



A CHALLENGE LIKE NEVER BEFORE

HUNGER IN THE AGE OF ADVERSITY



ANNUAL 2020 REPORT



Dear Friends,

What a year it has been! The COVID-19 pandemic shed a new light on food insecurity and the importance of hunger relief organizations across our nation, and at home here in Medina County. The support of our local businesses, community partners, and you—our community members, volunteers, donors, and champions—allowed us to better serve those who needed us during this time.

Feeding Medina County did not skip a beat during the “shelter in place” orders, and began offering distributions weekly rather than monthly to support those who were unable to work and provide for themselves and their families. With the help of the National Guard, community volunteers, and our local school districts, we continued packing and distributing our Weekender Bags for Children and began offering evening pick up times for families of remote/distance learning children across the county. Our Staples for Seniors volunteers began offering door-to-door drop off bags for apartment complexes who were not comfortable having their seniors pick up food in their community rooms, as they had done pre-pandemic.

In 2020, your support allowed Feeding Medina County to distribute 789,277 pounds of food to Medina County residents in need. We anticipate that this need is not going away as our community begins the slow process of recovering from the pandemic. Sadly, Feeding America estimates that nearly 24,880 adults and 9,140 children are now facing food insecurity in Medina County alone. This means that although we are reaching more people than ever, there is still work to be done.

The pandemic certainly brought its challenges, but it also created opportunities for Feeding Medina County to mobilize and modify our services to better serve our community, both in the moment and moving into the future. We learned that we can better serve our community by bringing food distributions closer to them and began exploring new partnerships to make this happen. In April 2021, we debuted our first food distribution at Hidden Hollow Camp in Lodi which was made possible by our partners at the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, the Medina County Park District, and of course, all of our donors and supporters. Currently, we are working on securing two more sites in the county to ensure that no one has to drive over twenty minutes to get to a distribution site in Medina County. This May we also began delivering our Staples for Seniors bags to disabled adults living in subsidized housing in Medina County to better serve these residents—many of whom cannot drive to a distribution site.

With your continued support Feeding Medina County will move forward with mobilizing our mission and finding new ways to educate, engage, and lead our community in creating an environment where no one goes hungry. Thank you for supporting Feeding Medina County’s critical work in our community—none of this would be possible without you.

In Gratitude,



Katy Fuerst,
Executive Director



Dr. Daryl Kubilus, Jr.
President, Board of Directors

WEEKENDERS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

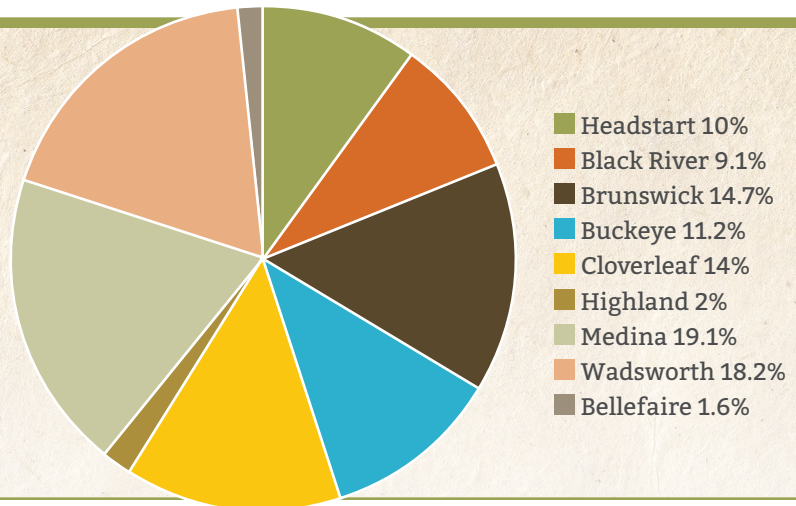
Our Weekender Bags are provided to elementary-aged children in all of Medina County's public schools. Eligible children are those who receive free or reduced lunch through the National School Lunch Program. This program provides families with a safety net and ensures that their children have shelf stable, easy to prepare meals and snacks for the weekend, so that they can return to school ready to learn on Monday morning. Feeding Medina County's volunteers typically pack around 1,000 bags for children each week.

