

# COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

Uniting Resources to Make a Better Community for Twenty-Five Years

*Please join our fight against hunger in Stark County by participating in one of our 25th Anniversary commemorative events.*

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

*Teaching Our Youth How To "Pay It Forward"*



We can't think of a better way to kick-off our commemorative year than by combining two Stark county passions – NFL football and philanthropy! On or near Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2014, several area churches, schools, and civic organizations will collect donations and then give 100% of their collection to Community Harvest. By using this weekend as a time to help the hungry, many youth in our community will learn about the reality of hunger in their own neighborhoods as they turn one of the nation's universal days of celebration into an opportunity to care for those in need.

2014 Souper Bowl of Caring. The project is simple: Students and church youth collect donations after or during a service, often in soup kettles, to support Community Harvest and the area hungry. Civic groups and schools collect funds before or after their meetings and events. Short video clips and additional information can be found at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).

We are asking you to join Community Harvest this year to help raise money to feed the hungry in Stark County in a very simple project, The

*Community Harvest can provide announcements, soup pots, and even volunteers to visit your parish or school and help with the collections. Please feel free to contact Faith Barbato at 330-493-0800 to participate or to get more information.*

### Donations for our Silent Auction at Celebrity Cuisine

As Community Harvest commemorates our 25th Anniversary celebration in 2014, we hope to make this particular Celebrity Cuisine our **BEST TO DATE!** Please consider donating a gift card, basket, or services for our silent auction held in conjunction with Celebrity Cuisine. A special "25th Anniversary" table will be designated for all donations valued over \$250 and will provide additional exposure for businesses who participate.

### 22nd Annual CELEBRITY Cuisine Tuesday, April 29, 2014



the ideal occasion for you to share the evening with colleagues and friends while sitting down at a private table with your own bottles of wine. *Please call Julie Carpinelli, Tri-County Restaurant Association Manager, at 330-499-7007 for more details.*

Save the date of **Tuesday, April 29, 2014** for the 22nd Annual Celebrity Cuisine to benefit Community Harvest at the Canton Civic Center from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Celebrity Cuisine has become known as the "premier happy hour of the season" because of the extraordinary all-inclusive ticket price. For just \$30, attendees enjoy unlimited access to appetizers, entrée samples, beer, wine and desserts while listening to live music and bidding on our silent auction. Tickets are available at The Tri-County Restaurant Association or Community Harvest office. We recommend that you buy your tickets early and avoid long lines at the door.

Sponsorship opportunities for Celebrity Cuisine are very reasonable and offer



### Connect With Community Harvest

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Please like us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/communityharveststark.org)



## A Message From The Executive Director



**Faith Barbato**  
Executive Director

As we start a new year, I find myself reflecting on the past, as I am sure most of you are doing this time of year as well. I find myself thankful for the decisions I have made, the people who have made my journey more meaningful, and the lessons learned along the way. This year, I am especially thankful for a former direct report who has changed my life for the better. Dan would tell me, "You are only one person. You cannot be responsible for

doing everything. Hire great people and surround yourself with greatness, and you will go far."

Dan's words of wisdom left such an impression on me that I now live my life with one goal – to surround myself with greatness! This has certainly been the case for me during my past four years as the Executive Director of Community Harvest. I am surrounded with people who give so generously of **their very best** to make the lives of those around them even better. Whether it is the Community Harvest weekly volunteers who donate 4500 hours each year, the board members who work tirelessly to execute our mission, the food donors who make the extra effort required to distribute their food safely, or the sites who serve the food, I am surrounded by amazing people each day!

The Community Harvest mission is based on the same philosophy. Although Community Harvest cannot do **everything** to end hunger in Stark County, we make a very large dent! We do this without costing a lot of money or absorbing a lot of resources. We simply use a common sense approach of "linking" people and resources together – the leftover healthy, prepared and perishable food with the people and places serving the meals. By serving as a "link", Community Harvest is now able to provide over \$1.5 Million in food for soup kitchens and hot meal sites AT NO CHARGE each year.

