



# Second Helpings

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### VA Distribution and Proclamation

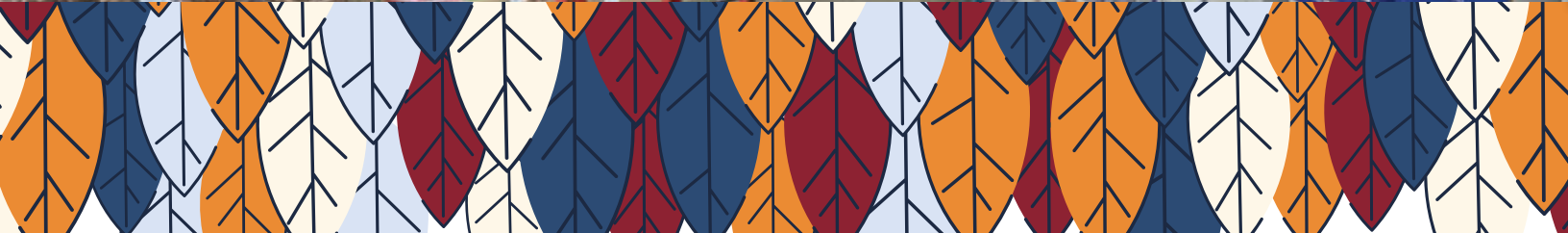
Second Harvest celebrated the first anniversary of the VA's food pantry with its first produce distribution and a special proclamation from Judge Rusu.

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### Caring Hands Pantry

The pantry, located at the First Church of Christ in East Palestine, serves 200+ families each month with a drive-through distribution.

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## OUR MISSION

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Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley's mission is to solicit, store and distribute food to hunger-relief organizations feeding people in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties; and to provide education and advocacy.

## OUR VISION

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Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley believes that no one should go hungry and is dedicated to building a community that makes food accessible to all people.

## CHARITY RATING

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The Food Bank holds a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities. A 4-star rating is Charity Navigator's highest rating.



*This edition covers the time period of June through August 2023.*



# Second Harvest Food Bank

of the Mahoning Valley



Fall is just around the corner! September not only makes us think of Fall, it also reminds food banks that Hunger Action Month is here. Food insecurity can impact anyone. Many of us know someone that is struggling even if it isn't easy to spot. They're our friends. They live on our street. Many have jobs. Their children go to school with ours. They are people we see every day, and too often, their struggle is hidden in plain sight. Hunger Action Month is about spreading awareness. Every action, big or small, is one step closer to ensuring that no one goes hungry.

In this newsletter, you will see it was a busy summer at Second Harvest Food Bank. The Carrier Corporation donated air purifiers to help the residents of East Palestine, that story can be found on page 3. The Food Bank received a special proclamation, you can read about it on page 4. The next segment of our volunteer feature and our upcoming events are listed on page 5. The generosity of the Mahoning Valley is amazing; you can see more details and pictures on page 6. One of our agencies, Caring Hands Pantry at the First Church of Christ, located in Columbiana County, is featured on page 7.

Stop by the 21-WFMJ tent at the Canfield Fair between Friday, September 1st and Labor Day and say hello to our Second Harvest staff and volunteers. Don't forget to wear orange on Friday, September 15th to help us raise awareness on Hunger Action Day. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Your support makes a difference.

Sincerely,

**Michael Iberis**

Executive Director

## WAYS TO DONATE

**Make a safe, secure monetary donation** to help feed hungry families in our community by visiting [mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org](http://mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org) or scanning the QR code at right with your smart phone camera.

**Make a food donation.** The food bank is always in need of peanut butter, cereal, tuna fish, canned fruit and vegetables, dry pasta and more.



*It is the policy of Second Harvest Food Bank to maintain the highest level of confidentiality with respect to donor information. We will not share donor names, addresses or fund-related financial information with organizations outside of the Food Bank. From time to time, donor names may be listed in Food Bank publications, but only after written notification is provided. In all cases, donors are given the option of remaining anonymous.*



# Helping East Palestine Residents

CARRIER CORPORATION DONATES OVER \$152,000 OF AIR PURIFIERS

Second Harvest Food Bank worked with Carrier Corporation to distribute a donation of 500 air purifiers, worth over \$150,000, that are capable of removing VOCs in the homes of residents in East Palestine. W.W. Heating & Air Conditioning, Thompson Heating & Cooling Inc. and Wm. Price Heating & Cooling helped to coordinate the donation from Carrier to Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest is working with First Church of Christ in East Palestine to distribute the purifiers to low-income families in the area affected by the derailment.

On Friday, February 3, 2023, a train derailed in East Palestine, causing a fire that released chemicals into the environment. These chemicals can have major health concerns when an individual is exposed to them. Congressman Bill Johnson has been dedicated to helping residents of East Palestine since the derailment's occurrence. "They didn't ask for this, it was inflicted upon them and there is a lot of uncertainty around air quality... These air purifiers are going to be a real comfort to many of the residents that live there," said Johnson.

