GET INVOLVED

Partner with Mid-Ohio Foodbank
The impact your partnership can make.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank

1 in every 6 Ohioans do not know where their next meal will come from. Children are even more heavily impacted, with 1 in 4 children struggling to find meals from day to day. Missing meals make it difficult for adults to maintain jobs and harder for children to focus in school.

Who are our Hungry Neighbors?

- We deliver food to more than 680 organizations.
- 680 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, church and community programs, and senior housing.
- 28,541 tons of produce.
- 28,541 tons of food distributed.
- More than 50% of the food we distribute is fresh, helping our customers get healthy meals.

Every $1 donated can provide up to $10 in groceries for our hungry neighbors.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank provides enough food for 140,000 meals a day. That is 32 million lbs. in produce and 66 million lbs. of groceries.

70% of people who receive food assistance visit a food pantry 5 TIMES OR LESS A YEAR. They come when life happens. Our goal is to eliminate stigma and encourage customers to come to us as often as they need food.

780,000 people in our footprint are living at 200% below the poverty line and miss 52 DAYS of eating each year.

55% of our hungry neighbors make the difficult choice between rent or buying food for their families.
Mid-Ohio Foodbank’s mission is to end hunger one nourishing meal at a time while co-creating communities where everyone thrives.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributes enough food to provide 140,000 meals a day to help stabilize families. We partner with 680 agencies across 20 counties, including, pantries, soup kitchens, day care centers, shelters, after school programs, senior sites and more. The Foodbank also connects neighbors with community services to help stabilize families and move toward economic sufficiency, sparking conversation to address the root causes of hunger.

Service Area

Total persons living below the poverty line.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey estimates

Sean’s Story

I grew up in a large family. My dad worked in the coal mines to support all of us. Then, I started working in the coal mines, too. I loved my work, but it was hard on my health. After 40 years in the mines, I had to have heart surgery, and I had to retire. My pension covered our expenses, and we were making ends meet – until my granddaughter, her husband, and their kids lost their home. The pension could feed two people, but it wasn’t enough to feed six. For the first time in my life, I had to ask for help to support my family. I turned to the Salvation Army, a Mid-Ohio Foodbank partner. I am grateful for their help, and I give back by spending my Wednesdays volunteering.
Sponsorships & Employee Engagement

How to get involved

It will take a team effort to achieve our goal of ending hunger. To accomplish this, Mid-Ohio Foodbank relies on philanthropy to support our efforts to connect nutritious food with more than half a million hungry neighbors in central and eastern Ohio. There are many ways we can work together toward ending hunger.

Employee Engagement*

Operation Feed: Operation Feed engages the community to raise resources for fresh, healthy food to feed hungry families. This annual campaign provides tremendous team building opportunities for your organization.

Holiday Meals: The Holiday Meals campaign engages your workplace to raise critically-needed funds to help Mid-Ohio Foodbank offset the cost of acquiring and distributing foods typically eaten during the holiday season.

Sponsorship Opportunities*

Double Your Donation Day: The Foodbank partners with NBC4 to host a one day media sponsored event, where every dollar donated by the community is doubled and helps provide $20 in groceries.

Get Fresh: This campaign, in partnership with the Columbus Dispatch and 10TV, runs several months. The goal is to increase access to nutrient-dense, fresh foods for low-income, individuals and families. Corporate sponsors help raise awareness of our fresh initiatives as well as underwrite produce distribution efforts across the Foodbank’s 20-country footprint.

Sponsor a Truck: Transportation is one of the most significant costs to the Foodbank, at an estimated $1.2 million a year. Last year, the Foodbank distributed 66 million pounds of groceries in 20 counties.

Hunger Action Month: Hunger Action Month is held each year in September, in partnership with Feeding America, the nation’s largest hunger relief agency. The goal is to raise awareness about hunger and drive advocates. Mid-Ohio Foodbank, community sponsors, and media partners ABC 6, FOX 28 and the CW Columbus, are working together to create an integrated campaign aimed at raising awareness about hunger in central Ohio and contributing to hunger-free and healthier communities.

Community Response to Ending Hunger: We are identifying key partners in high-need areas to increase capacity to meet the unique needs of their community. This work is informed by our initiative that food is health and intends to improve health outcomes among our hungry neighbors.

Community Meals: Mid-Ohio Foodbank’s South Side Roots Cafe & Kitchen opens its doors for a weekly Community Meal, where hundreds of neighbors gather to share a made-from-scratch dinner.

Produce Markets: Produce Markets are free community events sponsored by Mid-Ohio Foodbank and facilitated by local partnering agencies. At these events, a Foodbank truck delivers 5,000 - 10,000 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items to a community location. The food is then directly distributed to about 200 low income families.

* Event-specific benefits available. Corporate benefits do not apply.
Volunteer

Volunteers play a vital role in the success of Mid-Ohio Foodbank. We offer a variety of ways you can make a difference. Here’s a sneak peek at what we have to offer. For a full listing of events, and to self-register, please go to www.mофb.volunteerhub.com.

**Kroger Food Pantry:** The Foodbank’s Kroger Community Food Pantry is housed in our Grove City facility and feeds hundreds of families every week. Volunteers are needed to stock shelves, assist customers, work the check-in area and more.

**Food Sorting & Packing:** Food Sorting & Packing takes place in our warehouse. Volunteers regularly sort through and inspect donated goods, make care packages for seniors, repackage bulk foods into usable sizes, and glean produce.

**Kids Cafe:** One of our newer opportunities, Kids Cafe uses volunteer power to make hundreds of meals each week for delivery to kids’ programs across the county.

**South Side Roots:** Located in the Reeb Avenue Center on the city’s south side, the Cafe operates under a pay-if-you-can model, where everyone has access to a healthy, nutritious meal. Volunteers help with food prep, table service, clean up, and help to serve the Tuesday evening community meal each week.

**Mid-Ohio Farms:** From late spring through early fall, volunteers can enjoy the great outdoors while tending to our on-site gardens or Wheatland farm, on Columbus’s west side.

**Office Volunteers:** For volunteers able to make a weekly commitment during regular business hours, several of our departments could use a hand with office tasks such as donor thank-you calls, mailing projects, data entry, reception desk and more.

**Community Events:** The Foodbank is honored to be invited to speak to diverse community groups or to provide information at events. Volunteers are trained to speak on behalf of the Foodbank and can serve at their convenience.

**Partners in Ending Hunger:** We know we can’t end hunger alone, so we’re proud to partner with other agencies to help get essential jobs done.
## Corporate Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

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