

# COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

Feeding the Hungry of Stark County 900,000 Meals Annually

*Community Harvest delivered 1.3 million dollars of food to 32 community-based agencies at no cost during our 2011-2012 fiscal year.*

## Registration for Runners and Walkers:

Register on-line at [www.runtoyouracing.com](http://www.runtoyouracing.com)

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

**Race Day  
Registration will  
ONLY be available  
at Varian Orchards.  
from 4:30-5:15.**

## FIRST ANNUAL HARVEST MOON RUN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Come celebrate fall in the country with Community Harvest at Varian Orchards on Saturday, October 6th from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Enjoy a nostalgic fun night out while taking in the beautiful scenery that Varian Orchards has to offer.

The event boasts a true 5k cross country run or walk, providing a challenging trail course that overlooks the Quarry Golf Course and winds through woods and over rolling hills. A fun scenic 1 mile trail walk is also provided for those seeking an enjoyable walk through beautiful fall foliage. For kids, a special play area has been created with adult chaperones to watch the children while adults run or walk. All runners and walkers will receive a Harvest Moon Run long-sleeved t-shirt, two drink coupons, and a food voucher



for a sandwich or hot dog platter from Hide-A-Way Buffalo Grill. All proceeds from the event will benefit Community Harvest.

Family and friends are encouraged to come out to root for their favorite runners and walk-

ers. Food and drinks will be available for spectators at a nominal fee for sandwich platters and drink specials including 16 ounce beers for just \$2.00. Music from DJ Magic Mike, bonfire, hot and cold cider, and Cornhole are just a few of the post race fall activities for runners and spectators to look forward to.



## FOOD WASTE IN AMERICA

The amount of food being wasted in the United States is staggering. According to the Environmental Protection Agency,

- Almost half the food in the United States goes to waste
- Approximately 100 billion pounds of food, which equates to approximately 3,000 pounds per second, is wasted in the U.S. each year
- Only 2% of food waste is recovered, whereas 62% of paper waste is recycled
- Food disposal alone costs the United States 1 Billion each year

These are frightening statistics when considering that nearly 50 Million Americans are currently experiencing food insecurity according to Feeding America. Hitting even closer to home, 17.3% of Stark's population are food insecure, which equates to roughly 65,730 people. Please consider making a donation to Community Harvest. Every \$1 donation provides 10 meals to hungry men, women and children in Stark County in addition to preventing food waste.



## Connect With Community Harvest

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# Welcome HOPE Outreach MINISTRIES

The guiding principal of Hope Outreach Ministry is **“that no one is turned away,”** and it couldn’t be more fitting. The Hope Outreach Ministry was started by Marilyn Roman who began ministering when she was only ten years old and came from a broken home and has a dysfunctional history herself. She remembers what it was like to live on the streets and works hard to

ensure that “she catches those people who may otherwise fall through the cracks,” she said. That passion to help others transcends into a ministry that serves over two hundred people a week by providing warm meals, clothing, and groceries to those in need.

*We are thrilled to welcome Hope Outreach Ministries as a hunger partner of Community Harvest. Hope Outreach Ministries will be providing warm meals on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 2354 Mahoning Road NE, serving the Crystal Park neighborhood.*

## SUMMERTIME EFFORTS TO FIGHT HUNGER

*Hunger is a year around problem that requires a year around solution.*

Unfortunately, revenue streams into the Community Harvest program typically slow down during the months of June and July. We would like to recognize Maria Byington for allowing us to host Christmas in July at Arcadia Grill and Kevin Kampman and The Repository for hosting Paella at the Paper. These fundraisers generated more than \$3000 for Community Harvest.

During our June fundraiser at *The Repository*, the Community Harvest Business/Foundation Supporter of the Year Award was presented to Mark Butterworth at The Herbert W. Hoover Foundation in recognition of their critical support to Community Harvest in 2011. Upon receiving the award Butterworth commented, “The Herbert W. Hoover Foundation takes a leadership role in funding unique opportunities that provide solutions to issues pertaining to the community, education and the environment. Community Harvest has been an exciting opportunity for us to fund because of their unique solution of addressing hunger while helping our environment at the same time. We are thrilled to be partners with such an outstanding organization.”

The Deloris Cope Humanitarian Award is a distinguished honor presented to a community leader who has demonstrated dedication to reducing hunger in Stark County. This award was presented to Gary Mull for his exemplary social service to the community and commitment to Community Harvest over the years. Upon receiving the award, Gary thanked his mother for providing such a strong example of volunteerism, compassion and caring for others.

