808 (17.8%) seniors



89 member agencies serving 11 counties
8,138,980 pounds of food distributed
116,896 households with 301,224 household members served
80,020 (26.5%) children, 138,847 (46.1%) adults, 82,357 (27.3%) seniors



307 member agencies serving 8 counties
23,293,953 pounds of food distributed
419,938 households with 1,008,560 household members served
287,172 (28.4%) children, 497,636 (49.3%) adults, 223,752 (22.2%) seniors



106 member agencies serving 5 counties
9,088,580 pounds of food distributed
140,916 households with 418,435 household members served
127,093 (30.3%) children, 209,381 (50.0%) adults, 81,961 (19.5%) seniors



80 member agencies serving 3 counties
5,304,094 pounds of food distributed
102,015 households with 244,254 household members served
64,197 (26.2%) children, 116,069 (47.5%) adults, 63,988 (26.2%) seniors



174 member agencies serving 8 counties
4,903,667 pounds of food distributed
174,319 households with 451,104 household members served
134,604 (29.8%) children, 214,560 (47.5%) adults, 101,940 (22.6%) seniors



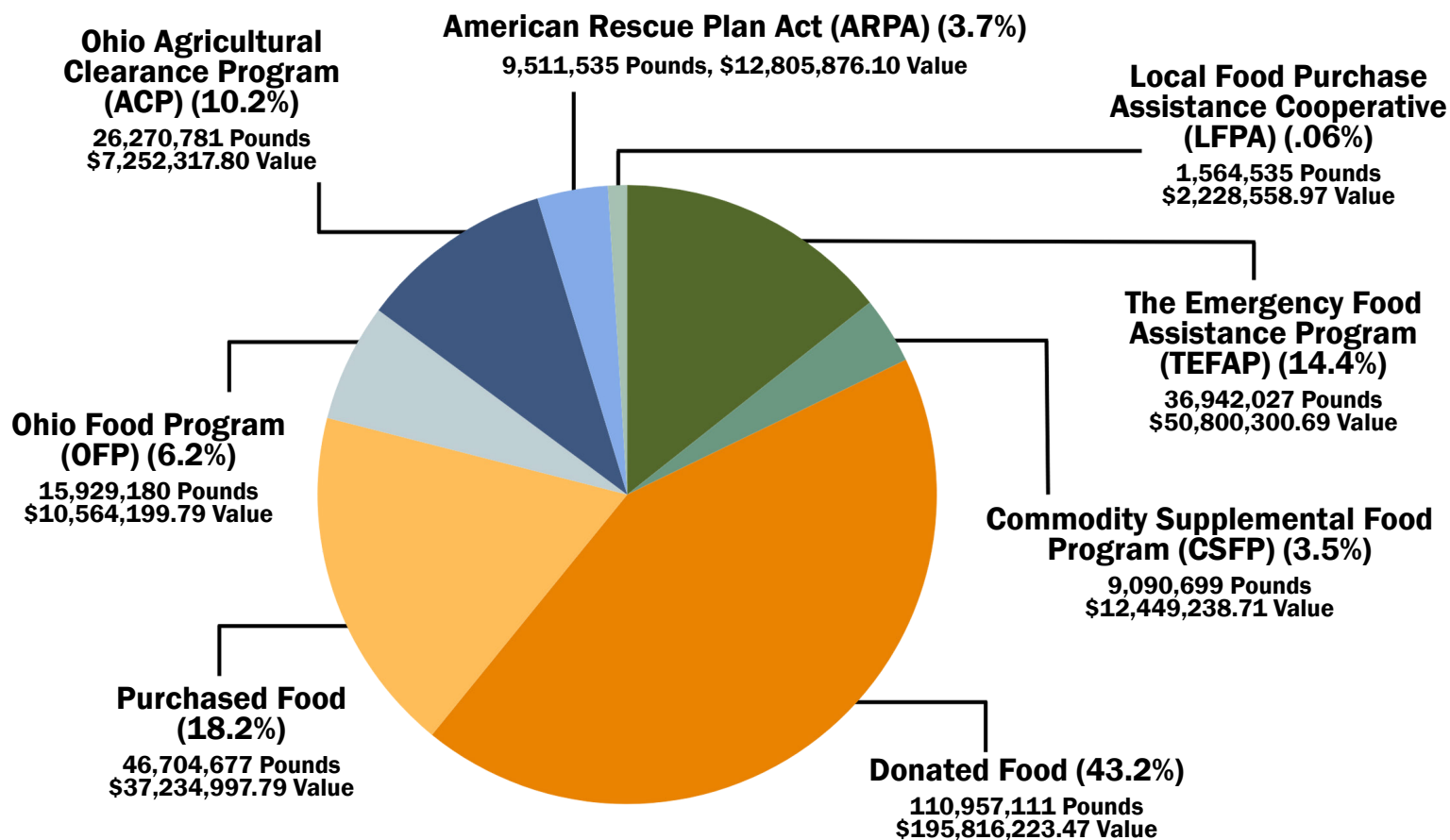
62 member agencies serving 10 counties
4,861,487 pounds of food distributed
120,522 households with 309,800 household members served
72,692 (23.4%) children, 147,109 (47.4%) adults, 89,999 (29.0%) seniors



