

COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

Making an Appreciable Impact on Hunger since 1989

THANK YOU supporters, food donors, participating agencies, and volunteers for 25 GREAT years of service to Stark County!

In today's economy, it appears that many of us are trying to trim expenses, cut corners, and implement new measures to help make each dollar go a little further. Community Harvest appreciates that, because we stretch our dollars as far as possible to make an appreciable difference in our community. Our mission is simple - We collect excess food from local grocery stores, caterers, cafeterias, and restaurants and deliver it to shelters and hot meal programs throughout Stark County. All of the food is donated, and our mission is executed entirely by volunteers and only one full-time staff to run the office.

Our major fundraisers reflect our mission and desire for attendees to get "a great bang for their buck." We hope to see you at one of our well-planned, top notch, and very reasonably priced fundraisers in support of our efforts to deliver more food than ever before during our 25th Anniversary celebration:

CELEBRITY CUISINE

CELEBRITY CUISINE has been dubbed "the biggest and best happy hour in town" and will be taking place on **Tuesday, April 29th** from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Canton Civic Center. This event, hosted by the Tri-County Restaurant Association to benefit Community Harvest, provides attendees with unlimited appetizers, entrée samples, beer, wine, and desserts from 40 different restaurants and food purveyors while enjoying live music provided by Jack Halkides and his band.

Tri-County
RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION



Home of Celebrity Cuisine.

But, that is not all! Our Silent Auction with over 120 items offers attendees the opportunity to bid on rounds of golf, gift baskets, Southwest Airline tickets, Bridgestone or Firestone tires, hotel stays, sports memorabilia, restaurant certificates, and MORE. Just a few of our amazing door prizes include a watch from Gasser Jewelers valued at \$1200, a Barkett Fruit basket, a K&M Coffee basket, and a Tri-County Restaurant Association gift certificate basket. Our 50/50 raffle resulted in \$1200 for one lucky winner last year.

Ticket Information:

We recommend that you buy your tickets in advance to avoid a long line at the door. Tickets are available for only \$30 at:

The Tri-County Restaurant Association
10:00 am – 3:00 pm • (330) 499-7007
6959 Promway Avenue NW
North Canton, OH 44720

Community Harvest
9:00 am – 2:00 pm • (330) 493-0800
4915 Fulton Drive NW
Canton, OH 44718

THE ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

THE ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER with the Sauce Boss is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3rd**. Gentleman leave your ties on their hooks, and ladies leave your little black dresses in their garment bags. Grab your sandals, shorts, capris, and summer dresses for a casual night of jazz and great food as we celebrate all of the supporters, donors, volunteers, and champions of fighting hunger in our community!

Balloon artists and activities for the kids, margaritas, jazz, gumbo, appetizers, a sundae bar with ice cream from Taggarts, and other great food from Be'Wicked and Winking Lizard will make this summertime event fun for the entire family. Event tickets are ONLY \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12, and free for children under 6. All food, attractions for the kids, draft beer, sangria, and non-alcoholic beverages are included in the ticket price. More information about the Sauce Boss can be found at www.sauceboss.com.



Ticket Information:

Registering for the "Sauce Boss" Annual Appreciation dinner is easy! Just complete the registration inside this newsletter and mail back to Community Harvest with payment as instructed. No actual tickets will be printed for this event. Names from registrations made in advance will be on a guest list for attendees when they enter through the front doors. Limited seating is available to the first 250 attendees, so advanced registration by May 27th is required.



Connect With Community Harvest

Phone 330.493.0800

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Canton, OH 44718

Email faith@communityharveststark.org



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3RD ANNUAL HARVEST MOON RUN

Saturday, October 11th, 2014

As one of the only true cross-country trail runs in Stark County each year, the Annual Harvest Moon Run course at Varian Orchards has become a stand-out favorite for new runners, avid runners, walkers, and families alike. Our race team has already been hard at work to ensure that 2014 offers the best Harvest Moon Run to date! We are keeping all of the great things you have come to expect – A challenging and scenic 5k trail course and non-competitive 1 mile run – Great sound and music provided by DJ George Douglas – Inflatable jumpers, face painting, and balloon artists in our fenced-in kid's area with chaperones – Bonfires at the post-race party – And, MORE! We've added more medal categories, and we're bringing back the HOT food! Hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers will be grilled on-site by Santangelo Catering, recently acknowledged as the People's Choice Best Caterer!