**“THIS IS GOING TO BRING A LOT OF REASSURANCE AND COMFORT TO THE PEOPLE THERE AND WE’RE GRATEFUL.”**

When asked why Carrier wanted to help the citizens of East Palestine, their Associate Director for Indoor Air Quality Product Development, Bridget Volz, said, "I come to work every day to help improve indoor air quality and make a positive impact in people's lives. That is why Carrier has donated these 500 room air purifiers... to help create that peace of mind and confidence in the air they're breathing within their home."

Mike Iberis, Executive Director of Second Harvest, said that "This is an example of people helping people. The people of East Palestine have gone through a disastrous situation. They are struggling down there and folks like the Carrier Corporation knew that. When we approached them, they responded with this wonderful donation of 500 air purifiers. The Second Harvest Food Bank was on the ground beginning February 3 and we're going to stay there."

Residents of East Palestine can apply with the First Church of Christ to receive an air purifier.



# Produce Distribution at VA Clinic

## SECOND HARVEST RECEIVES SPECIAL PROCLAMATION



Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley was recognized with a special proclamation from Judge Robert Rusu, Jr. during its first produce distribution at the Carl Nunziato VA Clinic, marking the one-year anniversary of the food pantry there. Second Harvest has distributed over 50,000 pounds of food to Veterans in the Youngstown community. Over 200 Veterans were served at this produce

distribution and the food bank plans to hold produce distributions once a month in the future.

“This is the first food pantry in the country where a Feeding America food bank and a Veteran’s Clinic have an in-house food pantry. They’re seeing about 180 people a month that

they’re helping with that food, so that’s very significant,” said Second Harvest Executive Director Mike Iberis.

The VA Clinic, which recently marked one year of being open, is named after Carl Nunziato, a local U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. Nunziato serves on the board of the Second Harvest Food Bank as its secretary and has helped to bring the VA Clinic and the food pantry to life. “Many of our Vets are on a fixed income. There’s never enough to cover the cost of living. To have the ability to come here with Second Harvest to provide food is very important,” said Nunziato on Second Harvest’s impact on the community.

Mahoning County Probate Judge Robert Rusu, Jr. gave a special proclamation on his appreciation for the food bank, its volunteers and its donors saying, “What’s one thing that’s common with everybody, we all have to eat... And when people don’t have that food service, the food security, it becomes very problematic in a lot of other areas of their life. We appreciate what Second Harvest continues to do on a daily basis.”



Judge Rusu and Mike Iberis



# Second Harvest Stars

## ASSOCIATE AND VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### TOM MURPHY

Tom was always encouraged to be helpful, whenever possible, throughout his life. After graduating from high school, Tom started college, but then joined the Air Force, spending time in Vietnam. After returning, he received his Master's degree in Counseling where he has worked at the Childrens' Rehabilitation Center, Valley Counseling Services and the Burdman Group.

After retiring, Tom missed working with people and started volunteering. He's been volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank for many years and is also a "Certified Volunteer Naturalist." Volunteering has been a way to learn new skills and help others, while enriching his life.



### JOE NISER

Joe has been a volunteer at Second Harvest three days a week for over 15 years. Outside of Second Harvest, he also has volunteered at the Arab American Community Center for 45 years, serving the Arab Community in the area. After coming to America when he was 16 years old, Joe worked very hard and built a wonderful, fulfilling life, even when it was difficult and now wants to help others who need it.

He became aware of Second Harvest while volunteering at the Salvation Army and knew he wanted to spend his time here. His mission in life is to find someone he can help and plans to continue helping people through volunteering for as long as he is healthy.

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## Events



### HUNGER ACTION MONTH

*September 15, 2023*

Please join the movement to end and bring awareness to hunger on September 15. We ask everyone to wear orange that day to bring more attention to this very important issue.

### BBQ ON THE FARM

*Baltes Farms | September 16, 2023*

The Mahoning County Farm Bureau presents BBQ on the Farm, an exquisite outdoor dining experience benefitting Second Harvest. Held at Baltes Farm in North Jackson, guests can enjoy a tour of the farm, hors d'oeuvres and an elegant dinner. Reservations can be made at by calling 330-456-4889.

### AUTUMN SPLENDOR PLANT-BASED DINNER

*Eastwood Mall Event Centre | October 26, 2023*

As Second Harvest Food Bank is learning more about "food as medicine," we'd like to invite you to join us for this special event at the Eastwood Event Centre. Experience whole foods and their endless benefits. Tickets are available at [autumnsplendor23.eventbrite.com](https://autumnsplendor23.eventbrite.com).



# Many Thanks

TO ALL OF THESE SECOND HARVEST SUPPORTERS!