131 member agencies serving 3 counties
16,520,303 pounds of food distributed
278,464 households with 745,855 household members served
199,820 (26.7%) children, 379,957 (50.9%) adults, 166,078 (22.2%) seniors

To calculate meals served, we utilize Feeding America's formula of 1.2 pounds of food per meal. Household service statistics represent duplicated counts, meaning that a family visiting multiple times during the year would be counted each time they receive food.

SOURCES OF FOOD, AS DISTRIBUTED



State Funding Sources

- American Rescue Plan Act:** ARPA funds were provided by Governor DeWine and members of the Ohio General Assembly to support and purchase Ohio protein.
- Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program:** Operated by the Ohio Association of Foodbanks with funding from the State of Ohio to purchase Ohio produce and dairy.
- Ohio Food Program:** Operated by the Ohio Association of Foodbanks with funding from the State of Ohio to purchase shelf-stable and protein items.

Private Funding Sources

- Purchased Food:** Purchased foods are products that foodbanks buy using monetary donations and charitable dollars.
- Donated Food:** Donated foods include products donated through community-based and retailer and manufactured donations and corporate food drives.

Federal Funding Sources

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program:** CSFP is administered by the USDA with funding appropriated by Congress to provide food to low-income older adults.
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program:** TEFAP is administered by the USDA with funding appropriated by Congress.
- Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative:** LFPA or Ohio CAN is a program administered by the USDA and implemented in partnership with the state of Ohio to support local and historically disadvantaged or underserved growers, producers, and suppliers.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

COMMODITY

LBS

Beef, Fresh & Ground	309,237
Beef: Select Sires Project	48,000
Beef, Canned	241,136
Butter	129,336
Cheese	434,851
Dairy Boxes	478,340
Milk	2,144,369
Chicken, Canned	251,781
Chicken, Fresh & Ground	865,729
Eggs	782,496
Turkey Sausage	172,196
Turkey, Canned	48,944
Turkey, Fresh & Ground	24,620
Ham, Fresh & Ground	323,638
Ham, Canned	84,768
Hot Dogs & Deli Meats	325,251

Governor DeWine and members of the Ohio General Assembly invested one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support Ohio protein producers impacted by ongoing food supply chain pressure and to support Ohio foodbanks and the historically high number of households turning to us for help with food. In state fiscal year 2023, we used a \$15 million investment to support procurement, storage, and distribution of Ohio-raised, Ohio-produced protein items. These funds were critical in keeping up with unprecedented need during continued pandemic-era recovery efforts.