We are expecting over 1000 runners and walkers to join us for the 3rd Annual Harvest Moon Run, so sign-up early and take advantage of our "Early Bird" pricing of only \$25 through August 1st. Do you need another incentive to register early? We have one! The first 200 participants to register on-line will receive a free chicken sandwich meal from Chick-fil-A again this year. We are already approaching the 200 cap, so register SOON!



5K EVENT SUMMARY: The Harvest Moon Run is a 3.1 mile cross country race, providing breathtaking views of farms, fields, and orchards while overlooking the Quarry Golf Course. Runners will climb to the second highest point in Stark County and will run through apple orchards, woods, and rolling hills.

1 MILE TRAIL WALK: A scenic 1 mile trail walk has been established as a non-competitive and fun walk for those who prefer to take in the breathtaking sights that Varian Orchards has to offer. The 1 mile trail walk is not chip timed.

RUNNERS AND WALKERS WILL RECEIVE: A 3rd Annual Harvest Moon Run long-sleeved logo t-shirt, a post-race food coupon and drink coupons redeemable for beer, cider, or lemonade, and participating goodie bags with other great prizes.

KID'S PLAY AREA AND FREE FUN RUN: At Community Harvest, we recognize the need for children to be exposed to healthy lifestyles, which is why this race has been established as a fun, family-oriented event while supporting a good cause. A special kid's play area has been created with adult chaperones to watch the children while you run or walk the trail course. Children 6 & under are invited to join our free kid's run. All children participating in the kid's run will receive a kid's goodie bag.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the top three overall male and female finishers as well as the top 3 in each age group (12 & under, 13-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and 75+). All runners and walkers of the 5k will be electronically chip timed with results uploaded to www.runtoyouracing.com.

KID'S RUN 4:00 PM

1 MILE 4:30 PM

5K RUN/WALK 5:00 PM

2014 Registration for Runners & Walkers:

Register on-line at www.runtoyouracing.com
OR mail the paper registration from the Fundraising-Events Page on our website at www.communityharveststark.org

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
ONLY \$25 THROUGH AUGUST 1ST
\$30 – August 2nd – September 28th
\$35 – September 29th until Race Day

* On-Line registration ends at midnight on Sunday, October 5th
** Apparel and sizing is not guaranteed after October 5th

WE'D LIKE TO THANK OUR 2014 RACE SPONSOR:

415 Group, and our Silver Sponsors confirmed to date – Santangelo Catering, Atlantic Food Distributors, ABC Supply Co. Inc, Taggarts, and Compass Media. Two silver sponsorships and several bronze sponsorships are still available. Please call Faith Barbato at 330-493-0800 for more information.



STARK COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Remember how much fun you had at the 2013 Stark County Medical Society Golf Outing to benefit Community Harvest? Save the date of WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th in your calendars, because the SCMS is partnering with Community Harvest again to make 2014 our best outing ever!

SKYLAND PINES GOLF COURSE

10:30 PM Registration with Hospitality Station
provided by *The Laurels*

11:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Shotgun Start

6:30 PM Dinner

Only \$75/Golfer & \$300/Foursome

Registration forms will be included in our Summer Newsletter and will be posted on the Fundraising-Events Page of our website www.communityharveststark.org by June 1st.





Community Harvest Welcomes

SAUCE BOSS

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014

5:30-6:00 Cocktails & Appetizers • Event Starts at 6:00

The Club House at Lake Cable • 5725 Fulton Drive NW; Canton, OH

2014 Community Harvest Appreciation Party with the "Sauce Boss"

*Limited Seating Available to the first 250 Registrations - Please RSVP by May 27th
No actual tickets will be provided. Your name(s) will be on a guest list when you enter through the front doors.*

Dinner includes chicken sandwiches from Winking Lizard, assorted side dishes, salad, and rolls.

Draft beer and sangria included in ticket price for adults 21 and over.

Casual attire - Taggarts sundae bar for dessert - Activities for children.

Yes, I can attend the Community Harvest Appreciation Party!

