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Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Stark County

Please join our fight against hunger in Stark County by participating
in our 2014 Food Waste Challenge or by pledging your \$25.00
in celebration of our upcoming 25th Anniversary

Fall
2013

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Community Harvest on Thursday, June 27th at Varian Orchards for our Annual Appreciation Party. Attendees enjoyed a delicious steak dinner and scenic trolley rides through the apple orchards. Community Harvest would like to give special thanks to Mike and Nate Monastra for sharing their grilling talents with us. "I had one of the largest and most delicious steaks I have ever eaten," said attendee Ron Davidson. "Everyone clearly had an enjoyable evening."

The annual appreciation party included a presentation of awards to several key contributors who have made significant impacts on our program throughout our history and during the 2012-2013 calendar year. **St. Michael's LIFE TEEN Ministry** was presented with the *Outstanding Youth Hunger Fighter Award*, an award given each year to a young adult or youth ministry who has positively impacted the Community Harvest program by helping to reduce hunger. More specifically, LIFE TEEN members were acknowledged for their decade of supporting Souper Bowl of Caring and for the various philanthropic projects they complete each year to help those less fortunate in Stark County.

Kendall House - Kentucky Fried Chicken received the *Outstanding Business Support Award* in recognition of their food

contributions in excess of \$250,000 each year for over twenty years. Volunteer Bob Demuesy from Samaritan's Table was thrilled to hear the news that KFC received this special honor. "We serve a KFC meal once a month at Samaritan's Table and our folks absolutely love it! I think it is great what KFC does for our community."

The Darden Foundation was represented by managers from the local Longhorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, and Red Lobster who each nominated Community Harvest for a Darden Foundation Community Grant. This \$3000 grant was awarded to Community Harvest for our efforts to help children, improve the environment, and make an impact on local hunger. **The Darden Foundation** walked away with the *Outstanding Community Support Award* in recognition of food donations from their three local restaurants and for the financial support Community Harvest received earlier in the year.

The Deloris Cope Humanitarian Award is a distinguished honor presented to a community leader who has demonstrated good stewardship and dedication to reducing hunger in Stark County. This award was presented to **Varian Orchards** for their exemplary social service and commitment to Community Harvest over the years. Upon receiving the award, recipient Reed Varian thanked his mother for providing such a strong example of compassion for others and hard work, which is what he attributed to the family farm's surviving and thriving for six generations.

The HARVESTER Fall 2013 NEWSLETTER

Donor SpotLight Community Harvest Recognizes Santangelo's Donating food to Stark County residents for more than a decade

In recent Community Harvest newsletters, we've made an effort to highlight not only the wonderful volunteers who contribute to our organization throughout the year, but also area agencies who donate prepared food, baked goods, groceries, and produce to those community members in need. In this issue we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the generosity of Santangelo's who has donated excess, healthy food to Community Harvest for over a decade.

Locally owned and operated, Santangelo's provides catering services to groups of 35 to 3,500 guests. The establishment also operates a restaurant, tiki bar, and party center, located at 1008 9th Street in Massillon, seating up to 500 guests.

"In the catering business, we find on occasion we've prepared too much food for an event," said Tim Reinhart, owner of Santangelo's. "That said, we would never want that food to go to waste. When we discovered Community Harvest over ten years ago, we were thrilled to partner with an organization that would distribute the food that may otherwise be discarded. It's our small way of giving back to a community that has been so generous to us."

In recent months, Santangelo's joined forces with other vendors to cater the Pro Football Hall of Fame Fashion Show, Game Day event, and Enshrinement Dinner. Community Harvest was able to use the food that was not distributed. More specifically, 6000 pounds of food was collected by Community Harvest after Hall of Fame related activities with nearly 1000 pounds donated after the Hall of Fame Volunteer Appreciation Party alone. "Our food vendors and their donations are vital to our efforts," said Faith Barbato, Executive Director of Community Harvest. "We are so fortunate to live in a community with business owners like Tim and his wife, Nora Reinhart, who continuously support those in need. It is not always easy to do the right thing - it takes time and a lot of additional effort, which makes us all the more grateful."



For more information, visit www.santangelocatering.com or call 330.834.0808.

YES, I would like to participate and make my \$25.00
25th Anniversary donation today!

