To further our mission of eliminating food insecurity in our service area, TNWOFB launched a grocery store on wheels concept, which we call Harvest Market. Thanks to our generous program contributors over the years the Harvest Market has been able to operate year-round through the use of two specialized trucks with storage capacity for shelving, refrigeration, freezers, and market supplies.

Since the program has been successfully promoting a healthy diet and lifestyle – such as fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and low-fat/non-fat dairy to our clients, we will now be launching The Harvest Market: Urban Response program.

The Harvest Market: Urban Response program, a new direct services program of the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank located in the Caldwell Community Center, is an initiative to combat hunger in the Toledo area food desert by providing a new source of healthy foods for the residents of north Toledo. According to the Feeding America’s 2018 Map the meal gap Lucas County has a 22% child food insecurity rate, and a County has 15.9% overall food insecurity and has been underserved by regional food distribution for many years.

In addition we will pilot a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Applications Program (SNAP) available for the community. The target audience for this program are individuals and families who reside within North Toledo. We also plan to focus on individuals who are currently incarcerated but pending release from the Toledo Correctional Institution as SNAP is a vital resource for many leaving prisons and jails and returning to communities.
Dear Friends,

Summer is such an important time of year for us to gear up for the upcoming fall months, to ensure that every at-risk child has access to the food they need.

The stress of the COVID-19 crisis has caused a major disruption to everyone and their way of life and the challenge to provide enough nutritious food today, is urgent.

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank must continue to help those struggling with hunger in Northwest Ohio. We are currently working with our member agencies, school systems and area schools, and other community partners to proactively address the current and future needs of our children who rely on school meals.

As you’ll read in this issue of the BackPack Program, many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet. That’s why I’m so proud of our schools still delivering lunch meals to students at home. Through your generous support, we’re creating a place that’s part of the community for these families, right at their schools.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to serve our neighbors in Northwest Ohio struggling with hunger. Your generosity and support are helping build a healthier, more caring community. We are deeply appreciative of all you do. Our community is resilient, and we are powerful when we join together to collectively solve a problem.

With Gratitude,

James M. Caldwell
President & CEO

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

YOUR IMPACT:

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is able to turn each $1 donated to 5 meals. Due to sound fiscal management, and commitment to accountability, 97 cents of every dollar is spent directly on programs and services. Each contribution you make is helping to feed over 760,832 hungry people throughout Northwest Ohio.
BackPack Program

For many children, school meals may be the only meals they eat. 1 in 4 Children in Northwest Ohio Struggle with Hunger. The BackPack Program ensures that hungry children get the nutritious food they need to grow, learn and thrive. Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank partners with local schools to distribute backpacks filled with food that children who rely on school meals can take home over the weekend or while on school breaks. Backpacks are assembled by volunteers in the TNWOFB warehouse and delivered to participating schools in our 8-county service area.

COVID-19 Relief Food Box Distribution Program & The Ohio National Guard

In an effort to continue the fight against hunger, The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, with support from the Ohio National Guard, and our 200+ member agencies have hosted a drive-through food distribution to our 8-county service areas. We are committed to continue serving food boxes and helping our community during this pandemic. This program is a step in a direction to end hunger!

We have welcomed these National Guard members as part of our food bank family and thank them for their dedication and diligence during this time. We encourage our clients and community members to join us in welcoming them with gratitude and friendship as they assist us in our important work. The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is dedicated to taking all active measures to help with notification and response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and will do our best to offer guidance to our community partners while protecting your staff and volunteers.
Mission

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 collection and distribution system.

Over the past 35 years, the Food Bank has distributed over 100 million pounds of food and grocery products to our member agencies. Currently, the Food Bank serves over 250 nonprofit agencies.