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks thanks: Governor Mike DeWine, members of the Ohio General Assembly, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Cattlemen's Association, Ohio Dairy Producers Association, Ohio Pork Council, Ohio Poultry Association, Ohio Sheep Improvement Association and the Ohio farmers, growers and commodity producers for their long time partnership and support of foodbanks to help us put Ohio grown and raised foods on the table for our hungry friends and neighbors.





SPENDING CATEGORIES FOR THE OHIO FOOD PROGRAM AND AGRICULTURAL CLEARANCE PROGRAM

Food & Supplies	\$19,606,000
Storage & Distribution	\$2,946,000
Administrative Cost:	\$1,473,000
Capacity Building Grants:	\$500,000
Summer Rural Meal Transportation:	\$25,000
Total Spending:	\$24,550,000

The Ohio Food Program (OFP) is generously funded by the State of Ohio and administered in partnership with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. It provides shelf-stable foods and center-of-the-plate staple items. These foods are in high demand and often difficult to source through other channels, but we can purchase them in bulk at much lower cost, keeping core foods on the shelves of Ohio's foodbanks and on the plates of Ohio households. In SFY 2023, foodbanks distributed 15.9 million pounds, or 13.2 million meals, of wholesome foods to hungry Ohio families through OFP.

OHIO FOOD PROGRAM

COMMODITY	LBS	COST/LB
Applesauce	388,602	\$0.68
Baked Beans	453,704	\$0.62
Baking Mixes	53,680	\$1.33
Beef Canned	2,800	\$3.96
Beef Fresh & Ground	209,760	\$2.63
Boxed Dinners	175,772	\$1.68
Broth	49,320	\$1.13
Butter	5,988	\$4.15
Carrots Canned	79,900	\$0.64
Cereal	696,402	\$1.41
Cheese Fresh	19,613	\$3.17
Cheese Shelf Stable	52,992	\$1.96
Chicken Canned	66,849	\$2.57
Chicken Fresh & Ground	578,110	\$0.90
Chili All Varieties	91,200	\$1.00
Corn Canned	421,303	\$0.61
Dairy Boxes	18,684	\$1.57
Dairy Miscellaneous	17,700	\$1.09
Deli Meat	41,100	\$3.08
Dessert Items	19,413	\$2.05
Eggs Fresh	687,116	\$1.51
Fruit Canned	207,732	\$0.77
Green Beans Canned	891,399	\$0.44
Ham Canned	12,480	\$2.63
Ham Fresh & Ground	6,840	\$1.53
Hot Dogs	34,992	\$1.71
Jelly All Varieties	169,959	\$1.01
Juice All Varieties	1,183,532	\$0.50
Leafy Greens Canned	158,950	\$1.34
Macaroni & Cheese	542,243	\$0.73
Milk Aseptic	523,910	\$0.56
Milk Fresh	30,585	\$0.44
Misc Grocery Items	58,680	\$0.57
Mixed Shelf Stable Boxes	102,384	\$1.72
Mixed Vegetables	182,650	\$0.74
Pancake Mix	449,465	\$0.78
Pancake Syrup	253,364	\$0.67
Pasta Canned	735,669	\$0.76
Pasta Dry	227,368	\$0.80
Peaches Canned	85,595	\$1.24
Peanut Butter	274,590	\$1.34
Protein Boxes	260,329	\$1.29
Protein Other	47,196	\$2.81
Rice	296,088	\$0.49
Sloppy Joe Sauce	94,707	\$0.79
Soup All Varieties	545,538	\$0.88
Spaghetti Sauce	304,324	\$0.76
Spices Dry	14,790	\$1.79
Stew All Varieties	427,276	\$1.03
Tomatoes Canned	324,827	\$0.61
Tuna	40,824	\$0.87
Turkey Fresh & Ground	88,590	\$1.85
Turkey Sausage	191,494	\$1.41
Grand Total	12,898,376	\$0.93



THANK YOU TO OUR OHIO FOOD PROGRAM VENDORS, SUPPLIERS, AND PRODUCERS:

