Food is a necessity for living. A child who is hungry has a greater risk of not reaching his or her future potential than other children. A significant body of medical data provides compelling evidence that hungry children, even those who experience only mild under-nutrition during the critical stages of development, may suffer negative life altering consequences. Children denied an adequate diet might suffer abnormal cognitive, brain and psychological development, which can be irreparable if not corrected.

Following nutrition guidelines, it is essential that children eat a variety of fruits and vegetables. Our Mobile Food Pantry delivers to our member agencies, fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, meats and bread. These are dietary necessities for healthy children and adults. In the past year, our Mobile Food Pantry has distributed 1,519,379 pounds of food to people in all eight counties. Produce distribution in the last two years has increased 162%.

The present economic situation and increasing unemployment have resulted in a growing need for emergency and supplemental food assistance in our community. Food distribution has increased by 57% since 2009. You support of the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is crucial to help feed the children, adults and senior citizens in our eight county service area.

We will remain steadfast in our mission to end hunger in our communities.

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NW Ohio Blues & Jazz Festival Presents 4 Outstanding Acts

Filled with music, art, and energy the NW Ohio Blues & Jazz Festival on Saturday, June 9, 2012 will feature four outstanding acts, area mind and body artists and upbeat spirits. Centennial Terrace in Sylvania will provide the setting for Grammy-nominated, platinum and gold international recording artists, SPYRO GYRA and an outstanding line up of blues and jazz entertainers including Joe McBride, Kelly Richey and the local Battle of the Bands winner The Swamp Kings.

Spyro Gyra have performed over 5,000 shows, released over 30 albums selling over 10,000,000 albums and achieved one platinum and two gold albums. Joe McBride a blind, vocalist/keyboardist is one of today’s most popular contemporary jazz musicians. Kelly Richey has often been compared to such greats as Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan because of her ability to capture and entertain an audience with ripping guitar leads that are both passionate and electrifying. The Swamp Kings offers a strong, potent mix of shuffles, swing beats, funk, R&B, and driving classic rock.

Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Order tickets online at toledofoodbank.org or call 419-242-5000 ext. 212.
Contributions Make A Difference

We are a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity.

Donations are distributed to over 300 Member agencies including:
- Soup Kitchens
- Food Pantries
- Shelters & Group Homes
- Non-profit Daycare Centers
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Special Programs for Children & Elderly

In 2011, the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank distributed 1,443,616 pounds of fresh produce.

In 2011, over 6,017,000 pounds of food was distributed throughout eight counties in Northwest Ohio.

In 2011, 537,175 people were served, an increase of 20% from 2010.

Over 4,700,000 meals were provided in 2011 by the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank.

177,315 children were served in 2011, an increase of 15% from 2010.

Distribution by the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank increased 57% in the past two years.

In 2011, the Mobile Food Pantry delivered 1,519,379 pounds of fresh produce, breads, dairy, meats and baked goods.

Every $1 donated to the Food Bank provides 4 meals.
Notable Donations in 2012

Donations come from local and national companies, food drives and individual donors.

In March, the “Fight Hunger, Give Hope” Campaign sponsored by the Folk Oil and the PS Food Marts in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan helped feed the needs in our community by having their customers purchase paper hearts! Over $12,600 was donated to the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank!

Leading up to the 2012 Super Bowl Football game between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants, area students and youth groups collected canned goods to help replenish the food shelves of the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. The 2012 Souper Bowl Food Drive collected 2,439 lbs of food enough for over 1,900 meals!

Koala Berry Premium Frozen Yogurt & Ice Cream store on Central Avenue held a canned food drive during the month of February collecting 537 pounds of food. Customers who brought in non-perishable items received a 20% coupon!

The Disney Store VolunteARS, also known as employees, held a canned food drive in their Westfield Franklin Park Store. They gathered enough food for over 100 meals!

The Toledo Automotive Dealers Society gives back to the community in many ways. During the 2012 Toledo Auto Show, they held a canned food drive to benefit the hungry in Northwest Ohio.

ICE Restaurant in downtown Toledo hosted a Jazz benefit night featuring Isis Ardrey. Over $400 was raised and food was collected.

The members of Junior League of Greater Toledo held a canned food drive and collected 146 lbs. of food!

The Arbors Extendicare Facilities in Oregon, Waterville, Clyde and Toledo held a food drive and donated 384 lbs of food, enough to feed 300 people!

Thank you!

Big Lots stores throughout Northwest Ohio held their Family and Friends Day in March. They collected 1,284 pounds of canned goods plus monetary donations totaling $400.