We also take our service to the community one step further, because we recognize that making an appreciable difference in a community requires us to lend a hand whenever and wherever we can. That is why Community Harvest donated our truck for the day and connected St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Canton with various Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout Clubs, and the North Canton Eagles who all supplied items for over 1500 holiday baskets. It is also the reason we "linked" volunteers from the Timken Company with Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren for the United Way Day of Caring. We will continue to do whatever we can whenever we can. Please feel free to contact us directly at (330) 493-0800 if you have a project or idea that we can help execute.

*As you read our winter newsletter, you will see that it is action-packed with events as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary milestone and ALL the people who made it possible! All of these events are open to the public and either FREE or offered at a very low cost. We hope to see you!*

## Community Harvest and Tam O'Shanter 5th Annual FREE GOLF & FOOD DRIVE to Benefit BRIGHT House

Community Harvest was created to collect perishable and prepared food that would otherwise be wasted from local restaurants, caterers, hospitals, and the food industry. This food is distributed to local soup kitchens, shelters, and hot meal programs helping to alleviate hunger. Our network of participating hot meal programs is required to serve the food we deliver as a hot meal for those in need. At the same time, we recognize that Stark County has some amazing non-profits who do wonderful things for our community that may not meet our criteria for regular weekly food deliver. But, we still want to help!



For that reason, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course has teamed up with Community Harvest for the 5th Annual Tam O'Shanter Food Drive. The nonperishable food items collected this year will benefit BRIGHT House/Quest Recovery and Prevention Services, an adolescent female residential treatment program, providing a 12-bed facility and substance abuse treatment for females ages 13-19. Their "wish list" of food items include Macaroni and Cheese, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits, and canned vegetables.

Please join us at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course on Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th. Everyone who brings a nonperishable food item on those days will play free (cart not included) with all food items being donated to BRIGHT House.

### TAM O'SHANTER 5th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

**Dates:** Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th

**Location:** Tam O'Shanter Golf Course  
5055 Hills and Dales Road NW; Canton, OH

**Tee Times:** Please call 330-477-5111



## Thank You Volunteers & Donors!

Community Harvest relies very heavily on the dedication and tireless effort of our volunteers, board members, and community supporters. A majority of funding comes from our two primary fundraisers (Celebrity Cuisine in April and our Harvest Moon Run in October) and from our Annual Appeal Drive. A special **THANK YOU** to everyone who made a donation or volunteered their time at one of our events in 2013. Community Harvest could not help so many people each year without **YOU!**

During the months of November and December, we received many calls from people who like to volunteer, because it feels especially good to help others during the holidays. Please keep in mind that our partnering hot meal sites, soup kitchens, and shelters benefit from financial and volunteer support year-round. Consider starting a new tradition by volunteering on a new day, like Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Earth Day, or your birthday. Please consider that funding becomes especially low for Community Harvest and our participating agencies during the summer months, which is a critical time for children who are out of school and without access to free lunch programs otherwise provided.

# MARCH BLOOD DRIVE

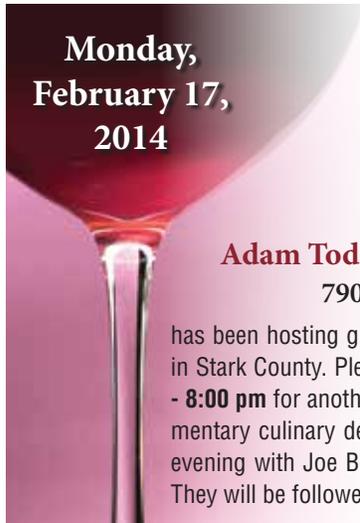
Wednesday, March 12th, 2014



Community Harvest is joining forces with the Aultman Blood Center on Wednesday, March 12th from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm to fight hunger in Stark County. The Aultman Blood Center is a not-for-profit, FDA registered blood center whose goal is to collect a safe and local blood supply to aid in the recovery and save the lives of our neighbors, friends, and family. Although walk-ins are welcome, you can avoid a wait

by calling the Community Harvest office at 493-0800 to make your appointment in advance to give blood at the Community Harvest office on Fulton or in the 415 Group Parking on Holiday Street. Please remember that you must be at least 17 years old to donate and at least 110 pounds with a valid state-issued ID. You can contact Community Harvest for more information regarding donor eligibility. *Community Harvest can deliver roughly 7000 meals by reaching our target of only 45 blood donors. CALL TODAY!*

