

COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

Delivering food to hot meal sites since 1989 to alleviate hunger.

NEW OFFICE HOURS:
Effective Monday, February 18, 2013
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday through Friday

Purchase your \$25.00 Ticket in advance at:

COMMUNITY HARVEST
4915 Fulton Dr NW Unit 7
Canton, OH 44718
Email: faith@communityharveststark.org
Office Hours M-F 9am-2pm

TRI-COUNTY RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION
Mark 30 Court Building, Suite #102
100-30th Street N.W., Canton, OH 44709
Email: atricountyrest@neo.rr.com
Office Hours M-F 10am-3pm

CELEBRITY *Cuisine*

The Tri-County Restaurant Association will be hosting its 21st Annual Celebrity Cuisine to benefit Community Harvest on **Tuesday, April 23, 2013**. It will take place at the Canton Memorial Civic Center again

this year from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. This incredible event highlights over 40 local establishments and provides a night of dinner, drinks and entertainment for a single ticket price of only \$25.00.

Celebrity Cuisine has become known as the best cocktail hour and food event of the year! Attendees have unlimited access to delectable appetizers, entrées, wine, beer and desserts! So, come and relax. Listen to live music, bid on our silent auction, and enjoy a fun evening in support of Community Harvest.



Long lines can be avoided at the door by purchasing your \$25.00 ticket in advance at Community Harvest 330-493-0800 or the Tri-County Restaurant Association 330-499-7007.

CELEBRITY CUISINE SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Community Harvest will be conducting its **Annual Silent Auction on April 23rd** during Celebrity Cuisine. We will be auctioning off merchandise, gift cards, baskets, and services donated by area businesses and individuals. We are asking you to support Community Harvest by donating an item or service for our auction. Each business or individual donating an item will be recognized in the program and will have their name displayed with the donated item. We can arrange for items to be picked up at your convenience, or donations can be mailed directly to the Community Harvest office.

First quarter is a busy time for auctions and fundraisers in Stark County. As you consider where to make your in-kind or financial donation, we hope you will keep one thing in mind - With Community Harvest, no gift goes further. Community Harvest is the one area food program that does not need to purchase any product or services. All of the food is donated. Additionally, the operating expenses are minimal because the entire program is executed by a team of dedicated volunteers and a staff of only one to run the office. The money raised from our Annual Celebrity Cuisine Silent Auction is spent entirely on what we do best – Delivering as much food as possible to those who need it.



Connect With Community Harvest

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A Message From The Executive Director



Faith Barbato
Executive Director

Like so many of you, the holidays offered a special time for me to share with family and close friends. As I sit down to write my first article in the New Year, I am reminded of a gathering of old friends from the

Canton Jaycees – A bond that will connect us forever. We talked about old times, discussed how the Canton community has changed, and took turns reciting the *Jaycee Creed*. A few of us stumbled along the way, but each and every one of us remembered the last sentence, which we used to recite louder than the rest with enormous enthusiasm, "And, that service to humanity is the **BEST WORK OF LIFE!**"

As I reflect on my past three years as the Executive Director for Community Harvest, I am so thankful for the Canton Jaycees and Leadership Stark County, two service organizations that indirectly lead to my hiring at Community Harvest. The opportunity to work with countless people who recognize service to humanity as the BEST WORK OF LIFE has been inspiring and refreshing for me – A boss who was unappreciative is now a board of directors whose encouragement, passion and commitment means the world to me; Disgruntled and demanding employees are now dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who work unfavorable hours with no pay; Unrealistic client demands have been replaced with mutual respect and admiration from the representatives of 29 different hot meals sites sharing the same passion to alleviate hunger in Stark County; Client visits are now speaking opportunities that I look forward to, allowing me to share the mission of Community Harvest and the enormous impact we make on thousands of lives in Stark County.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of Community Harvest and your service to humanity. Whether you are a volunteer, board member, Celebrity Cuisine participant, food donor, sponsor, participating agency, or champion of some sort for Community Harvest, collectively **YOU ALL** will make it possible for us to deliver 1 MILLION meals this year!



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 18th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm for another night of fun and good cheer to benefit Community Harvest. Guest Bartenders Kathy Krohn and Joe Borawski will be tending bar from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, followed by Brian Abbey and Michael Barbato from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Complimentary culinary delights will be provided by Cessna's Fine Italian Foods throughout the evening.

We hope you will join us!

Second Annual Harvest Moon Run

Saturday, October 5th at 5:00 pm • Varian Orchards



If you were one of the nearly 500 runners and walkers who celebrated fall in the country with Community Harvest at Varian Orchards for our first Annual Harvest Moon Run, you are going to LOVE what we have planned for 2013! We are keeping all of the great things our 2012 participants boasted about, and we are implementing many of the suggestions we received, making it even better.

"I can't even begin to tell you how much fun my wife, Merilou, and I had at your Harvest Moon Run. I have been running for 34 years, and I still can't believe it was your first year. You did such a fantastic job!" - Bill Montgomery

"I have had the desire to run a 5k for quite some time now, and the Harvest Moon Run was my first. The only challenge is that all of the 5k races I participated in after the Harvest Moon Run paled in comparison. Instead of hot food, beer, bonfires and live music, the majority offered cold sandwiches and fruit. The Harvest Moon Run was more like "an event," not just your average run. It was extremely enjoyable. Thanks so much Community Harvest." - Amy Kinsinger

I had such a great time at your Harvest Moon Run!!! The scenery was spectacular! The food and music were great and we stayed late and warmed up by the fire until about 9 pm. Thank you for all of your hard work! We will definitely see you next year. - Robin Miller

Participants can expect another true 5k cross country run/walk through woods and over rolling hills. A scenic 1 mile trail walk will be offered again for those seeking an enjoyable walk through fall foliage. A kid's run and expanded play area for children are just a few of the new additions to look forward to. All runners and walkers will receive a Harvest Moon Run long-sleeved t-shirt, drink coupons, delicious food from Hide-A-Way Grill and quality goodie bags. We will have live music, bonfires, and plenty of post race fall activities for runners and spectators to look forward to again this year.