Big Daddy Foods, Inc. • Brinkman Turkey Farms, Inc. • Broccoli Associates, Inc. • Cooper Farms Cooked Meats • Feeding America • Food Finders • Fresh Connect Central • Galot, Inc. • Gibbs McCormick, Inc. • Global Trading of MN, Inc. • GoodSource Solutions • Hirzel Canning Company • IRBN, Inc. • Keystone Meats • LA Foods • Lanning's Foods • McLane Global • MJ Kellner • Second Harvest Food Bank of Mid Tennessee • Sharratt Provision • Simco Sales • Subco Foods • The Beckman & Gast Co. • The Food Exchange, LLC • Umoja Supply • Value Added Food Sales • Zwanenberg Food Group

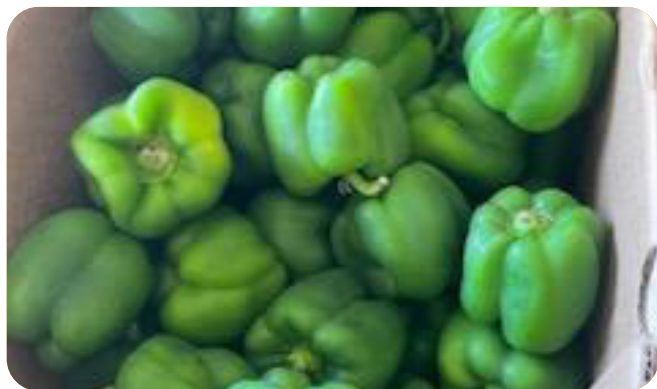
OHIO AGRICULTURAL CLEARANCE PROGRAM

COMMODITY	LBS	COST/LB
Apple Butter	3,600	\$0.95
Apples	3,062,628	\$0.39
Beans Fresh	10,066	\$0.53
Beef SelectSires Project	8,000	\$3.15
Beets	62,331	\$0.38
Berries	40	\$1.55
Broccoli	102,464	\$0.73
Cabbage	1,183,327	\$0.23
Carrots	929,792	\$0.21
Cauliflower	128,184	\$0.61
Celery	155,648	\$0.43
Chicken Fresh & Ground	57,815	\$1.42
Citrus	942,004	\$0.46
Cucumbers	789,333	\$0.27
Dairy Miscellaneous	37,800	\$1.19
Dessert Items	15,660	\$0.89
Eggplant	86,283	\$0.41
Fall Squash	543,978	\$0.25
Greens	427,034	\$0.47
Herbs Fresh	120	\$2.11
Lettuce	146,508	\$0.51
Melons	2,323,400	\$0.27
Onions	905,852	\$0.21
Parsnips	2,880	\$0.45
Peaches	309,102	\$0.52
Peppers	566,084	\$0.51
Pineapple	322,420	\$0.36
Potatoes	8,508,217	\$0.20
Produce Boxes	527,072	\$0.73
Radish	88,080	\$0.68
Spices Dry	1,065	\$16.54
Sweet Corn Fresh	939,679	\$0.26
Sweet Potatoes	893,840	\$0.22
Tomatoes Fresh	509,870	\$0.45
Tree Fruit	3,485	\$0.38
Turnips	25,935	\$0.38
Yellow Squash	466,159	\$0.53
Zucchini	880,643	\$0.49
Grand Total	25,966,397	\$0.31

THANK YOU TO OUR OHIO AGRICULTURAL CLEARANCE PROGRAM PARTNERS:

