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# COMMUNITY HARVEST

Feeding the Hungry of Stark County Nearly 500,000 Meals Annually

*Community Harvest celebrates nearly 1 million dollars rescued in food during our 2009 fiscal year!*



## A Driving Force Against Hunger

The ice cream truck formed many childhood memories it circled our neighborhoods delivering goodies. Community Harvest truck has given hope to our county hungry in much the same way for more than 20 years. It delivers food to the needy thru 32 shelters and hunger sites all of which serve hot meals. Last year alone, our specially-equipped refrigerated truck rescued about 1 million dollars' worth of perishable food. The time however is coming to retire the old truck. Thankfully BJ's Charitable Foundation started off our truck fund with a \$15,000 grant. This amount of money is a wonderful starting point towards our goal of \$40,000. We need your help though to reach our goal of \$40,000. Your \$50 contribution to the truck fund will keep this local staple circling our county for years to come.



### Recent Corporate and Foundation Gifts

Generous grants and donations have recently been received from the Aultman Foundation, Paul and Carol David Foundation, Emergency Food and Shelter Program, BJ's Charitable Foundation, Stark Community Foundation, W.R. Timken, Jr. Foundation, and Trirosis of Stark County to expand our mission in 2011. A portion of this funding will be allocated toward a new truck, which we hope to purchase by the end of the fiscal year with the help of additional matching grants and individual contributions.



### Newly Elected Slate of Officers

**President**  
Rick Fetzer

**Vice President**  
John Paul Sutter

**Treasurer**  
Todd Ascani

**Secretary**  
Joan Kinsley

### Community Harvest Receives Wise Giving Alliance Accreditation



The BBB Wise Giving Alliance (the Alliance) helps donors make informed giving decisions and advances high standards of conduct among organizations that solicit contributions from the public. The Alliance was formed in 2001 through the merger of the National Charities Information Bureau with the Council of Better Business Bureaus' Foundation.

Community Harvest has been reviewed and determined to meet all twenty voluntary Standards for Charitable Solicitations. This exceptional honor from the Alliance indicates Community Harvest executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

### Newsletter Subscriptions

If you know anyone who might be interested in receiving this newsletter or if you would like your name removed from this mailing list, please contact Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 or [faith@communityharveststark.org](mailto:faith@communityharveststark.org)

**Thank You!**



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## What is Community Harvest's position on food safety?

Food safety is our single most important concern, especially given the perishable food nature of the food we handle on a daily basis. We are committed to distributing food in a safe and timely manner that protects the quality of the food we handle and the health of those we help feed. Agencies and food donors participating in our program are required to demonstrate that they operate within the food safety and sanitation regulations established by our local and state departments of health.

Updated recommendations for safe food donations have recently been released by the Health Department. Please feel free to contact Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 if you would like to receive an updated copy of the "Public Health Recommendation for Safe Donation or Reuse of Perishable Foods in Compliance with Ohio's Good Samaritan Law." Copies are also available at the Community Harvest office.

## Community Harvest Annual Dinner A Huge Success

The Community Harvest staff and Board of Directors hosted their Annual Dinner on Tuesday, June 22nd at St. Michael's Catholic Church. The annual dinner is an event to honor and recognize the participating agencies, donors, volunteers and contributors who have helped Community Harvest bring twenty-one years of excellence to Stark County. It was our largest attended annual dinner with seventy-three guests in attendance. Janet Creighton was the keynote speaker and shared the history of the four Courthouse Angels overlooking the four corners of the county.

## How is Community Harvest different from other anti-hunger groups?

Each national anti-hunger group plays an important role and it is easy to confuse their respective missions and activities. As an established food program for over twenty years, Community Harvest will continue to collaborate with other anti-hunger organizations to ensure that efforts are not being duplicated.

### FOOD COST

Some programs serve as a clearinghouse for food manufacturers willing to donate food, which is then sold to local agencies for a small fraction of the price (zero to .19 cents per lb).

### COMMUNITY HARVEST...

*There is NO COST for the food we distribute since all of the food is donated.*

### STAFF

Some programs employ a number of paid staff whereas others are entirely run by volunteers.

