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 37 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 200 nonprofit agencies.

JOIN US FOR OUR 2021 COUNTRY BBQ
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND 2-6PM
Highland Meadows Golf Club
7455 Erie Street
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Single Tickets: $60/person
Reserved Table For 10: $500/table

Purchase Tickets Online @ www.toledofoodbank.org

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Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy, safe and managing to the best of your ability what are truly extraordinary times. Since 1984, we’ve been a champion in the fight against hunger and addressing nutritional needs in Northwest Ohio. In addition to distributing food through our network of 200 plus member agencies; we facilitate various hunger-relief and outreach programs that promote healthy families and communities.

Despite the obstacles and sacrifices we are all experiencing, the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank has continued to serve with passion. Since the beginning of the pandemic we’ve distributed over 10,000,000 pounds of food to our community. Many for the first time could not afford food as they lost their jobs, saw their wages decrease, watch their business close and experience the devastating illness of COVID-19. As you will read in this issue, the combined support of the Ohio National Guard, volunteers, and generous donors like you enabled us to meet the high demand for food. Showing that when we all work together and use the best of our abilities, the impact we can make is incredible.

Although hunger may dominate fewer headlines, there is no question that the hunger crisis continues. As the pandemic subsides and we head into a recovery phase, with your compassion and partnership, we can put food on the tables of our neighbors who need it most. Thank you for being a vital part of fighting hunger in Northwest Ohio.

With gratitude,

James M. Caldwell
President & CEO

DEAR FRIEND,

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is visionary thinking. It means that, as a donor, you can help the food bank meet future needs that may not occur during your lifetime.

Your planned gift for the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank makes possible the following and more:

- Optimize health for families and individuals facing hunger.
- Help children grow into healthy adults.
- Ensure that the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank remains resilient through current and future disasters.

If you have questions or would like more information about Planned Giving, please contact Barbara Hofstetter, Director of HR/Operations at 419-242-5000 ext. 205 or at bhofsetter@toledofoodbank.org. You can also visit our website at www.toledofoodbank.org/planned-giving/

SNAP Outreach

Over the past year, the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, with support from the Ohio National Guard has been working hard to address the changing needs of our neighbors struggling with food insecurity. Many things have changed since the impacts of coronavirus were first felt by Northwest Ohioans in March 2020. One thing that has not changed during this time is the need for healthy and fresh food. We’re committed to ensuring everyone in Northwest Ohio, no matter what community they live in, has access to the healthy and fresh food they need to thrive. Since the onset of the pandemic, we’ve conducted over 350 Emergency Food Box Distributions across Northwest Ohio; distributing millions of pounds of food to those in need.

“Thank you so much. This has been the first time in years that my family and I needed help.”

FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

To help us fight hunger visit: www.toledofoodbank.org

COVID 19: ONE YEAR IN

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is committed to ending food insecurity in the 8 counties we serve. We take a multifaceted approach to fighting hunger by not only providing nutritious food to our network of 200 plus member agencies, but also assisting the community through our many outreach programs.

The Food Bank recently launched a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach Program to assist low-income households eligible for benefits with their applications and to increase awareness of the SNAP Program. The SNAP Program, formerly and commonly known as food stamps, is a federal nutrition program from the USDA. SNAP provides eligible families and individuals the ability to purchase food using an electronic debit card (EBT) at grocery stores and farmers markets that accept EBT benefits.