Please consider donating blood at one of these locations on Wed., March 12, 2014 between 2:00 – 7:00 pm:  
COMMUNITY HARVEST OFFICE: 4915 Fulton Drive NW • 415 GROUP: 4100 Holiday Street NW



Monday,  
February 17,  
2014

## Guest BARTENDING

Adam Todd, owner of the Barrel Room Wine and Beer Bar  
7901 Cleveland Avenue NW, North Canton, OH

has been hosting guest bartending nights for several years to benefit various non-profits in Stark County. Please join us at the Barrel Room on **Monday, February 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm** for another night of fun and good cheer to benefit Community Harvest. Complimentary culinary delights will be provided by Cessna's Fine Italian Foods throughout the evening with Joe Borawski and Kathy Krohn as our guest servers from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. They will be followed by Brian Abbey and Jodi Luntz from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

## Register Early for our Harvest Moon Run Saturday, October 11, 2014



### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Is only \$25 through August 1st. The first 200 participants to register on-line will receive a free chicken sandwich value meal from Chick-fil-A.

Our 3rd Annual Harvest Moon Run will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2014** at Varian Orchards in East Canton. The Harvest Moon Run is a 3.1 mile cross country race, providing views of farms, fields, and orchards while overlooking the Quarry Golf Course. Participants may also walk the 5k course or choose a 1 mile trail walk, established as a non-competitive and fun walk for those who prefer to take in the breathtaking views that Varian Orchards has to offer.

Register online at [www.runtoyouracing.com](http://www.runtoyouracing.com). Mail-In forms are available on the Fundraising & Events Page of our website at [www.communityharveststark.org](http://www.communityharveststark.org). Registrants of the 1 Mile and 5k events will receive a long-sleeved logo t-shirt, goodie bags, and post race food/drink tickets for the after race bonfire party, which will include hot and cold apple cider, beer, music, and great food! Our free kid's run, expanded play area with chaperones, and inflatable jumpers make our event fun for the entire family.

**KID'S RUN: 4:00 PM • 1 MILE: 4:30 PM • 5K RUN AND WALK: 5:00 PM**

## Stark County Medical Society 13th Annual Golf Outing to benefit Community Harvest

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To score a Hole-In-One  
against hunger



Wednesday,  
September 17, 2014

Skyland Pines Golf Club  
3550 Columbus Road NE  
Canton, OH 44705

This year's outing to benefit:

COMMUNITY  HARVEST



 The  
**HARVESTER**  
*Winter 2014*  
NEWSLETTER

## Community Harvest Annual Appreciation Dinner with “The Sauce Boss”

*Tuesday, June 3rd at Lake Cable Clubhouse*

As an effort to thank all of our supporters, donors, volunteers, and champions of Community Harvest, the Board of Directors host an Annual Appreciation Dinner each June. Challenged with the task of topping last year’s steak fry at Varian Orchards, we are excited to announce that Bill “the Sauce Boss” Wharton is traveling to Canton to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary milestone. “The Sauce Boss” is “the ultimate blues playin’, gumbo cookin’, and food eatin’ band from Monticello, Florida” who will make this public event an evening to remember!

**SAVE THE DATE OF TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD!**

More details will be available on the Fundraising – Events Page of our website ([www.communityharveststark.org](http://www.communityharveststark.org)) after March 1st.

*More information about our Jazz-playing and Gumbo-making guest can be found at*  
**[www.sauceboss.com](http://www.sauceboss.com)**