Company Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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I contribute this gift in Memory of: _____

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Thank You for supporting Community Harvest of Stark County
with your generous gift. All gifts are tax deductible.
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TWO TONS OF PRODUCE PICKED DURING THE 20TH ANNUAL UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

Timken employees Paul Petrovic, Daniel Kane, Candice Ford, and Stacey Spears joined forces with Community Harvest and Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren on Friday, September 13th for the 20th Annual United Way Day of Caring. Volunteers worked together to pick 4,218 pounds of watermelon, potatoes, tomatoes, cantaloupe, and other types of produce for delivery to Hope Outreach Ministries, a ministry serving over three hundred people a week with warm meals, clothing, and groceries. Julie Myers from Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren helped coordinate details of the event and was pleased with how the day turned out. "Our primary goal was to build relationships (both within the church family and with the community) and make an impact on local hunger when we first planted our garden three years ago," Myers said.

Myers also shared the story of how the two groups became paired for the United Way Day of Caring. "A few weeks ago, a handful of our gardeners were talking in the garden and expressed a need for more help. When I got home, I had a message on my answering machine from, Faith stating she had about 4 individuals who wanted to come to our garden and help with whatever needed done. We in the garden believe that God knew our need and before we could ask for help through prayer, He was already lining people up to meet the need to accomplish His work."



Special thanks to Community Harvest Friday volunteers, Ray Woolfenden and Ron Wilson, for helping to LOAD and UNLOAD all two tons of food!



HOLE IN ONE AGAINST HUNGER

Community Harvest is honored to be selected as the recipient of proceeds generated by the 12th Annual Stark County Medical Society Golf Outing and Dinner Meeting, generating \$4300 to provide healthy meals for those in need throughout Stark County.

We'd like to thank Stark County Medical Society for hosting such a phenomenal event as well as our major sponsors and prize donors:

Society and their partners," responded Faith Barbato upon receiving a \$1575 donation from the Stark County Medical Society and a commitment of \$1500 more from Huntington Bank.

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Longest Drive Winners

Skyland Pines

It was a beautiful day as 15 foursomes were joined by several additional dinner guests for the action-packed event on Wednesday, September 18th at Skyland Pines. Golf guests were treated to a cookout-style luncheon to kick off the event, followed by a scramble format outing with prizes and contests for longest drives and longest putts, overflowing goodie bags, a hole-in-one contest, and other surprises on the course. The day was concluded at the banquet hall with a short presentation from Don Cockroft, former punter and placekicker with the Cleveland Browns. "I am speechless when it comes to the generosity of the Stark County Medical

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WELCOME BACK! Multi-Development Services of Stark County and Alliance Salvation Army

Community Harvest collects food from over ninety different restaurants, caterers, grocery stores, hospital kitchens, and cafeterias on a weekly basis and delivers that food directly to community-based agencies in Stark County at NO COST. We are a tremendous asset for those large food programs who do not have the resources to pick-up the food they need to run their mission(s) effectively and/or cannot afford even the nominal costs associated with some food banks. By aligning ourselves with so many different food donors, we are able to ensure that our sites receive a large variety of nutritious foods.

"Our greatest benefit to the population we serve (our partnering agencies) is the fact that we deliver food directly to them for free," said Christina Furney, current Board President. "By delivering food to these 32 community-service agencies for free, it provides them with more time, resources, and money to focus on other ways to benefit the people they serve."

Community Harvest recently welcomed back Multi-Development Services of Stark County and the Alliance Salvation Army as sites who will receive food from Community Harvest on a regular basis. Faith Barbato and board members Dave Snyder and Maureen Tate recently had the opportunity to tour the Alliance Salvation Army and talk with Lt. Matt Hamilton and Carisa Anderson who oversee their Friday lunch program. "We used to receive food from Community Harvest many years ago, but we just didn't have enough funding to do everything we wanted and our hot meal program went on the back burner," said Anderson. "We've been back-up and running our Friday hot lunch for over a year now, serving anywhere between 30-60 people each week. We expect those numbers to continue to climb as the winter months approach. Assistance from Community Harvest will allow us to expand, which likely wouldn't be possible without their help."

Upon touring the facility, board member Maureen Tate was especially impressed with the due diligence conducted by Lt. Hamilton before resuming their hot meal program. "I reached out to the chamber, local churches, and other shelters and hot meal programs in the area. I discovered that Friday was the gap. No one in Alliance was serving a hot meal on that day," Hamilton shared. "Now that Community Harvest is shouldering some of the burden associated with our food cost, we can focus on new programs and especially those that benefit children."

