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

Community Harvest rescued almost 1 million dollars worth of food last year!



TACKLE HUNGER

Teams spend their entire year practicing and refining their skills for one thing: The Super Bowl. This is a time of champions. All across the community, individuals are teaming up to tackle hunger. Souper Bowl of Caring in conjunction with COMMUNITY HARVEST is leading that charge again this year.

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national organization sponsored by NFL teams. It unites a coalition of churches, charities, and youth groups towards a common goal: to end hunger in these United States. It acts as a framework for this joint effort by providing the playbook for success. Last year, this event raised a value of more than \$10 million in donated food and cash contributions.

With the Super Bowl approaching quickly, now is the time to get involved. Throughout the month of February, you can place Souper Bowl pots at your church, place of business, youth group or organization to help raise money to fight hunger. All money raised for Community Harvest's Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign will feed Stark County residents. Please call the Community Harvest office at 330-493-0800 to find out how your group can "get off the bench" and take part in the action. We thank you for your generous support.

Save The Date Celebrity Cuisine April 26, 2011



The Tri-County Restaurant Association will be hosting its 19th annual Celebrity Cuisine, a star supported food and beverage extravaganza on **April 26, 2011** to benefit Community Harvest. The event will feature local restaurants showcasing their signature dishes and desserts, which will be served by local celebrities. Tickets are only \$25.00 again this year! This incredibly low price will get each attendee the opportunity to sample some of the finest food in the area, enjoy great entertainment and beverages, and most importantly help combat hunger in Stark County.



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Community Harvest Partners with Leadership Stark County

With 40+ Signature Class graduates serving as board chairs for local agencies and 180+ agencies benefiting from the board service of graduates, Leadership Stark County has been helping to foster leadership development in young professionals for years.

LSC recently hosted a new "board matching process," pairing a young professional with one of the 20 participating nonprofit boards in order to learn board service from the inside by "shadowing" for a one-year term. Todd Ascani and Paul DePasquale represented Community Harvest by participating in an innovative speed dating-type match up.

We are very happy to announce that Brian Abbey, a recent LSC Spotlight program graduate, will be joining Community Harvest as a "mentee" for the year.

Board of Directors

- Rick Fetzer, President
- John Paul Sutter, Vice President
- Kathy Krohn, Treasurer
- Joan Kinsley, Secretary
- Gary Mull, Immediate Past President

- Mary Anastas
- Todd Ascani
- Judith Cohodas
- Paul DePasquale
- Christina Huprich
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- Rich Manning
- Mark Mellion
- Mary Ellen Miller
- Jennifer Rowles
- Jean Schlemmer
- Nancy Varian

Faith Barbato, Executive Director

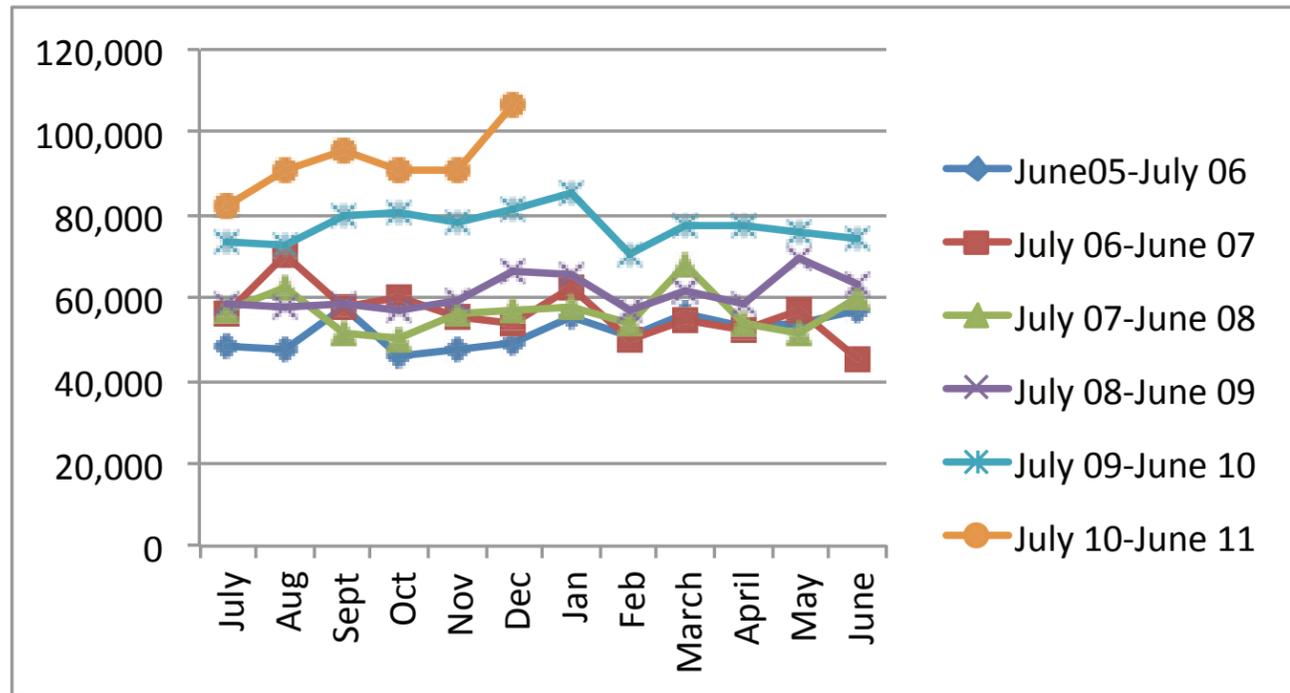
Investment Against Hunger

There have been a lot of new and exciting changes happening at Community Harvest, making 2010 one of our most outstanding years! As the need for food support continued to grow at an unprecedented level, Community Harvest rose to the occasion by distributing a record high of nearly \$1 Million in healthy prepared food.