3-D Meats • Alpine Foods, Inc. • Bainbridge Produce Auction LLC • Brumbaugh Fruit Farm • Buurma Farms, Inc. • Caruso • Clark Fruit & Vegetable Farm • DNO, Inc. • Doug R Walcher Farms • Ed Kluba Farms • Eshleman Fruit Farm • Fair Market Inc • Farmer's Produce Auctions • Feeding Florida • Fleetwood Foods Fruit Growers Marketing Assoc. • Fuhrmann Orchards, LLC • Gram's Family Farm • Market Great Lakes Packers, Inc. • Green Field Farms Co-Op • Hall Growers Inc. • Heartland Orchard Hidden Hills Orchards • Holthouse Farms • Horkey Brothers • Huffman Fruit Farm • Hurley Farms LLC • Iott Ranch & Orchard, Inc. • J & M Fruit Farm Jackson Farming Company • Jerome Repasky • John Witter • Lucas Brothers Farms • Lynd Fruit Farm • Malone Orchards • Maple Drive Farms, Inc. • Mark Schmittgen • McMaster Farms • Michael Family Farms • Michael Farms, Inc • Michael Garver • Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative • Mouzin Brothers Farm • Mrs. Dennis Potato Farm, Inc. • Onion Boy Inc. • Owl Creek Produce Auction • Penzey's Spices • Produce Packaging Inc • RS Hanline Inc. • Scioto Valley Produce • Auction Shiloh Market • Sunrise Farms • Walnut Creek Foods • Wenger's Produce Wiers Farm Inc. • Wish Well Farms

The Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program (ACP) is generously funded by the State of Ohio and administered in partnership with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. It provides fresh, Ohio-grown fruits and vegetables through partnership with dozens of farmers, growers, and producers throughout the state. These foods represent some of the most healthy, wholesome foods available in our network. In SFY 2023, foodbanks distributed 26.2 million pounds, or 21.9 million meals, of wholesome foods to hungry Ohio families through ACP.







SPENDING CATEGORIES

Food Procurements	\$3,504,178
Food Storage	\$323,875
Food Transportation	\$321,375
Program Management	\$115,000
Sub-Contract for Program Evaluation	\$25,000
Total Spending	\$4,289,428

OHIO CAN - OHIO'S LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

COMMODITY

Apples
Applesauce
Beef Fresh & Ground
Beets
Cabbage
Carrots
Cereal
Cheese Fresh
Chicken Fresh & Ground
Chips
Cucumbers
Dairy Miscellaneous
Eggs Fresh
Fall Squash
Fish Frozen
Greens
Grits
Ham Fresh & Ground
Herbs Fresh
Honey
Jelly All Varieties
Lamb
Legumes
Lettuce
Milk Fresh
Misc Grocery Items
Onions
Packing Supplies
Polenta
Potatoes
Produce Boxes
Protein Other
Radish
Rhubarb
Salad Dressing
Salsa
Sauerkraut
Snack
Spaghetti Sauce
Spelt Flour
Spinach
Stew All Varieties
Sweet Corn Fresh
Sweet Potatoes
Tomatoes Fresh
Tree Fruit
Turkey Fresh & Ground
Turnips
Yellow Squash
Zucchini

In 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) launched the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program, or LFPA. The State of Ohio received funds to support LFPA, which has been branded Ohio CAN (Community + Agriculture + Nutrition) in Ohio. It was designed to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency. In addition to helping increase local food access for food insecure Ohio households, Ohio CAN strives to help build and expand economic opportunity for local and historically disadvantaged or underserved growers, producers, and suppliers. The Ohio Association of Foodbanks was proud to partner with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Education, and many local and regional food producers and hubs to launch Ohio CAN in state fiscal year 2023.



THANK YOU TO OUR OHIO CAN FARMERS, GROWERS, SUPPLIERS, PRODUCERS, AND AGGREGATORS:

80 Acres Farms • Arrowrock Farm: An Urban Sanctuary • Atlantic Foods Corporation • Brushy Fork Family Farm • Creation Gardens, Inc. DBA What Chefs Want • Der Schlachten Haus Meats • DNO, Inc. • E&K Family Farm • E-I-E-AYO Urban Farm • Ellington Farms • Evans Family Ranch • Farm Source Limited • Farmer Jones Market • Florish and Roam • Fresh Orr Farms • Freshtown Farm • Glass Rooster Cannery • Grass Powered Poultry & Meats • Green Field Farms Co-Op • Holton Livestock Co LLC • Hoon Farm • Jason and Kathleen's Bee Farm • Johnson Produce Company • Kiesel Farms • Kingdom Fish • Living City Farms • Maplecrest Meats and More • Milo's Whole World Gourmet, LLC • Mud Run Farm • Narrow Way Enterprises • Oberlin Food Hub - ACH • Premium Pastured Meats • Richland Gro-Op • Schaefer Family Crop Farms LLC • Shagbark Seed & Mill • Snowville Creamery • Solidarity Urban Farm • Staley Countryside Meat • Sun Harvest Gardens • The Chef's Garden, Inc. • Three Creeks Produce, LLC • TS Farms • WIT Farm



NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

Through our AmeriCorps programs, we connect passionate people looking to build professional skills and contribute to lasting change in their communities with meaningful projects at organizations throughout Ohio. We operate AmeriCorps VISTA, Summer Associate, and SeniorCorps programs. Thank you to our federal partners at AmeriCorps for their continued support and partnership.

AMERICORPS VISTA

Our core members serve in one-year, full-time positions at foodbanks, food pantries, health clinics, afterschool programs, community action agencies, institutions of higher education, local government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. They engage in indirect service, building capacity at their host sites and resiliency within their communities.

In 2023, our VISTA members raised more than \$1.3 million for their host sites, including \$1,039,273 in monetary support and \$315,182 worth of in-kind donations. They recruited 2,004 volunteers that served more than 9,147 hours, developed 271 new systems and processes, conducted nearly 700 events and presentations, and engaged with hundreds of thousands of individuals through social media and

SUMMER ASSOCIATES

In summer 2023, 63 passionate individuals spent their summers in full-time service at summer meals programs, community gardens, and other hunger relief initiatives. They provide both direct and indirect service to support their host sites, their missions, and the kids and families they serve.



SENIORCORPS

We partnered with AmeriCorps for a second year to implement a Senior Demonstration Project in collaboration with three Ohio foodbanks.

These SeniorCorps service opportunities pair older adults with low to moderate incomes with volunteer positions in their community, providing a modest stipend to help volunteers stretch their fixed retirement incomes while contributing to a meaningful mission.

Our SeniorCorps project connected 10 older adults with high-need projects at foodbanks, like packing and distributing Commodity Supplemental Food Program boxes for seniors and coordinating and delivering groceries to people with barriers to accessing food on their own.





Ohioans depend not only on adequate, nutritious food for a healthy life, but also reliable access to affordable health coverage and care. We are proud to operate two health insurance outreach and enrollment programs through Cooperative Agreements with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in partnership with a consortium of local, regional, and statewide organizations.



HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAMS

ACA NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

RAISE AWARENESS

Our Navigator campaign features a statewide public awareness campaign called Get Covered Ohio. In 2023, the campaign reached millions of Ohioans, including through:

- Ohio Association of Broadcasters radio and television campaign that leveraged more than \$737,000 of airtime for a fraction of the cost
- Closed circuit advertisements at Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations that yielded more than 20 million impressions
- Print advertising in African American owned newspapers and Spanish language publications, reaching over 633,000 Ohioans
- Targeted advertising to Ohioans over age 60
- Digital advertisements that yielded more than 3 million impressions

Additionally, more than 3.7 million Ohioans were reached by the consortium through event-based outreach, earned media, and other outreach strategies.

ENROLL

Navigators are trained and certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and licensed by the Ohio Department of Insurance to provide free, unbiased help applying for Ohio Medicaid and enrolling in health insurance coverage through the federal Marketplace.

