



FAN updates

April 27, 2021 | News & Updates from the Foodbank Advocacy Network

Advocacy Resources:

Access [advocacy resources and FAN updates](#) here; or, for federal advocacy information, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

Find your [elected official's contact information](#).

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Did you know that:

- For every \$1 donated, Mid-Ohio Food Collective can provide enough food for about 4.5 meals?
- For every \$1 donated, Mid-Ohio Food Collective can provide up to \$9.50 in groceries?
- Mid-Ohio Food Collective provides enough food for more

Rooted In You

This past Thursday, Mid-Ohio Food Collective unveiled its new, comprehensive campaign. On Saturday, WBNS-10TV [ran a special](#) on the announcement and our response to increased hunger throughout the pandemic. To learn more about the campaign, visit www.rootedinyou.org.

Volunteer Live Update

Mid-Ohio Food Collective is hosting the first virtual Volunteer Live Update this Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m. Much has happened over the past year and it is time to catch up on what we have learned and how we are doing. We will share a sneak peek into our future work and review updates on safety protocols, new hours and new opportunities. Share this with friends and family who might be interested in learning about volunteering - we welcome their much needed help! [Sign Up](#).

Ohio Budget Bill on the Move

The state's biennial budget bill took a step forward this week as the Ohio House of Representatives passed the measure. One of two amendments proposed by the Ohio Association of Food Banks on behalf of the state food bank network was adopted. The amendment increased an appropriation of the state's federal CARES Act funds for food banks from \$7 million to \$12 million. The funds will provide an additional resource for the state to allocate to food banks as the pandemic response continues. The second proposed amendment was not adopted, to temporarily increase state funding for Ohio's food banks for fiscal years 22/23; the state's appropriation is proposed to be flat-funded at \$24.55 million per year and the amendment sought to increase this by \$20 million per year. With visits and food distributed remaining at historic highs, additional funding support is needed by Ohio's food bank network.

than 170,000 meals-per-day?

Mid-Ohio Food Collective provided **written testimony** to the House Finance Committee Health and Human Services Subcommittee, along with outreach to our Ohio House delegation, sharing the need for the two amendments. We will continue our advocacy for the temporary funding increase amendment in the Ohio Senate where hearings on the bill have begun. Stay tuned as this bill winds through the process and watch for grassroots calls-to-action.

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Census Bureau Data Released; Ohio Loses Congressional Seat

As expected, the U.S. Census Bureau Monday announced that Ohio is one of seven states that will be losing a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives for the upcoming decade, while six states will gain seats. Many prognosticators had actually predicted Ohio to lose two seats. Ohio will now have 15 members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Remember that federal funding for numerous programs - such as Medicaid, SNAP and school lunches - are distributed to states based on census results, a primary reason for our outreach efforts last year promoting census participation.

Elections Set for Open Ohio Congressional Seats

Gov. Mike DeWine announced the special election dates for the 15th Congressional District spanning Central and Southern Ohio. Rep. Steve Stivers is vacating the seat to become the new head of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. The dates will be the same as for the Cleveland area 11th Congressional District special election following Rep. Marcia Fudge's move to the Biden cabinet as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The partisan primaries will occur on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021; the general election will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021.

USDA Announcements on Pandemic Food Insecurity Response

The Biden Administration recently announced the most ambitious plan in U.S. history to provide food for children through summer feeding programs. Read more on the plan at <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2021/04/26/usda-provide-critical-nutrition-assistance-30m-kids-over-summer>. This followed the announcement of the extension of several pandemic response food programs, including for SNAP. Read more on the federal governmental response to increased food insecurity throughout COVID-19 at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus>.



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