Community Harvest proudly announces our investment in a new Ford F-450 with new refrigeration unit. The refrigeration unit includes a freezer compartment to ensure the safety of food during transport. The safe distribution of perishable and prepared food to those in need within only a few hours of collection is the core of what Community Harvest does best – getting food to those in need as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Valley Ford has been extremely helpful throughout the purchasing process. They specializes in fleet and business trucks which allowed us to find not only the right truck, but the refrigeration unit. Community Harvest thanks Valley Ford for making this an easy, 1-stop process.

In order to continue keeping up with the demands in our community, Community Harvest received help from the Walmart Foundation, BJ's Charitable Foundation and Innis Maggiore who helped fund a new and larger refrigerated truck. We are pleased to share that our new truck should be on the road by the end of February! Special thanks to Marathon Petroleum Company – Ohio Refining Division as well. Their recent grant donation of \$8500 will help Community Harvest keep up with the increase in fuel charges that will come along with our program expansion.



Community Harvest Food Contribution Recap

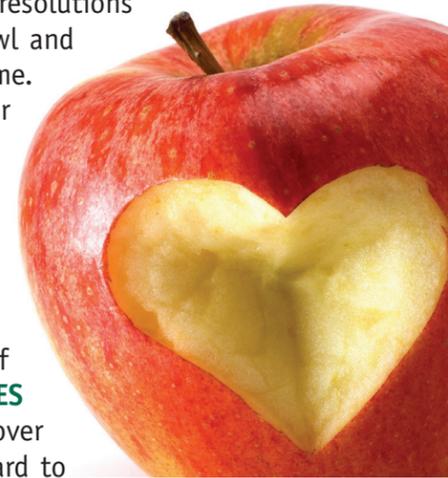
Annual Celebrity Cuisine Silent Auction

Community Harvest will be conducting its annual silent auction on April 26th during Celebrity Cuisine. Proceeds from this event will be used to expand our mission to more of the hungry and less fortunate in Stark County.

In order to make this event a success, we need your help! We will be auctioning off gifts, merchandise, and services donated by area businesses and individuals. Suggestions include health memberships, rounds of golf, home decorations, entertainment items, jewelry, sports memorabilia, food and wine, and electronics. We are asking you to support Community Harvest by donating such an item or service that we can use for this purpose. Each business donating an item will be recognized in the program and will have their name displayed with the donated item. Donations can be mailed to the Community Harvest office, or we can arrange for any item to be picked up at your convenience. Please call Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 if you would like to give a donation or have any questions.

PREVENTING THE WASTE OF HEALTHY FOOD.

Fighting Hunger.



During the month of January, thoughts often turn to reflection on the year past and new resolutions to conquer during the coming year. Many thoughts turn to the upcoming Super Bowl and associated festivities, especially in Canton, OH, the home of the Football Hall of Fame. Considering both, a football analogy may be the most fitting way to look back at our progress over the past year.

If you recall, a strategy was mapped out with the Board of Directors in November of 2009 – a strategy designed to sustain our momentum and prepare ourselves to take advantage of opportunities for growth in 2010 and beyond.

Embodied in the 4 P's acronym, the four strategic imperatives established in November of 2009 were: Find the right **PEOPLE** to help execute our mission; Improve **PROFICIENCIES** necessary for growth; Increase **PREDICTABILITY** to ensure we can sustain our mission over time and rise above any obstacles or challenges; Become more **PRODUCTIVE** in regard to getting food to those in need as quickly as possible.

Let's see how we did:

PEOPLE: Just as a good football team excels with the help of loyal fans, dedicated players, committed coaches and loyal supporters, Community Harvest relies on a tremendous team of people who help execute our mission on a daily basis. Our team consists of dedicated and loyal volunteers who deliver food to those in need every day, our Board of Directors who share their talent and resources regularly, our thirty-two participating agencies who are on the front line during our fight against hunger, and all of the generous and loyal champions of our program who donate regularly. The Community Harvest "team" has expanded significantly during the past year and we welcome the new donors, volunteers and board members who have joined our fight against hunger.

PROFICIENCIES: A successful football team requires superb facilities, equipment and resources to achieve success. Similarly, 2010 marked our most significant stride in regard to improving proficiencies. With the help of the Walmart Foundation, BJ's Charitable Foundation and Innis Maggiore, Community Harvest has purchased a larger and more efficient refrigerated truck, so we can get even MORE food to those in need.

PREDICTABILITY: Can you imagine football with only one team? It not only wouldn't be possible, it wouldn't be much fun to watch. Similarly, each anti-hunger group in the area plays an important role in the overall battle against hunger. As an established food program for over twenty years, Community Harvest continues to collaborate with other anti-hunger groups to ensure that efforts are not being duplicated. It is the collaborative efforts that we have streamlined and improved over the past year that helps sustain our mission over time and makes us more effective as a whole.

PRODUCTIVE: A strong football franchise makes smart decisions about how to expend resources and where to focus their energies. That is what allows them to WIN! Community Harvest exists because of the efforts of the Tri-County Restaurant Association and other caring citizens who were concerned about the unnecessary waste of healthy, prepared food. We continue to win in our battle against hunger by identifying new food donors and partners who share the same passion and enthusiasm for feeding more people while preventing the waste of healthy food. We added sixteen regular new food donors during the past year.

Thank you for getting "off the bench" to join our team as we tackle hunger in Stark County!

Faith Barbato