During 2023, Get Covered Ohio Navigators:

- Helped more than 9,876 Ohioans enroll in health insurance, including 822 Marketplace plan selections and 9,054 Medicaid applications
- Helped more than 31,500 Ohioans with general inquiries around health insurance options



CONNECT

Having an insurance card is critical, but it is only a step toward accessing health care. OAF ACA Navigators go the extra mile to make sure that people who enroll in Ohio Medicaid or federal Marketplace coverage get access to the care they need. For example, OAF ACA Navigators:

- Helped almost 1,300 Ohioans learn how to look for in-network providers
- Connected 3,100 Ohioans to local healthcare providers
- Helped more than 3,500 Ohioans access preventive health care

Here is one of many examples about how these efforts impact wellbeing for Ohioans:

“[I was] approached by a 70-year-old mother who was trying to support herself and her 24-year-old autistic son. She had long-standing untreated mental [health] issues, but she was trying to get help for them both. When we started with the applications, I discovered that no one had ever applied for Social Security for her 24-year-old son. In fact, he had not even seen a doctor in the last eight years because there was no money to pay the doctors or any insurance to help. She didn’t know where to start and was very fearful that she couldn’t handle everything by herself. I applied for Medicaid and SNAP for both the mother and son.

I got a call on a Monday morning from the mother that her son had been awarded \$250 a month in SNAP benefits, Medicaid including some travel vouchers, and that DDS had accepted him as a new adult patient. I helped the mother complete the DDS forms and faxed them for her. They will hopefully help him apply for Social Security—and he is interested in the idea of a job!”

CONNECTING KIDS TO COVERAGE

The Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign, a national outreach and enrollment initiative that lets families know who is eligible, what benefits children can get and how to apply for coverage. The OAF Connecting Kids to Coverage collaborative shares the mission of advancing health equity, and focuses on Medicaid outreach to children, parents, and pregnant people in Franklin County. The program is designed to:

- Raise awareness about health coverage available under these programs;
- Create opportunities for families to get their eligible children and teens signed up for coverage;
- Motivate parents to enroll their children and teens and renew their coverage

In 2023, CKC staff:

- Developed partnerships with community organizations, government entities, and schools
- Completed a direct-to-consumer mail campaign, targeting 48,000 low-income households that speak non-english languages.
- Assisted 574 children, parents, and pregnant individuals apply for health coverage



GOVERNOR'S SUMMER MEALS PROGRAMS

We have operated summer meals programs funded by the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services since 2012.

These innovative programs provide take-home meals to fill gaps in access to food on the weekends and in rural, underserved areas.

SUMMER WEEKEND MEALS PROGRAM

We provided kid-friendly, shelf-stable meals for children attending Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sites or other emergency feeding programs to take home to eat over the weekend, because those sites and programs only operate during the week.

In 2023, we partnered with 23 SFSP sponsors and emergency food providers to distribute weekend meals to about 5,500 children each week for 10 weeks.

RURAL DELIVERY MEALS PROGRAM

We provided a week's worth of kid-friendly, shelf-stable meals to children in rural counties identified as high-need and underserved by the traditional SFSP and other food programs.

In 2023, we partnered with 10 organizations to provide weekly boxes of meals to about 4,000 children each week for 10 weeks. These partners either make the meal boxes available at community pick-up locations or deliver the boxes directly to families in need.

MOBILE FARMERS MARKET PROGRAM

We distributed fresh fruits and vegetables and protein items to families with children participating in one of the other summer programs to enhance their household's access to wholesome foods.

In 2023, we partnered with 18 organizations to distribute 800,365 pounds of nutritious food to low-income families at an average cost of \$0.94 per pound. Popular items included sweet corn, apples, carrots, melons, cucumbers, and mix produce boxes.



SNAP AND HEAP OUTREACH

Applying for and accessing programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, can sometimes be challenging, especially for households in crisis or with barriers like limited English proficiency, lack of internet or phone access, limited transportation options, or a lack of familiarity with navigating public benefit programs. That's why we partner with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Ohio foodbanks on executing Ohio's SNAP Outreach Plan.

In 2023, participating foodbanks: distributed 3,531,781 brochures, flyers, or other marketing materials; pre-screened 67,140 households for potential eligibility; and helped 27,400 households complete and submit applications for SNAP. Based on average annual SNAP benefit amounts, we estimate that these 54,232 likely eligible household members were connected to \$156 million in additional food purchasing power to help meet their nutritional needs, thanks to this outreach and application assistance.