Feeding America teamed up with the United Nations World Food Programme, Rave Motion Pictures and Lionsgate to raise awareness about hunger in the United States and around the world. The release of the Hunger Games movie was the basis for the food drive held locally at Rave Cinemas.

Students know how to give back to the community! A few of the many food drives throughout Northwest Ohio!

- UT Toledo Fire Squad Dance Team
- BGSU Greek Life
- Maumee Valley Country Day School
- Ross Education
- Indian Hills Elementary
- Reynolds Elementary
- Sylvania Northview Drama Club

This is not a cumulative list! We appreciate all the food drives and donations hosted by schools, churches, organizations and companies. To arrange a food drive, call 419.242.5000 ext. 212 or lcohen@toledofoodbank.org.
Supported Programs

Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program (OACP)

The OACP is an innovative collective effort of the Ohio General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks, member food banks and agencies, the agricultural community and local food processors.

It is a collaborative effort with the primary goal of providing fresh produce and processed food products to clients while improving the capacity of member agencies to feed hungry individuals.

Benefits of this program include preventing waste, providing nutritious commodities for the food banks, and reducing losses for farmers and growers.

Back Pack Program

The mission of the BackPack Program is to help provide hungry children with nutritious and easy to prepare food at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations.

This program provides backpacks filled with food that is child-friendly, non-perishable and easily consumed. Backpacks are discreetly distributed to children on the last day of school before a weekend or a vacation.

In 2011, the Kids Café served over 2,800 plates of food!

Co-Agency Food Program (COA)

In response to requests from our agencies for additional high-protein items, the Food Bank started the COA. COA products are purchased by the Food Bank in larger quantities at wholesale cost to supplement the products traditionally donated.

Ohio Food Purchase Program (OFP)

The OFP is a program administered by the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks. This program has significantly helped are food pantries to distribute additional food baskets to new clients. OFP consists of high protein and staple items distributed at no extra cost to help food pantries stretch their food dollars further.

Kids Café

The mission of the Kids Café is to help provide hungry children with nutritious meals after school when other resources may not be available to them.

This program provides free meals and snacks to low-income children through a variety of community locations. Our local location is the James C. Caldwell Community Center.

Children are able to gather here and not only have a decent meal, but participate in educational, recreational and social activities in a safe environment with trustworthy supervision.

Mobile Food Program

The Mobile Food Program began in January of 2009 to serve our over 300 qualified member agencies of the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. Participants in the program are given the opportunity to provide additional tons of bread, fresh produce and other items to those in need. The food is brought to the member agency location either on the day or the day before the distribution date at no extra charge.
**Special Connections**

**SPORTWAY Family Fun Day & Food Drive**

**Wednesday, May 23**

For every 3 cans of non-perishable food items receive **3 tickets** for go-karts, mini-golf and batting cages!

Tickets good for the entire 2012 season at:

**Sportway**

5950 Angola Rd.

**Toledo**

419-867-1006

Raindate:

Thursday, May 24

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**The inaugural Valentine benefit event, the “Hearts of Fire – Feed the Desire” dance was held on Saturday, February 11. The event was co-chaired by Dana Mollenkamp and Debbie Katich (shown above with CEO James M. Caldwell) included fantastic food stations, delectable desserts and entertainment by the KGB Band.**

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**Volunteers Wanted**

The Food Bank welcomes volunteer groups from schools, companies, civic groups, church youth groups, as well as individuals. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteer hours are available from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and some Saturday mornings.

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October 23—29, 2012

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to enable other community organizations to end hunger. We strive to maximize community resources by effectively obtaining and distributing food through a food collection and distribution system.

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Charitynavigator.com rated us 4 out of 4 stars!

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13abc's Hope for the Hungry Food Drive
May 21—June 9, 2012

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank will be the beneficiary for 13abc’s Hope for the Hungry Food Drive. The food drive will kick-off on Monday, May 21 with food donations collected thru Saturday, June 9. On Friday, June 8, 13abc will host a “Fill the Truck” event at their studios at 4247 Dorr St. The Food Bank will park a truck at the station to be filled up with food donations. There will be a preview of entertainment for the NW Ohio Blues & Jazz Festival. Patrons can drop off food donations at 13abc studios, Mathews Ford and other locations to be determined.

Saturday, June 9, 2012
Centennial Terrace
5773 Centennial Rd., Sylvania,
Order tickets online at:
Toledofoodbank.org

We provide food for more than 300 non-profit agencies in 8 Ohio counties.