**Statistics**

* Each year, Mid-Ohio Foodbank serves 524,300 children, adults and seniors.
* Half of households served by Mid-Ohio Foodbank have at least one working adult.
* 35% of the food requests we receive from food pantries are for children.
* 15% of the food requests we receive from food pantries are for senior citizens.
* 1 in 4 Ohio children is at risk of hunger.
* 1 in 6 Ohioans is at risk of hunger.
* 55% of the people served at food pantries have had to choose between food and paying rent or mortgage.
* 69% of the people served at food pantries have had to choose between food and paying utilities.

**Quotes**

 *“I am currently working. I’ve always worked, but you work paycheck to paycheck. You can’t accumulate and save money when you have to pay everything coming out of your pocket. There’s nothing to save. $9 for a single mom isn’t much.”*

– Ashley Jones, Union County resident

*“The biggest challenge is trying to keep enough money to last me until the end of the month—that’s the big problem.”*

– Ron, Belmont Country Resident

*“Compare the price of pasta and bread to the price of fresh fruits and vegetables. Which can you afford? Which one will fill you up the most for what you can afford?”*

– Pauline Howell, Delaware Country Resident

*“When you’re at the point where you need to feed your family, whatever you get is a blessing.”*

– Rosie Russell, Marion County Resident

*“They are there to help us and not look down on us. They make us feel like we’re people.”*

– Tammy Ratcliffe and Philip James, Morrow County Residents

*“Everyone should contribute. We need to help one another. Because if one person is affected, we are all affected.”*

– Kianna, Licking County Resident