

COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

Feeding the Hungry of Stark County 800,000 Meals Annually

*"Thank you for being part of a record-setting
Celebrity Cuisine.
20th Annual Celebrity Cuisine - Another Success"*

Save the Date For Next Year

Don't fret if you missed the Celebrity Cuisine Platinum celebration this year. The Tri-County Restaurant Association has already reserved the date of **TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 for Celebrity Cuisine next year!** We look forward to seeing new faces and celebrating with familiar supporters.

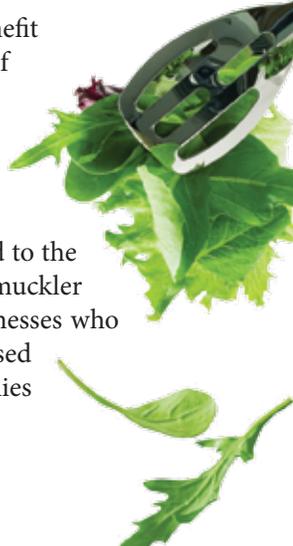
20TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY CUISINE

The Tri-County Restaurant Association held its 20th Annual Celebrity Cuisine to benefit Community Harvest on April 17th at the Canton Civic Center. With a record high of approximately 1600 in attendance, the 46 food and beverage vendors and celebrity servers were kept busier than ever.

Celebrity Cuisine is a major fundraising event with all of the proceeds supporting our effort to eliminate hunger in Stark County. A huge **THANK YOU** to the Tri-County Restaurant Association for their dedication to our mission over the years and to the 110 volunteers whose help makes this event possible. We'd also like to thank Bill Smuckler for emceeing the event, all of the sponsors, and the numerous individuals and businesses who contributed to our Silent Auction. We raised a total of nearly \$35,000, which will be used to continue the expansion of our program, so we can help more individuals and families in Stark County who are currently experiencing food insecurity.



LIKE US on Facebook at Community Harvest of Stark County for CelebrityCuisine 20th Anniversary Celebration Pictures.



HARVEST MOON RUN • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 6:00 PM AT VARIAN ORCHARDS

Ready, set, GO! Come join us for the First Annual *Harvest Moon Run*. The event boasts a 5K cross country race for avid runners. This will not be your average 5K. This will be a true cross country course out of the gate. Runners will climb to the second highest point in Stark County, run through apple orchards, woods, and rolling hills. A fun scenic trail walk for the family will also be available. Runners and walkers will receive a Harvest Moon Run long-sleeved logo t-shirt and a post race food/drink entrance bracelet for the after race party, which will include hot and cold apple cider, beer and plenty of great food. All proceeds from the event will benefit Community Harvest.

For those who have not been there, Varian Orchards in East Canton is less than 5 minutes from downtown Canton and provides breathtaking views of farms, fields, and orchards in fall foliage while overlooking the Quarry Golf Course.

REGISTRATION FOR RUNNERS AND WALKERS:

Register on-line at www.runtoyouracing.com

Before October 1, 2012 - \$25 • After October 1, 2012 until Race Day - \$30

Community Harvest is currently seeking two major corporate sponsors. Smaller sponsorships are also still available. Please call Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 if you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities.



Connect With Community Harvest

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Please like us on Facebook.com





Be Part of the Cause

Community Harvest recently joined the ShopBPC network. ShopBPC is an online voucher program where everybody wins. As a consumer, you receive discounts at local businesses and 10% of your purchases go to end hunger here at home when you select Community Harvest as your non-profit of choice.

Please continue to purchase your online vouchers through **ShopPBC.com**. It is the only online voucher program that supports non-profits in the Stark County area. Upon purchasing discounted vouchers at **ShopBPC.com**, simply designate Community Harvest as your non-profit of choice.



Executive Director, Faith Barbato, receives a \$1000 check from Pete Cook with ShopBPC.com. Community Harvest won the "Connect to the Cause" Give-Away contest by having the most supporters who "Liked" ShopBPC on Facebook and then voted for Community Harvest.

Maria Byington has been hosting "Christmas in July" at Arcadia Grill in downtown Canton for 12 years with each day in July benefiting various non-profits in Stark County. Please join **COMMUNITY HARVEST** at Arcadia Grill on Monday, July 30th for another night of fun and good cheer. Guest Bartenders, a 50/50 drawing, auctions and prizes are just a few of the exciting things to look forward to.

All tips from the evening will be donated directly to Community Harvest.