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for the following number of people:

___ \$20.00 for Adults and Children over 12

Names: _____

___ \$10.00 for Children 6-12

Names: _____

___ No Charge for Children under 6

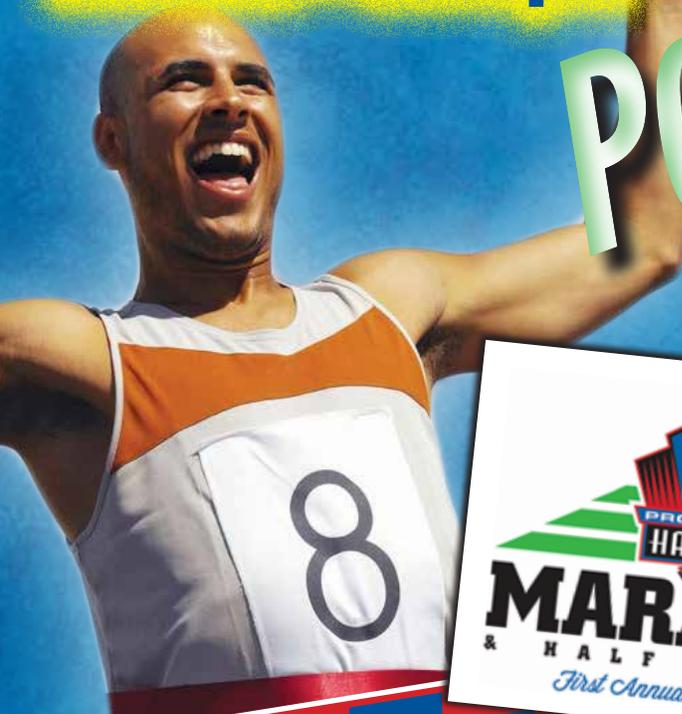
Names: _____

___ Decline with regret. Please accept my enclosed donation of \$_____

Complete the bottom portion and mail with your check payable to **Community Harvest** to:
Community Harvest; 4915 Fulton Drive NW, Unit 7; Canton, OH 44718

Sunday, April 27, 2014

9:00am - 3:00 pm



POST-RACE MARATHON Party



Proceeds from the event to benefit

COMMUNITY HARVEST
FOOD RESCUE PROGRAM

**Over \$3500 prizes available on our
giving tree-Each pull only \$10!**

50/50 Raffle • Breakfast & Lunch Specials • Prizes

DJ JEFF TURK PLUS BROADCASTING LIVE

**DRINK
SPECIALS**

When
you show
your
Hall of Fame
Marathon
Medal



 **CompassMedia**
Fitness & Health Education

**THE Post Hall of Fame Marathon
Party Spot: 2531 Fulton Drive NW**



THANK YOU NEW FOOD DONORS

Can you guess what Dibella's Old Fashioned Submarines, Fieldcrest Estate, and Be'Wiched Café have in common? If you guessed that they serve only the freshest menu items made daily, you would be correct. If you guessed that they are the newest food donors to join the Community Harvest program, you would be correct as well.



According to Jeff Flynn, General Manager of **DIBELLA'S** in Belden Village, "our goal is to make the best sub sandwich you've ever had, so every sandwich starts with freshly baked bread that is baked continuously throughout the day in the store's in-house bakery. We custom prepare

every sub using the highest quality of meats, cheeses, and condiments, taking the time to make each sub to a standard that would only be found in an old fashioned corner bakery." When talking to Flynn, he said "it only makes sense to donate our fresh bread to Community Harvest. It is picked-up fresh and served to those in need within 24 hours. I think that is pretty awesome!"

The beautiful **FIELDCREST ESTATE** lodge and inn on Easthill Street in North Canton offers Sunday brunch from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Although Fieldcrest Estate is new to Community Harvest, the concept of donating their fresh, excess food from their Sunday brunch to those in need is not new to them. According to Chef Stuart Mettler, they had been donating their excess food to Refuge of Hope for two years. Stuart added, "I came across the Community Harvest website, and it immediately made sense to reach out to them. Now, Community Harvest volunteers pick-up directly from our back



door each Monday. They are always on time and courteous."

"Fieldcrest Estates provides the ideal scenario to depict why our program is so important to the Stark community and how it works," said Faith Barbato, the Executive Director for Community Harvest. Fieldcrest Estate already had a system in place to donate their excess salads, soups, meats, pastries, and main entrees to those in need. This food was dropped off to Refuge of Hope within 24 hours of being made and served as part of the Monday night dinner at Refuge of Hope. "How fitting that Community Harvest already had Refuge of Hope on the Monday delivery schedule when Stuart called us," said Barbato. "Now, the Fieldcrest Estate staff does not need to deliver the food themselves. They can attend to other needs while we pick-up the food each Monday and deliver it to Refuge of Hope as part of our regular route. Everyone wins!"