FACTS & FIGURES

210,120

Meals provided

2020 FMC Bags Received
by Each School District



STAPLES FOR SENIORS

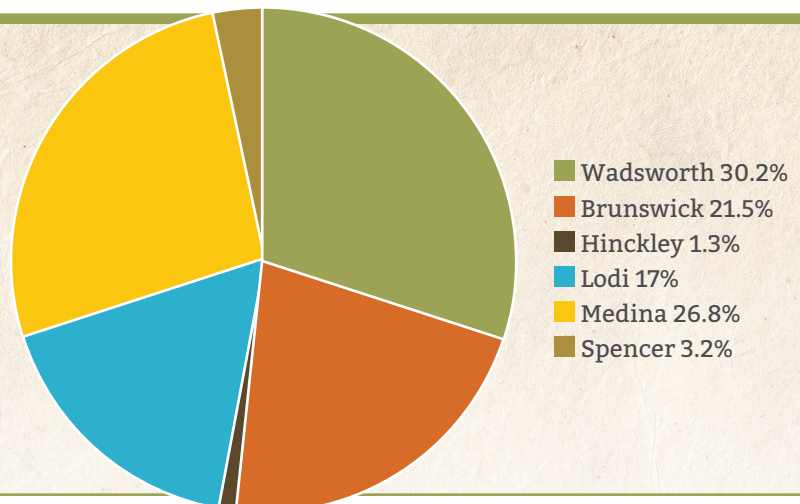
Feeding Medina County provides a combination of shelf stable food, dairy, produce, and meat on a monthly basis for seniors living in subsidized housing units throughout Medina County. In 2021, we began partnering with Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority to expand this program to serve disabled adults living in subsidized housing units. We currently provide over 400 individuals with this food each month, allowing them more room in their budget to pay for their utilities, housing, and other expenses.

FACTS & FIGURES

35,864

Meals provided

2020 FMC Senior Bags
Distributed by City



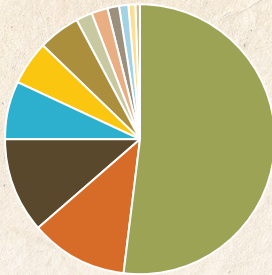


COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Feeding Medina County provides monthly food distributions in partnership with the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. Pre-COVID, we served around 80 families each month at the Fairgrounds. During the height of the pandemic, Feeding Medina County served over 200 families on a weekly basis. Recognizing that people were driving from all over the county to attend these distributions, we began hosting food distributions in partnership with the Medina County Park District in April of 2021 and with the Wadsworth City Schools in July of 2021.

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Residence of Families Served at Distributions



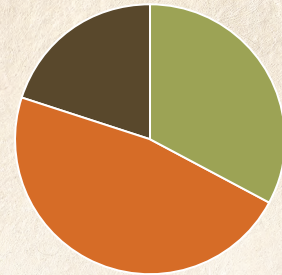
- Medina
- Wadsworth
- Brunswick
- Lodi
- Chippewa Lake
- Seville
- Hinckley
- Litchfield
- Spencer
- Homerville
- Valley City
- Westfield Center

New Families* Served at Direct Distributions During 2020

24%

* "new" indicates that the family has not been served by Feeding Medina County or a local food pantry before

Individuals Served at Direct Distributions



- Children (0-17) 33%
- Adults (18-55) 47%
- Seniors (55+) 20%

GAIL'S STORY

After working all of their lives, Gail and Bill are now retired and living on a fixed income in Lodi. A work injury in his youth caused life-long health problems for Bill, and an accident in November 2019 resulted in Gail breaking her leg. These major health set-backs left them with overwhelming medical bills and made grocery shopping extremely difficult. The money that they were spending on doctor's visits and medical bills was coming out of funds that they would usually use for food. The break in Gail's leg made it impossible for her to drive all the way to the Medina Fairgrounds, but once Feeding Medina County began offering food distributions in Lodi, she felt immediate relief. "This is fantastic," said Gail. "It is so much closer to me. I have not come [to the Fairgrounds] in the past seven months due to a serious injury and not walking. I had to say thank you and may our dear Lord bless all of you at Feeding Medina County." Your support allows Feeding Medina County to provide Community Food Distributions in Medina and Lodi and gives Medina County residents like Gail and her husband the opportunity to receive food at no cost.



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513,898

PANTRY DELIVERY

**Lbs. of Food Delivered to Pantries
through out the County**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Nancy Gaj got involved with Feeding Medina County in 2017, after she saw the truck driving around town. “I saw the truck and I looked Feeding Medina County up online. I was recently retired and thought, ‘maybe I can help out here,’” she said. She first volunteered in the warehouse, packing bags for seniors.

Nancy, a resident of Hinckley Township, wanted to find a way to serve seniors in need in her hometown. Hinckley does not currently have any subsidized housing facilities, but Nancy knew that the township offered other programs—such as snowplowing—for income-restricted seniors. She reached out to the Hinckley Outreach program to ensure that Feeding Medina County’s information was provided to families in need.

