

# Second Helpings

A PUBLICATION OF SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

#### 2024 Statistics

Last year was a very busy year at Second Harvest Food Bank! We distributed over 10.6 million pounds of food to those in need in the area! Thank you to all who contributed! page 03

#### Make More Happen Award

Thanks to the nomination from The Gibson Agency, we've received the \$10,000 Make More Happen Award from Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance, helping us buy more food! page 04

#### **Upcoming Events**

Don't miss our upcoming events— Canstruction, Swing Fore Charity, and the Mahoning Valley Corvette Club Car Show—all supporting the fight against hunger!

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### **OUR MISSION**

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

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

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 January through March 2025.



#### A NOTE OF THANKS

from Michael Iberis, Executive Director

THANK YOU! One act of kindness can help so many. Your kindness and generosity to the Food Bank and our 160 partner agencies and programs made a meaningful impact in the Mahoning Valley community during 2024. Over 10.6 million pounds of food was distributed, including over 2.5 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables. Unfortunately, this number increased over the previous year as the need for food assistance continues to rise. Of the nearly 20,000 people who were helped each week in our tri-county area, 28% were children and 26% senior citizens.

In this edition of our quarterly newsletter, what we have accomplished together during 2024 is shared on page 3. An exciting announcement about a new food pantry is on page 6. Please see our upcoming special events on page 7.

We are incredibly thankful to have the outpouring of support from our community as we work together and help one another. Every single contribution, whether it be large or small, is much appreciated not only by the Food Bank but by the many people who rely on our partners for food. On behalf of our board of directors, staff, volunteers, and myself, we thank you for your kindness.

With Gratitude, Mike

#### **WAYS TO DONATE**

Make a safe, secure monetary donation to help feed hungry families in our community by visiting 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.



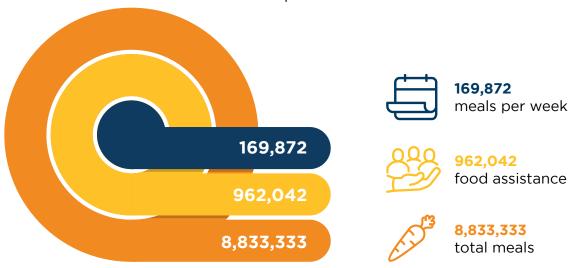
## 2024 Statistics

WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE

### 10.6M POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

Of the over 10.6 million pounds of food distributed, over 2.5 million pounds were fresh fruits and vegetables. The value of the food distributed was \$11,542,822.45.

This equates to:



Of the people provided food assistance, 28% were children, 26% were senior citizens.



### 11,257 HOURS OF TIME DONATED AT THE FOOD BANK

= 10 part time employees

**1,500 volunteers** give their time each month to our 160 partners to help distribute food in our tri-county area.



#### **160 PARTNERS**

Nearly 20,000 people received food each week from our partners, which include church and school pantries, homeless shelters, meal sites, battered women's shelters, after school programs, and senior programs.



# 62,075 TIMES STUDENTS VISITED SCHOOL PANTRIES

Unfortunately, that number has continued to grow, highlighting the increasing need for food assistance.

### KEEPING COSTS LOW TO FEED MORE PEOPLE

With careful stewardship, only 5% of funds are used for administrative costs, ensuring that the vast majority of resources go directly toward feeding those in need.



## Thank You

#### TO OUR HUNGER CHAMPIONS



#### **FOOD & FUNDS DRIVES**

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

#### Armstrong

701 pounds of food

#### Austintown Fitch High School Interact Club

2,748 pounds of food

#### **Biomat Plasma**

175 pounds of food

#### Canfield Presbyterian Church

\$200 and 160 pounds of food

#### Friends and Family of Frank Tavolario

277 pounds of food in lieu of gifts at his 90th birthday party

#### Great Trail Council/Scouting America

363 pounds of food

#### **Hynes Industries**

640 pounds of food

## Niles McKinley High School Students in YSU's Communications Class

385 pounds of food

#### OsteoStrong

\$305 and 456 pounds of food

#### Out-Spokin' Wheelmen

476 pounds of food

#### St. William Church Youth Ministry

\$406

#### Totally 80s Ice Ice Cream Shoppe

\$104

#### United Steelworkers Local #9401

\$3,150 in gift cards

#### VEC, Inc.

268 pounds of food

#### Youngstown Clothing Company & Whitehouse Fruit Farm

Yonation Jar

\$5,517.71

#### 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.

#### **VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

We are grateful not only to our regular, weekly volunteers, but to our volunteer groups that came in to lend a hand.

#### Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course

368 bags of grapefruit

#### **Local Giant Eagle Stores**

500 food boxes for our friends from Trumbull Regional Medical Center and Hillside Hospital

#### McConnell Marketing & YSU Students

240 Senior Boxes

#### McConnell Marketing

300 bags of oranges

#### Men's Bible Study Group

300 bags of sweet potatoes

#### Starbucks

399 bags of grapefruit

#### The Anderson-DuBose Company

504 bags of pasta

#### VEC, Inc. & YSU Students

1054 bags of oranges and grapefruit

#### **YSU Students**

300 bags of sweet potatoes

#### GRANTS

#### The Pittsburgh Foundation (Eat'n Park)

\$1,000 for food



We are thrilled to receive the \$10,000 Make More Happen Award from The Gibson Agency through Liberty Mutual & Safeco Insurance. Thank you to everyone who voted! This award will be used to purchase more food.

























## Akron Children's Opens Food Farmacy

#### NEW PANTRY PROVIDES HEALTHY FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Akron Children's held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for their Mahoning Valley Food Farmacy on March 24, 2025. Located on Akron Children's Beeghly campus in Building A in Boardman, the Food Farmacy is a pantry designed to support income-eligible patients and their families by providing access to healthy food options and hygiene items. Families can visit once a month after receiving a referral from a doctor's office. The Food Farmacy is open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm, offering a welcoming space to help address food insecurity and promote better health outcomes in our community. Second Harvest Food Bank will be providing food to fill the pantry's shelves. Join us in celebrating this important milestone!



## **Special Events**



## CANSTRUCTION BUILD DAY & JUDGING AT EASTWOOD MALL

Join us for Canstruction May 16 & 17, a unique competition where teams from the Mahoning Valley—including architects, engineers, contractors, designers, businesses, educators, students, and community groups—come together to build incredible structures made entirely from canned goods!

This year's theme is **GAMES: Win the Battle Against Hunger**—watch as creativity meets compassion in an effort to fight food insecurity. Don't miss the chance to see these amazing designs, support a great cause, and be part of the excitement!

#### THIRD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

We're excited to announce the return of our Golf Outing for its third year! We invite you to our upcoming Swing Fore Charity Golf Outing, an 18-hole golf scramble, benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank of Mahoning Valley. The event will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at Youngstown Country Club. While we encourage you to join us for a day of golf, we also ask that you consider sponsorship of the event. Your support will directly benefit those in need in Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties. For every \$1 raised, we can distribute \$10 worth of food or enough for five meals.

#### **Golf Package**

Includes four-person, 18-hole scramble and cart, entry to hole prizes, lunch before round, dinner, on-course refreshments, raffle and awards. You could even win a car donated by Rob Fellman's Boardman Subaru for a hole-in-one! Price is \$900 per foursome.

#### **Become a Sponsor**

Individual and company sponsorships are available, including hole sponsors, plus platinum, gold, and silver levels.

We hope to see you at this year's event and thank you for your consideration and continued support. If you have questions, would like to register your group or secure a sponsorship, please call Renee Fuller at 330.792.5522.





## MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW

Join us on June 29 for the Mahoning Valley Corvette Car Show at Greenwood Chevrolet in Austintown—a must-see event for car enthusiasts. Donations will be accepted for Second Harvest Food Bank, helping to fight hunger in our community.



## 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 for additional information.

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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help feed hungry people in Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties.

- **1 conduct a food drive** at your office, place of worship, school, or neighborhood
- support food drives & fundraisers call us or visit our website for information
- make a monetary donation at mahoning valley second harvest.org or use the envelope attached
- volunteer call Penny for more information 330.792.5522 ext. 102