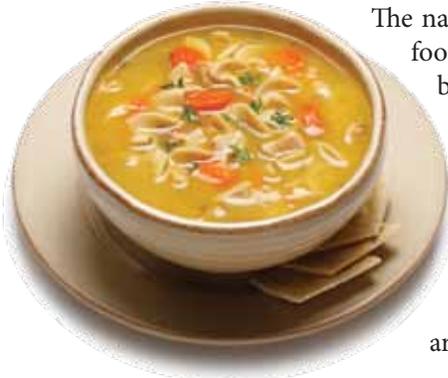
AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: ST. JOSEPH'S SOUP KITCHEN MAKING AN IMPACT

Passion translated into assistance. This is the reoccurring theme at St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen every Monday at noon. Here you will find dozens of faithful volunteers busily working, along with anywhere from 150 to 200 Massillon residents reaching out for assistance.

"We provide a hot lunch, groceries, and even clothing to those in need," said Linda Bryant, who coordinates the soup kitchen along with Sandy Elliot. "Each meal consists of a salad, some sort of protein, vegetable and fruit."

Established in the early 80's, volunteers at the local St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Massillon arrive early to begin prepping for the day. Last year, the kitchen served over 10,000 meals and distributed close to 6,000 bags of groceries.

Elliot noted, "If it weren't for Community Harvest, along with all of the generous donations we receive from merchants in our community, we couldn't exist. Those receiving assistance continuously express to us how grateful they are for the services we provide."



The nation's economic downturn has increased the need for food assistance. The kitchen tends to see a rise in the number of people requiring support toward the end of the month. They have also seen a rise in younger families reaching out for help.

"We are here for those who need us," said Bryant. "Sandy and I both feel it is our calling to give back to those seeking assistance, as well as the many volunteers that help us each week. They are wonderful and we are grateful to provide this resource to our community."



LAKE CABLE PRESCHOOLERS SHARE A LESSON ABOUT CARING

The children at Lake Cable Preschool recently learned a lesson about caring while hearing the “Stone Soup” parable at school. Each preschool student then played an important part and acted on the lessons learned by donating a can of soup, broth or vegetables to Community Harvest.

“The stone soup parable is about some tired and hungry travelers who come to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon their arrival, the villagers are unwilling to share any of their meals with the hungry travelers. So, the travelers go to a stream and fill the pot with water, drop a large stone in it, and place it over a fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making “stone soup”, which tastes wonderful, although it still needs a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor, which they are missing. The villager does not mind parting with a few carrots to help them out, so that gets added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their stone soup which has not reached its full potential yet. The villager hands them a little bit of seasoning to help them out. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient. Finally, a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by all.”

The Stone Soup story is a depiction of feats a community can accomplish together. Although we may not have the time or resources to help others with *everything* they need, we all have a little *something* that when added together can truly make a difference in the lives of others. Community Harvest embodies this ideology every day. We pick-up fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers, some meat for soup from the local Giant Eagles, bread and pastries are added at Starbucks and Panera Bread, chicken is donated by Kentucky Fried Chicken, and numerous restaurants and caterers in the area add warm and delicious side dishes.



When the contributions of over ninety different donors are added together, Community Harvest is able to deliver approximately 800,000 healthy, robust, and well-rounded meals each year.

“Paella at the Paper”

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH FROM
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
AT THE REPOSITORY**

The Community Harvest Staff and Board of Directors host an Annual Dinner Meeting each year in June to announce the slate of officers for the following year, the Business/Foundation Supporter of the Year, and the recipient of the Deloris Cope Humanitarian Award, a distinguished award presented to a community leader who has demonstrated exemplary social service to the community and dedication to reducing hunger in Stark County.

The Community Harvest 2012 Annual Dinner & Meeting will have an exciting twist this year... **“PAELLA AT THE PAPER.”** Tickets for this event will be \$40.00/per person, which includes a scrumptious shrimp, chicken and chorizo Paella, salad, dessert, beer, wine and water. Seats are limited to only 48, so please make your reservation as soon as possible. Although we still hope participating agencies will send representatives, attendance is NOT required this year due to the ticket cost.

THANK YOU to Chef Kevin Kampman for hosting and cooking a delicious dinner for us at The Repository this year. For more information, reservations or questions, please call Faith Barbato at 330-493-0800.

**COME FIESTA
WITH US!**



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OUR TOWN CONNECTION

“**Our Town Connection**”, hosted by Rick Mirenzi and Pastor Berry Carter, is a unique program, focused on spotlighting community ideals and people doing good things and working to make our community better. Faith Barbato, Executive Director for Community Harvest, had the distinguished honor of sitting down with Rick and Pastor Berry to share exactly how Community Harvest has been making a difference in Stark County for twenty-three years. She also takes time to spotlight the Tri-County Restaurant Association and other businesses that help make the good work of Community Harvest possible.

Visit www.ourtownconnection.com for the Community Harvest segment
or you can find it on Massillon Cable Channels 22 & 23.