BE'WICHED in Jackson Township recently took over the former Corky's Café and opened in February, serving breakfast and dinner daily from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The chef for Be'Wiched is Jason Tate, husband of Maureen Tate, who currently serves as a Community Harvest Board Member. Tate was thrilled to start a harvest donating process at Be'Wiched and added, "It only makes sense. Community Harvest is less than 2 miles down the road from us and provides a convenient means to donate our healthy, excess food. Granted, I know about Community Harvest because of my wife's involvement as a board member. I can't fathom why any food-related business would choose to throw away their food instead of serving our community."



SPOTLIGHT ON...THE MARTIN CENTER

Making a Major Impact on Young Adults in SE Canton



"A 17 year-old teenager arrives at a community center with his 6 year-old brother in tow. It's 6 PM, and both are hungry and haven't eaten since yesterday. They live with their Grandma. Mom is on heroin and can't possibly care for them, and Dad is not around. Mom just sold her SNAP card for her latest 'fix' and Grandma just doesn't have enough food for everyone." Sounds like another typical day in downtown Chicago or Harlem... but it's not. It is a typical day, for sure, but right here in near-downtown Canton. "We don't like to admit it, but many of the problems big cities face are also present in Canton, Ohio."

The Martin Center (TMC) is a faith-based 501©3 located on 3rd Street SE and ministers to teenagers ages 12 - 20. TMC is privately funded and seeks donations from individuals, churches, and organizations that believe in the mission. "Our mission is to build relationships with our kids to hopefully guide them to make better life choices," said TMC Director Terry Hunka, "and of course the best decision they could make would be to enter into a relationship with the Lord." "We do this through our facilities and programs. We have a high school regulation basketball court, a weight room, dance studio, several meeting and training rooms, a game room, and a small café-style area. We're particularly proud of our 16-channel digital recording studio that was just completed." TMC offers several programs including ACT prep training, Jobs For Life Courses, after-school tutoring, Free Tax Preparations, and is an Ohio Benefit Bank site.

"We take any opportunity to feed our kids and families. Community Harvest has been a huge blessing to TMC by providing us with much of the food we prepare. We have been able to feed our teens at least twice a week and provide a meal for the families of the neighborhood at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and special block parties throughout the summer," according to Hunka. TMC also houses like-minded organizations and ministries like P.A.L. Missions, the C.O.O.L. Project, Radial Church, Ekklesia House Ministries, and others. All organizations offer services to teens and families that find themselves in need of housing, counseling, food, or whatever. "The Martin Center staff and volunteers could not do what we do for these youth without awesome partnerships with organizations like Community Harvest who provide us with the tools we so desperately need."



Community Harvest is thrilled to welcome The Martin Center, LifeSong Church in Massillon, and The Joshua Casteel House in Alliance as hunger partners within the last 60 days. Adding participating agencies to our program is only possible because of the increase in the number of food donors taking part in our program. THANK YOU FOOD DONORS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CARING SPIRIT!

Hall of Fame Marathon Post-Race Party to Benefit Community Harvest

Sunday, April 27th



Faith Barbato, Community Harvest Executive Director, and Christina Furney, Board President, in front of the giving tree at the Barrel Room in February, raising \$3000 for Community Harvest.

Check-out the enclosed insert regarding the Hall of Fame Marathon Post-Race Party at Jerzee's Grille to benefit Community Harvest. Whether you are an avid runner, first time marathon participant, supporter, or just looking for a fun activity on a Sunday, Jerzee's Grille is the place to be on Sunday, April 27th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm!

Join Community Harvest and DJ Jeff Turk for breakfast and lunch specials, drink specials for marathon participants who show their medals, and over \$3500 in prizes. The Community Harvest "giving tree" will be lit and full of nearly 200 envelopes. Each envelope will have a number enclosed to a corresponding prize with a value between \$10 and \$100. Each pull of an envelope will cost participants only \$10, but they are guaranteed to receive a minimum of the value spent with the average of all envelopes exceeding \$20! This will surely be another crowd favorite, resulting in additional funding to support Community Harvest.



 The
HARVESTER
Spring 2014
NEWSLETTER

Christmas
IN JULY

MONDAY, JULY 7TH
5PM – 8PM



It has been a very long and cold winter in NE Ohio, which is why Community Harvest is planning a “*warm Christmas*” full of good cheer, warmer weather, cold drinks, and great food!

SAVE THE DATE OF Monday, July 7th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm for “Christmas in July” at Arcadia Grille to benefit Community Harvest. This is guaranteed to be another exciting guest bartending night with cornhole, a 50/50 drawing, over \$2500 in prizes on our giving tree, and delicious food from our guest chef, Sil Pileggi.