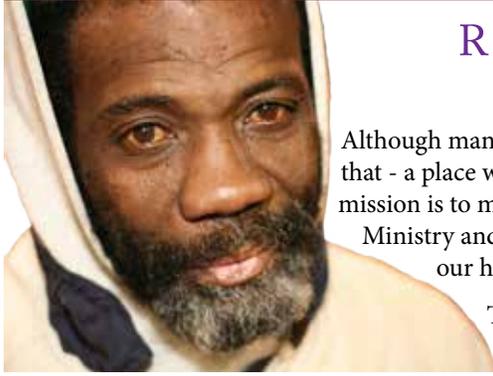
2013 Registration for Runners & Walkers:

Register on-line at
www.runtoyouracing.com

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
ONLY \$25 from
February 1st – August 1st

\$30 - August 2nd – September 28th
\$35 - September 29th until Race Day

Race Day Registration will
ONLY be available at
Varian Orchards from 4:00 – 5:15



REFUGE *of* HOPE MINISTRIES

Although many people facing poverty live in a constant state of survival, Refuge of Hope (ROH) is just that - a place where individuals in our community can take comfort and find hope in times of crisis. “Our mission is to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our guests,” said Jo Ann Carpenter, Meal Ministry and Donor Development Coordinator. “Every person who walks through our doors is a guest in our home, and we believe they should be served with love, passion, and respect.”

The faith-based ministry served 68,799 hot meals in 2012 to the hungry and hurting. In addition, ROH, one of only two men’s emergency shelters in Stark County, provided 13,209 sheltered nights. To accomplish these two programs, ROH depends on the generosity of their donors, community businesses, partnering agencies, and volunteers. “We have a wonderful relationship with Community Harvest and rely on their donations heavily,” said Carpenter. “It’s cool to see the Community Harvest truck pull-up every Tuesday and Thursday and occasionally on Mondays. All of the men gather around to help unload the food. It really builds camaraderie between them, brings them together, and contributes to that family atmosphere we strive for. It allows them to be a part of something bigger and provides them with self-worth and value.”

ROH serves hot meals Monday through Thursday at 5:30 and 6:30 pm, Friday and Saturday at 11 am. Each seating can accommodate 110 guests. The Men’s Shelter has 34 rooms. ROH staffs 7 employees and is located in downtown Canton. They also provide their guests with donated toiletry items and clothes and have a nurse and pharmacist onsite weekly. “We really do try and go that extra mile,” said Carpenter. “We don’t just want our guests to walk away with a full stomach. We want to care for them as best we can and make an impact on their lives.”

National Companies Take a “Bite” Out of Local Hunger

Whether it was providing financial support, sponsorship for one of our major events, conducting a fundraiser, or providing manpower at one of our 29 participating agencies, Community Harvest is blessed to have the support of several national and local businesses.

As part of Chesapeake Energy’s annual H.E.L.P. (*Helping Energize Local Progress*) for the holidays Campaign, local subsidiary PTL (*Performance Technologies*) partnered with Community Harvest to identify two hot meal programs in need of some additional help during the holiday season. The employees from PTL prepared and served meals and visited with clients at Refuge of Hope and Samaritan’s Table, in addition to collecting food donations for upcoming meals and distributing toiletries to families in need.

The cumulative volunteer efforts of PTL’s Canton, Ohio, employees are especially impressive since the office just began operations in November. “We have a very new, yet cohesive, team of caring individuals seeking out volunteer opportunities and supporting community needs in the cities where they work,” said Jason Rall, PTL Operations Manager. “We are volunteer-

ing alongside organizations with goals that are parallel to Chesapeake’s – encouraging and supporting giving back to the communities where we work and live. It is exciting to see the positive attitudes and sense of teamwork and pride developed in part through volunteering by our new employees as we continue to grow as a team.”



ABC Supply, Inc.



ABC Supply Co., Inc was founded under a Core Purpose and a set of 7 Core Values. According to Gary Laurie, Branch Manager of the Canton, OH location, “Our company has been fortunate enough to thrive in both good and bad economic times, which has resulted in some great opportunities for myself and many of my valued associates. I appreciate that a core value of ABC Supply Co., Inc is to **Give Back** by donating our time and resources in the same community where we work. I am just fortunate that we can do that.”

Another Core Value of ABC is to **Work Hard & Have Fun**. As an effort to give back to the community while having some fun, Gary and his associates hosted two dunking booth events with door prizes and a cookout. Both days were well attended, raising approximately \$1150 for Community Harvest, which was then matched with a company donation of \$750 for the Harvest Moon Run.

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR OFFICE HOURS WILL CHANGE TO
9 AM – 2 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY EFFECTIVE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH.**

This change will allow us to operate more effectively as a result of operating hours in alignment with the needs of our food donors and participating agencies.

Please feel free to contact Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 or faith@communityharveststark.org if you know anyone who might be interested in receiving The Harvester newsletter or if you would like to be removed from our mailing list.