We know that families do not experience food insecurity in a silo, and that broad access to programs designed to help meet basic needs is critical to preventing hunger and hardship. To that end, we are proud to partner with the Ohio Department of Development to raise awareness about Home Energy Assistance Program, or HEAP, benefits, which can offset some of the high utility costs that low-income households experience during cold Ohio winters and humid Ohio summers.

In addition to sharing information about HEAP with foodbank clients, we particularly focus on supporting the Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Program (VCAP) in its outreach efforts to central Ohio veterans and military families. VCAP is a veteran-led initiative that strives to connect former and current service members and their families with programs, support, and services that can help them overcome barriers they encounter while reintegrating into civilian life. In addition to successfully providing job coaching and placement services to 76 local veterans, VCAP counselors connected 487 veterans and their families with HEAP benefits and 230 with SNAP benefits.

HEALTH AND HUNGER

Food insecurity in Ohio is linked to serious and costly health issues, forcing many food insecure Ohioans to make difficult choices that worsen their health and hinder chronic disease management or mitigation. We aim to address this by enhancing access to healthy food through various initiatives. In 2023, we organized two educational convenings in partnership with Southeast Ohio Food Bank and Kitchen and the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, gathering about 60 participants each to discuss improving health and food security. These events focused on engaging rural communities and fostering collaborations among local organizations and government entities.

Additionally, we are focused on building coalitions and partnerships that will support bringing proven food as medicine interventions to scale.

Community feedback is a critical approach to program design and advocacy efforts. In 2023, with support from Feeding America and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, we conducted surveys and interviews with Medicaid applicants to understand their experiences and barriers. The findings revealed that while the Medicaid enrollment process is generally accessible, improvements are needed to address specific challenges such as language barriers and privacy concerns for domestic violence survivors. This feedback informs us of efforts to refine our programs and advocacy strategies.

We are dedicated to reducing food insecurity and improving health in Ohio through education, coalition building, and community engagement. By hosting informative events, building towards sustainability, and incorporating community feedback, we work to create effective and inclusive programs that address the nutritional needs of Ohioans, particularly those in vulnerable and underserved communities.

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Remembering Lester Lynd, who passed away on November 30, 2022.

After completing his college education, Lester returned to Ohio to work with his family at Lynd's Fruit Farm, where they grow apples, peaches, plums, and berries. Under his leadership, the family expanded their business by establishing The Market at Lynd's Fruit Farm, for which Lester diligently sourced produce, some being distributed through our foodbank channels here in Ohio.

Lester's contributions to the agricultural community were significant. He served as president of the Ohio Fruit Growers Marketing Association and was inducted into the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2011. Lester was known for his genuine happiness in seeing others and his love for engaging in conversation.

Lester and Lynd's Fruit Farm have been steadfast supporters and partners of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks for many years. His dedication to improving food security and supporting our community will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

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At the end of fiscal year 2023, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt announced her retirement after leading the association for nearly 25 years. In her time at the association, Lisa secured hundreds of millions of dollars in public and private grants, provided training and technical assistance as an expert organizer, and served as a passionate, people-first advocate. Through her tenure, Lisa collaborated with five Ohio governors and 14 General Assemblies to implement a host of highly effective public-private partnerships. She was also instrumental in developing direct relationships with Ohio's agricultural community and the Agricultural Clearance Program, a nationwide model for directing surplus agricultural products to food insecure community members. She was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2022.

"Lisa is a leader among leaders who has been widely recognized for her contributions at the state and national levels," said Julie Chase-Morefield, president and CEO of the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio and board chair for the association. Lisa remains active in her community and says she will remain a lifelong advocate for reliable access to nutritious food for every Ohioan. On behalf of the millions of Ohioans who have been well-served by your leadership, Lisa, *thank you*.