### COMMUNITY HARVEST...

*Our operating expenses are minimal because our mission is executed by a team of volunteers and a staff of only one to run the office. As a matter of fact, volunteers are the primary reason that Community Harvest is able to maintain a services ratio of 96%, which is considered well above average for charities. This means that 96% of our budget is spent on the programs and services we exist to provide. In other words, 96% of the money donated to Community Harvest is given back to the community in the form of food donations to our sites.*

### DELIVERY

Many food banks and anti-hunger groups work by linking food donors with local agencies and letting them take care of the necessary transportation arrangements. All food received by Community Harvest remains in Stark County.

### COMMUNITY HARVEST...

*Our program is considered a "transporter program" by directly transporting food from food donors to local agencies. Our food is delivered via a specially equipped refrigerated truck designed to keep food temperatures at a consistent and safe temperature during delivery.*



## Deloris Cope Award

The Deloris M Cope Humanitarian Award was created to honor the memory of a dedicated community leader. Deloris was a woman of vision and devoted to making Stark County a better place to live. She was a community leader who served on several boards including United Way. In 1981, Deloris and a group of concerned citizens worked with the Area on Aging in the formation of Stark County Hunger Task Force. She served as the founding President. Later, she served as a member of Community Harvest's Board of Trustees. She testified before the Ohio Senate and was influential in the passing of the Good Samaritan Laws in Ohio, which began the inception of Community Harvest.

Ray Woolfenden was recognized as this year's Deloris Cope recipient. With his trademark bright yellow suspenders and Veterans hat that he wears during every Community Harvest food delivery, Ray is easily recognized and very well known among all of the agency sites. He has been driving the Monday Route every week for nearly six years now. His "anniversary" as a Community Harvest driver is quickly approaching this coming October. Ray exemplifies true stewardship and community leadership. His dedication and devotion to hunger relief is unprecedented. His commitment is also demonstrated by the number of committed volunteers he has introduced to Community Harvest. During his 6 years as a volunteer, Ray has helped to recruit twelve regularly scheduled volunteers and subs.

## Congratulations Ray!



## Celebrity Cuisine Review

The Tri-County Restaurant Association held their 18th Annual Celebrity Cuisine benefiting Community Harvest on April 20, 2010 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center. Celebrity Cuisine is a great representation of Stark County supporting itself! Well over 1000 people attended the event, and nearly 110 volunteers donated their time. Approximately forty different restaurants showcased their signature dishes and desserts to help increase awareness and generate additional funding to expand our program.

Please join Community Harvest in appreciation for the Tri-County Restaurant Association by patronizing their member restaurants especially those who donated their delicious food, time and energy to ensure another successful fundraising year.



## Community Harvest would also like to thank all of the 2010 participants who helped make the 18th Annual Celebrity Cuisine a reality and Joan Kinsley and Jean Schlemmer, co-chairmen for the event...

- 356th Fighter Group Restaurant
- 91 Wood Fired Oven
- AA Executive Catering
- Atlantic Food Distributors
- Barkett Fruit Co.
- Bill & Mary's Diner/Creative Catering
- Blue Bird Farm
- Buffalo Express Catering
- The Canton Club Event Center
- D.D. Stutz's Catering
- Davis Candies
- The Desert Inn Restaurant
- R.G. Drage Career Technical Center

- Esber Beverage Co.
- Georgio's Grille
- Grinders Above & Beyond
- Hide-A-Way Restaurant & Lounge
- Jeannie's Catering/Gregory's Restaurant
- John's Bar & Grille
- K & M Coffee Services
- Kennedy's BBQ
- Kozmo's Grille
- Lakeside Center Banquet & Meeting Hall
- Lucia's Steakhouse
- Milk & Honey Candy & Soda Shoppes
- Nicole's Family Restaurant

- Old Caroline Barbeque Co.
- Orlando Baking Co.
- Pancho's Southwestern Grille
- Papa Gyros
- Papa Bears/Pizza Oven
- PepsiAmericas
- Pileggi's Italian Café
- Primo's/Primavera's Restorante
- Skyland Pines Golf Club & Events Center
- Smoothie King #497
- Taggart's Ice Cream Parlor
- Tim's Tavern
- Walther's Café