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## **TOLEDO NORTHWESTERN OHIO FOOD BANK RECEIVES \$4,000 DONATION FROM THE DARDEN FOUNDATION TO HELP END HUNGER**

**Toledo, Ohio** — The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank announced today a \$4,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to help provide hunger-relief to Northwest Ohio families. The funds will be used towards program infrastructure at the Food Bank’s new North Side Pantry Project in North Toledo. This project will provide direct food services as well as community lab access.

*“The North Side Pantry Project is a new initiative to combat hunger in the Toledo area food desert by providing a new source of healthy foods for the residents of North Toledo. With limited options for healthy food access in North Toledo, the health of the neighborhood has suffered significantly, making the need for a service such as the North Side Pantry Project vital for residents of North Toledo.”*

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America® network, is one of 193 food banks to receive this funding from The Darden Foundation. It is projected that this grant will enable the Toledo Food Bank to fund several initiatives, including its new North Side Pantry Project in North Toledo.

The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States. Their commitment to help is demonstrated through their partnership with Feeding America and their network of 200 food banks across the nation. In the last three years, Darden has contributed \$12,000 in grant funding to support hunger relief work in Northwest Ohio.

Feeding America has worked alongside The Darden Foundation for seven years in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to their ongoing support, the Feeding America network has been able to help provide even more meals to families in need.

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 Darden Restaurants and The Darden Foundation**

Darden is a restaurant company featuring a portfolio of differentiated brands that include Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's. Our people equal our success, and we are proud to employ 185,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for nearly 400 million guests each year in communities across North America. The Darden Foundation works to bring to life our spirit of service through its philanthropic support of charitable organizations across the country. Since 1995, The Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grants to non-profit organizations such as Feeding America, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and American Red Cross. For more information, please visit [www.darden.com](http://www.darden.com).



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**THE TOLEDO NORTHWESTERN OHIO FOODBANK RECEIVES MORGAN STANLEY GRANT TO EXPAND PROGRAM DELIVERING NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

***Food Bank Participates in Morgan Stanley's Global "Feeding Kids Around the Clock" Initiative***

Toledo —August 21, 2019—The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Foodbank on June 4, 2018 announced a \$50,000 grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation to fund its Backpack Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Employees from Morgan Stanley's Toledo branch volunteered at The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Foodbank as part of Morgan Stanley's "Feeding Kids Around the Clock" initiative, 24-hours of continuous employee volunteer activities around the world dedicated to raising awareness of childhood hunger.

Today The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Foodbank is announcing that they received an additional \$25,000 grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation to fund its Backpack Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Back Pack Program provides nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to children to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources may not be available.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$1,000,000 in grants to Feeding America® member food banks across the country. Since 2009, the Foundation has partnered with Feeding America, a nationwide network of 200 food banks, and given more than \$23 million to help launch, expand and sustain critical child nutrition programs.

"We are thrilled to receive this important grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation in support of our efforts to deliver more nutritious meals to children and families in Toledo," said LOCAL FOOD BANK SPOKESPERSON. "Morgan Stanley and its employees provide vital support for Northwestern Ohio by generous contributions of funds and volunteer work like this."

"We are honored to be able to help The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Foodbank in its important fight against child hunger," said Branch Managers Scott Brown and Jarman Davis. "Our employees are delighted to be part of the kick off of Global Volunteer Month and extend our support to the children in our community."

"Grants like this from Morgan Stanley make a vital difference in our efforts to provide children with the nutritious meals they need every day," said Matt Knott, President of Feeding America. "Nearly 13 million children in the United States live at risk of hunger. Together, we can fight hunger and help children get the fuel they need to grow healthy and strong."

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**About** The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank Inc., is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. It was founded in 1984 to solicit, collect and store donations of surplus food and grocery products from all segments of the food industry, as well as solicit and collect monetary donations for the purchase of food products. TNWOFB then serves as a clearinghouse for these foodstuffs to our agencies which include food pantries, day care centers, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, rehabilitation centers, and special programs for the elderly. Our qualified agencies distribute the collected products to the hungry in Northwest Ohio. Learn more at [www.toledofoodbank.org](http://www.toledofoodbank.org)