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**TOLEDO NORTHWESTERN OHIO FOOD BANK RECEIVES \$10,000 DONATION  
FROM CITIZENS BANK CARVING OUT HUNGER CAMPAIGN**

**Toledo, Ohio** — The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank announced today a \$10,000 grant from Citizens Bank Carving Out Hunger Campaign to help provide hunger-relief to Northwest Ohio families. As in past years, the \$10,000 FY19 Citizens Bank Fighting Hunger grant will primarily support Citizens Bank's Carving Out Hunger initiative in partnership with the Food Bank's existing Operation Turkey program. These funds have been critical in supporting the Food Bank's annual turkey distributions during the Thanksgiving holiday every year. Operation Turkey provides turkeys and other foods for families in need during the holiday season.

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America® network, is one of many food banks to receive this funding from Citizens Bank. The Food Bank acknowledges that the Thanksgiving holiday is not the only time of the year that many of families in our communities need to fill in their meal gap. As we did in 2018, we will again apply some of the Fighting Hunger funds towards protein food distributions after the busy holiday seasons

In FY18, Citizens Bank graciously made a gift to Feeding America which included \$1,000,000 in member grants. To continue to support food banks and to expand their reach to additional markets, Citizens Bank plans to provide \$1,000,000 in members grants again in FY19. Local connections between food banks and nearby Citizens Bank locations will be maintained and will continue to be a critical component of Citizens Bank's engagement in the fight against hunger.

To learn more about the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, visit [www.toledofoodbank.org](http://www.toledofoodbank.org)

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### **About Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank**

Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to enable other community organizations to end hunger. Over the past 35 years the TNWOFB has distributed more than 100 million pounds of food and grocery products to assist those in need. Currently, the TNWOFB serves a network of more than 250-member agencies in an eight-county area, including Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood. Agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, non-profit daycare centers, non-profit rehabilitation centers, group homes and programs for the elderly and children. Since 1985, the TNWOFB has been an affiliate of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. For more information on the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc. visit [www.toledofoodbank.org](http://www.toledofoodbank.org).

### **About Citizens Bank**

Citizens Bank is one of the nation's oldest and largest financial institutions and offers a broad range of retail and commercial banking products and services. The company believes that a good bank is at the heart of a community, and that investing in the communities where its employees live and work enriches us all. Citizens Bank has had a long-term relationship with several network food banks, supporting local efforts to fight hunger and reduce food insecurity. In addition, employees are actively engaged in the fight against hunger, logging more than 5,000 hours for hunger-based organizations.