"Summertime Support" is Appreciated

Community Harvest shared in our Summer newsletter that revenue streams for various feeding programs in Stark County tend to drop dramatically during the summer months. Unfortunately, this is also the time when people rely on these programs the most, especially children who are out of school and without access to free lunch programs. We challenged our supporters to help us meet our financial requirements and increase food distribution needs this summer. Many local businesses and supporters rose to that challenge, and we'd like to share a few of those successes with you.

Christmas in July at Arcadia Grille: Community Harvest participated in Maria Byington's "Christmas in July" at Arcadia Grille again this year, raising over \$1000 with 100% of the proceeds used to benefit summer feeding programs in Stark County.

Marathon Petroleum Company Grant: On Friday, July 19th, Darin Barber, Jason Pettay, Mike Sharp, and Brad McKain from Marathon Petroleum Company - Ohio Refining Division (ORD) presented Community Harvest with their annual charitable gift of \$1000. However, this year brought an extra surprise!



Community Harvest received an additional \$1,250 from the ORD's President's Award finalist winnings. In early June, ORD employees were given the opportunity to vote for the organizations they wanted the money to go. Faith Barbato was joined by board members Nancy Varian, Maureen Tate, and Kristen Petrilla to receive the award. "With so many fantastic non-profit organizations in Stark County, it is so incredibly rewarding to be chosen by ORD employees for the additional distribution," commented Petrilla. "We are all overwhelmingly touched."

Local Community Gardens: Indian Run Christian Church and Temple Israel both grew community gardens specifically for Community Har-

vest's participating agencies to distribute as part of their summer meal programs. Together both gardens produced almost 20,000 pounds of fresh produce! Terry Bailey, Senior Minister at Indian Run Christian Church and primary harvester shared his thoughts about his second year donating produce from their garden to Community Harvest - "It is a lot of hard work, but it is also very rewarding work, knowing that we are providing healthy vegetables and fruit to those who need it in our very own community! I hope other local churches and farmers can get involved. This is a great program."

Stark County Sheriff's Jail Garden:

Community Harvest was chosen as the local hunger program to receive and distribute produce from the Stark County Sheriff's Jail Garden this year. In the photo to the right, Sheriff George Maier and Corrections Officer Mark Henderson are turning over freshly picked vegetables to Faith Barbato for distribution to various hot meal sites and soup kitchens in Stark County.



ABC Supply Co., Inc: ABC Supply hosted two cookout events with a dunk tank and various prizes to support Community Harvest. These cookouts and a recent company match generated over \$2000 in funding for Community Harvest's summer feeding programs. Please join Community Harvest at ABC on **Friday, September 27th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm** for the final cookout of the year. With colder weather on the horizon, a putting contest will replace the dunk tank and all proceeds will again benefit hot meal programs in Stark County that support children. The cost for the cookout is a donation of choice by the attendee (\$1, \$5, \$10, or whatever the person chooses).

TAKE THE 2014 COMMUNITY HARVEST "Food Waste Challenge"

FOOD WASTE IN THE UNITED STATES IS STAGGERING. ACCORDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:

- 40% of all food ready for harvest and produced in the United States never gets eaten
- Americans households waste an average of 25% of the food we prepare
- The annual value of lost and unused food in the US is approximately \$165 Billion

Together we can make a bigger difference! Please join our efforts by participating in our "2014 Food Waste Challenge" in one of the following ways:

- 1) **Take the Family and Individual Challenge:** Reduce your own personal food loss and waste. Share any new ideas you have implemented in your home to reduce food waste by posting them on our Facebook page: **Community Harvest of Stark County**. Or, submit your ideas directly to the Community Harvest office on the form below. Random posts will be selected to receive a free chicken value meal from Chick-fil-A. New Year's is the perfect time to "kick-off" an annual commitment.
- 2) **Recover Wholesome Food for Human Consumption:** Whether you are part of the food industry or a local farmer, donate your healthy, excess food to Community Harvest. Please call Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 for more information.
- 3) **Become a "Food Waste Partner":** Community Harvest relies heavily on the tireless effort of our own volunteers, board members, and community sponsors to raise a majority of the funding for our program. Help us continue our program expansion by conducting a fundraising event in 2014 or by implementing a new idea that will impact food waste in Stark County. You can call Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 to discuss ideas.

YES, I am ready for the food waste challenge! Following is the commitment I will make in 2014 to reduce food waste or recover wholesome food for human consumption:

Family /Individual Name: _____

OR

Business Name: _____

Email (Optional): _____

Address: _____



Address and contact information requested, because random ideas will be selected for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich combo meal.