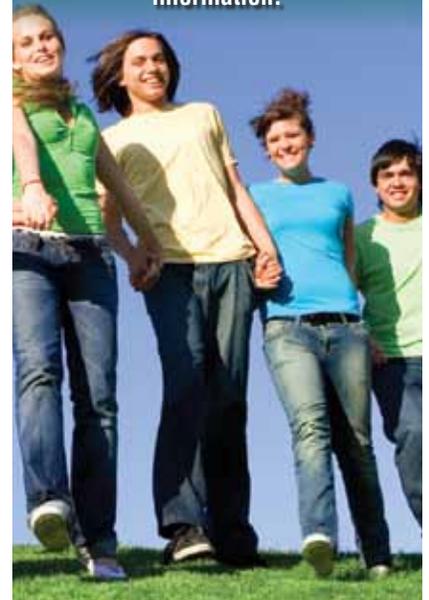


# Souper Bowl of Caring

## February 3, 2013

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. These donations are then given to Community Harvest to help with our program expansion as we try to keep pace with our increasing demand. Please consider joining approximately 75 businesses, schools, churches and other civic organizations by conducting a funds drive on or around Super Bowl Sunday to support Community Harvest.

Visit our website at  
[www.communityharveststark.org](http://www.communityharveststark.org)  
or call Faith Barbato at  
(330) 493-0800 for more  
information.



## SAVE THE DATE!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:



Ron Blend receiving boxes of food from his volunteer delivery partner, Rod Derbyshire.

Helping others has been a passion of Ron Blend for a long time, and it continues to be something he looks forward to doing as much as he can. He is honored to be a Korean War Veteran after serving in the Army for two years. He later worked for Ohio Power (now known as AEP Ohio) as a pony-express driver, delivering mail and supplies to various locations as needed for thirty-two years.

After Ron retired from AEP, he began volunteering for Community Harvest as a driver and has been doing so for nearly seventeen years. “My favorite part about volunteering for Community

Harvest is helping people in a way that no one has ever done before,” said Ron. “It’s common sense. Community Harvest takes food that may otherwise be wasted, and they use it to help feed those in need.” He also appreciates making new friends and meeting new people along the way. “Some of these people donating the food and the agencies who receive it have truly become my friends. I look forward to seeing them each week,” he commented.

In addition to volunteering as a driver for Community Harvest, Ron has been a volunteer at Total Living Center in Canton for ten years. Total Living is one of the thirty-two community based agencies that Community Harvest has been delivering food to for as long as Ron can remember. “It is very rewarding to see the entire process first hand – from the food donor to the agency to the mouths that are actually being fed,” shared Blend. With one in four children experiencing food insecurity right here in Stark County, it has been especially meaningful for Ron to know that his efforts are making a difference in the lives of children. Ron and his wife, Barb, prepared goodie bags for the children at Total Living Center together for many years until she passed away in May of 2011. “I miss her every day,” said Blend. “I know they miss my wife even more. She was the type of person that everyone loved to be around.”

Ron has been the regularly scheduled Thursday driver at Community Harvest and will be retiring on the last Thursday of the month, which is September 27th. As fate would have it, this exact same date would have been Ron’s 54th wedding anniversary. Ron and Barb were married on September 27, 1958. Ron made this comment about his wife upon realizing the connection between the two dates...

*“I never thought about it before, but I am not surprised. Barb was the most happy when she was helping other people. I feel the same way.”*

## Thank You VOLUNTEERS

**Community Harvest could not fulfill its mission without the help of compassionate volunteers.**

During our 2011-2012 fiscal year, a team of less than twenty regular and dedicated volunteers gave roughly 4000 hours of service to deliver approximately \$1.3 million in food and nearly 900,000 meals to those in need throughout Stark County last year. They were very busy!

With much appreciation, we would like to recognize the following regular volunteers for their tireless commitment and devotion to the Community Harvest program: Ray Woolfenden, Joe Sterling, Carl Baker, Dave Richey, Ron Davidson, Ed Warner, Jimmy Simodi, Mike Fetterman, Ron Blend, Paul Kramer, Rod Derbyshire, Ron Wilson, Chuck Bonfine, Dick Macioce, Michael Barbato, Michael Rodrigues, and Paul Nichols.

Volunteers are the backbone and heart of our mission. Please contact Faith Barbato at the Community Harvest office at (330) 493-0800 if you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer.



 The  
**HARVESTER**  
*Fall 2012*  
NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY HARVEST

*Nearly 25 Years of Relieving Hunger in Stark County*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Saturday, October 6, 2012**

Harvest Moon Run 6:00 pm  
Varian Orchards

**Week of November 5, 2012**

Annual Community Harvest Fund Drive  
Appeal Letters Sent Out

**Sunday, February 3, 2013**

Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend

**Monday, February 18, 2013**

Guest Bartending 6 – 8 pm  
The Barrel Room in North Canton

**Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

Celebrity Cuisine 5:30 – 8:30 pm  
Canton Civic Center

Twenty-four years ago, Community Harvest was created through the combined and diligent efforts of the members of the Tri-County Restaurant Association and other concerned members of the community. Their goal was to increase the involvement of the local food service industries and restaurants by collecting their excess prepared and perishable food and donating it to community groups that serve the homeless and the hungry. As we start a new fiscal year, we want to start by thanking all of you. Without your support and compassion, Community Harvest would not be able to serve as a “link” for over 90 local restaurants, caterers, grocery stores, cafeterias, hospitals, college kitchens, and farmers to donate their unused and healthy food to those in need.



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*We are excited to be helping Stark County for nearly 25 years and look forward to an exciting and eventful 2013.*