Through this effort, Nancy was able to locate five senior families in need in Hinckley Township. They enrolled in Feeding Medina County’s Staples for Seniors Program. Every month, Nancy picks up bags of food for these community members and drops the food off at their homes. When asked why she loves volunteering for Feeding Medina County, Nancy answered “No matter what your situation, every single human being deserves to have food on the table. That’s a basic human right.” She acknowledges that it can be nerve-wracking to begin volunteering with any organization, but says “Everybody at Feeding Medina County is always helpful and makes [you] feel comfortable and welcome.” To get involved as a volunteer, visit <https://feedingmedinacounty.org/volunteer/> or email Kelly Smith at kelly@feedingmedinacounty.org.

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275

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

of Active Volunteers

5,546

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

of Volunteer Hours





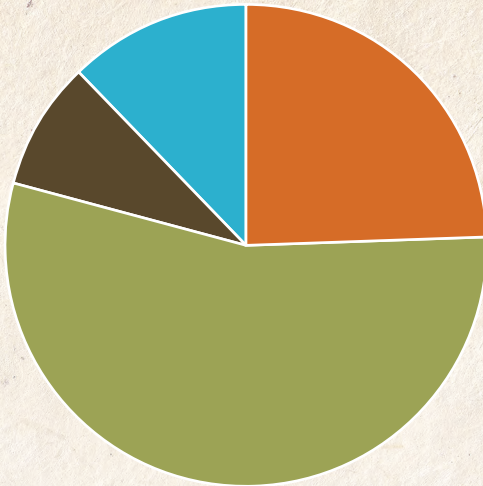
Donor Story SMITH BROS. INC.

Jeremy Smith, owner of Smith Bros., Inc. in Medina, first heard about Feeding Medina County when he attended our benefit dinner. It was at the gala that he learned of the valuable role Feeding Medina County plays in helping those in need by addressing food insecurity throughout the county. After that experience, he chose to benefit Feeding Medina County through Smith Bros., Inc.'s Mulch for Meals Initiative.

Jeremy described the initiative, saying "Feeding Medina County's mission to help those dealing with food insecurity directly in our community resonated with us on a profound level. As a local company ourselves, we feel that it is important to give back any way that we can." This initiative became even more important as the COVID-19 pandemic hit. "When talking to Feeding Medina County, we realized the need was particularly high during that time, due to families being out of work and children being out of school. What better cause to support than one with such a valuable mission right here in our backyard?" We couldn't agree more with Jeremy and are so grateful for the support of Smith Bros., Inc. and our community.

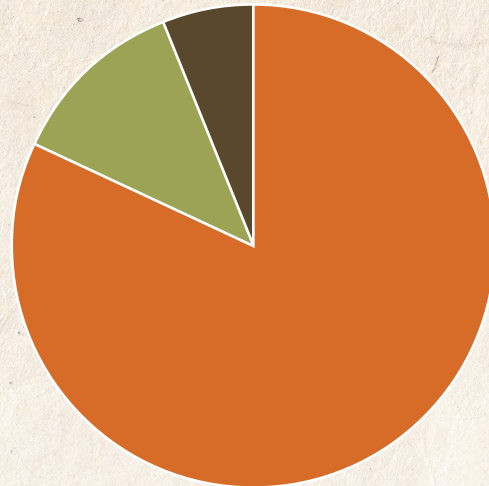
FINANCIALS

Revenue & Support



Revenue & Support	Amount	Percentage
In-Kind Contributions	\$317,858.78	24.7
Donations	\$703,877.43	54.6
Grant Income	\$112,452.00	8.7
Fundraising Income	\$154,863.35	12
Total	\$1,289,051.56	

Expenses



Expenses	Amount	Percentage
Program Services	\$685,433.78	82
Management & General Expense	\$99,906.00	12
Fundraising Expenses	\$52,171.00	6
Total	\$837,510.78	

To ensure our sustainability Feeding Medina County keeps six months operating expenses in reserves.

DONORS

10,000+

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Mission Statement

Feeding Medina County's mission is to educate, engage and lead our community in creating an environment where no one goes hungry. We nourish our community with essential programs that put food on the table for children, families and seniors who are at risk of hunger.

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FACTS & FIGURES

789,277

**Lbs. of Food
Distributed to
Community TOTAL**

80,082

**Lbs. of Food |
Staples for Seniors**

244,826

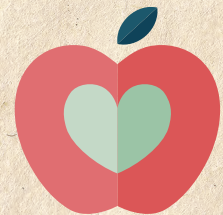
**Lbs. of Food |
Weekenders for Children**

90,432

**Lbs. of Food |
Walk Ins & Other**

373,937

**Lbs. of Food |
Food Distributions**



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