## FOOD & FUNDS DRIVES

With gratitude, we thank those who contribute to help us feed hungry families in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

### APTIV Employees

\$1,443

### Burgan Realtor Haley Luckage

\$750 and 792 pounds of food for Fill The Truck Event

### Foxconn's Second Annual Golf Outing

\$4,592

### Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Valley Race Course

\$1,028.58 in unused tokens

### Mediate Financial

\$1,150 for Harvest for Hunger

### St. Andrewes AME Church

74 pounds of food

### State of Ohio Troopers Coalition Golf Outing

\$3,700 and special thank you to **Ben Rhoads** at **Niles Outback**

### Steak House and the Cafaro Foundation

### The Mahoning Valley Scrapppers

702 pounds of food during Every Sunday Matters

### Woodforest National Bank Warren Branch

\$2,600

### Youngstown Area Community Concert Band

\$60 and 198 pounds of food at Christmas in July Concert and special thank you to the **Canfield Community Band**

## VOLUNTEER GROUPS

We are thankful for all our volunteers who are such an essential component of our operation. Without their dedication, time and effort, much of what the Food Bank is able to do wouldn't be possible.

### Women of Penn from Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Valley Race Course

74 boxes filled with food for a special distribution

### Premier Bank Employees

424 bags filled with ears of corn

## GRANTS

### Anonymous Gift

\$200,000 for food

### Enterprise Holdings Foundation

\$7,500 for general operating

### S.L. Gimbel Foundation, a Component Fund at The Inland Empire Community Foundation

\$250,000 for food

### The TJX Foundation

\$10,000 for mobile pantry

### Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation

\$1,000 for food

## IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to the companies that contribute in-kind services. Your efforts are truly appreciated and are making a difference to those without enough food to eat.



St. Andrewes



Foxconn



APTIV



Women of Penn



Ohio Troopers Coalition



Haley Luckage



Premier Bank



# The Caring Hands Pantry

AT FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EAST PALESTINE

The Caring Hands Pantry located at the First Church of Christ in East Palestine, Ohio distributes food once a month. Althea Wolfe, along with Wendy Boyles, lead a group of 30 to 50 volunteers over a two-day period as they prepare the day before and lend a hand the day of their drive-through distribution. Althea says they are “blessed with many volunteers from as young as 13 to over 80 years old.” They prepare for nearly 230 families. Since January of this year, they continue to see an increase in people coming for food assistance, especially senior citizens.

Three of the long-time volunteers, Mary, Becky and Donna were working together bagging corn the day before the give-away. Another volunteer, a retired Vietnam Veteran, Jim, is a member of the church who comes to serve others. Two of the volunteers helping fill bags with food are a mother and daughter, Amanda and Marley. “Mandy” works at the church besides volunteering. She says “it feels good to help and know who you are helping.” They are a family of five who needed the extra help that a food pantry can provide once COVID affected their household. Mandy added she “is not ashamed” and uses all the products she receives from the pantry to make meals.





### WHERE THE FOOD COMES FROM

- Growers
- Manufacturers
- Community Food Drives
- Distributors
- Retailers



### SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Storehouse of food for our friends and neighbors facing hunger.



### FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED

- Food Pantries
- Meal Sites
- Homeless Shelters
- Senior Programs
- Youth Programs
- Residential Programs



### FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER

- Families with Low Incomes
- Elderly
- Homeless
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Children
- People with Disabilities
- Veterans

Call the Food Bank at 330.792.5522, or visit our website at [mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org](http://mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org) for additional information.

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## THROUGH OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley Endowment Fund was established to provide for the growth of principal and the generation of future income to benefit our mission at Second Harvest. Gifts to the endowment can be made by donations of cash, marketable securities, real estate or life insurance. Donations can be structured in many ways:

**Lifetime gifts of stock or cash** – A current gift may be advantageous under the new income tax rules.

**Bequests** – Name Second Harvest Food Bank in your will or trust.

**Income-Producing Plans** – Set up a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust to receive income for your lifetime with the remainder to Second Harvest Food Bank.

**Charitable Lead Trusts** – Support the Food Bank now and still leave assets to your heirs.

**Life Insurance** – Second Harvest Food Bank can be named as beneficiary or owner of your life insurance policy to make a substantial gift.

Second Harvest and its charitable agent, Farmers Trust Company, can work with you to include Second Harvest Food Bank in your estate plan. Call Michael Iberis at 330.792.5522 or Debbi Grinstein of Farmers Trust Company at 330.740.1214 for more information. All information is confidential.

### MATCHING GIFTS

Does your company offer matching gifts to employees who make non-profit donations? Ask and help support Second Harvest together, while making twice the impact. Do you own a company and want to encourage your employees to support the Food Bank? Matching Gifts is a simple solution with big impact.



ITEMS THE FOOD BANK IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF  
Peanut butter • Cereal • Tuna fish • Canned vegetables • Canned fruit • Dry pasta