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**Glean.
Grow.
Give.
Food for All.**

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2022

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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Our Mission

Located in Washington County, Ohio, Harvest of Hope gleans, grows, and gives food to programs that feed the hungry in our communities at no cost to the recipients. A faith-based, volunteer organization founded in 2005 as a mission of Christ United Methodist Church in Marietta, we continue to grow and evolve into an organization that includes representatives from churches, agencies, and businesses from across the county and beyond. Together with many dedicated volunteers, financial donors, and food donors, we serve the rapidly growing needs of hungry families, the elderly, the disabled, and veterans through the county-wide agencies that serve them. **Harvest of Hope's vision for the future is a community where no food is wasted and no one goes hungry.**

Serving Our Community for 19 Years

Harvest of Hope History

- **2005** - Harvest of Hope was envisioned at Christ United Methodist Church.
- **2006** - Rescue and delivery operations begin with volunteers using their own vehicles.
- **2007** - Harvest of Hope becomes a non-profit. A governing board of community members established. More than 10,000 pounds of food was recovered. The first Community Garden was established in New Matamoras.
- **2008** - A refrigerated delivery truck was purchased with the proceeds from the Broughton Ice Cream Social, a grant from the Sisters of Saint Joseph Foundation, and private donors.
- **2009** - Harvest of Hope had almost 100 volunteers, four gardens in three towns (New Matamoras, Marietta and Belpre), and rescued 90,545 pounds of food.
- **2010** - Deliveries to seven local churches began to support nine Community Meal programs. Harvest of Hope partnered with 36 agencies to recover and deliver food.
- **2012** - Volunteers delivered more than 114,000 pounds of recovered food and harvested produce to 24 Washington and Wood County agencies.
- **2014** - The annual Farm to Table fundraiser was held thanks to the planning and fundraising efforts of our Next Generation Student from Marietta College.
- **2015** - The Community Gardens peaked with six gardens and more than 65 gardeners. More than 64,000 pounds of rescued food was distributed to 24 area agencies including 11 food pantries. The Community Meal programs provided more than 15,000 people free meals.
- **2016** - Rescue and delivery operations occurred five days every week.
- **2017** - More than 775,000 pounds of food was rescued and delivered. A Pay It Forward Grant of \$5,000 allowed the purchase of a freezer for food storage.
- **2018** - A milestone was achieved in August - one million pounds of food recovered and delivered since 2006.
- **2019** - In collaboration with three community organizations, 8,000 pounds of food were delivered to local pantries. A new refrigerated van was purchased and 34 agencies were served. More than 12,800 pounds of fresh produce, ground beef, and chicken were rescued and delivered to area food pantries and community meal sites through grant funding. On average, 2,500 pounds of food were recovered and delivered every week.
- **2020** - During COVID-19, gifts and grants provided \$26,000 for recovery and delivery operations, more than 5,000 pounds of ground beef and chicken breasts, and 2,500 dozen eggs for food pantries hard hit by a reduction in deliveries from the Food Bank. Walmart and Aldi became food donors. Nearly 4,000 pounds of food were recovered and delivered every week and more than 200,000 pounds of food were distributed during the year.
- **2021** - Community meal drive-through services and food pantries saw an increase in clients, but the impact of COVID continued to reduce the amount of food available, especially fresh and high protein foods. Our concerned community made it possible to rescue more than 207,000 pounds of fresh food and canned/packaged goods for more than 42 local agencies.
- **2022** - Food donors Starbucks and Baked on Maple plus two agencies, Washington State Community College Food Pantry and Angel's Harbor Women's Recovery Center, were added to the rescue and delivery routes. Nearly \$30,000 in grants and designated gifts for food were received. An average of more than 4,000 pounds of food were recovered and delivered weekly. Since 2006, more than 1,797,000 pounds of food have been recovered.

2022 Community Garden Impact Summary

HART ST. GARDEN

Households served:	21
Individuals served:	40
Households at or below 100% poverty:	8
Households between 100% and 200% poverty:	12

AGE DISTRIBUTION

65+ = 16	18-64 = 22	0-17 = 2
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HARMAR GARDEN

Households served:	5
Individuals served:	12
Households at or below 100% poverty:	1
Households between 100% and 200% poverty:	3

65+ = 6	18-64 = 6	0-17 = 0
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Total households served: 26

Total individuals served: 52

92% of households qualify for government assistance;
42% of individuals are 65 years of age or older.



Harvest of Hope (HOH) continues to help citizens grow healthy food at two community gardens.

Shown at right are the Harmar and Hart Street gardens.

Our Programs

FOOD RECOVERY AND DISTRIBUTION

Five days a week, Harvest of Hope volunteers drive our refrigerated delivery van to grocery stores, retail businesses, processing plants, restaurants, and farm markets to collect food which would otherwise be discarded.

Volunteers distribute the food safely and free of charge to local food pantries, community meal sites and group homes.

At harvest time, Harvest of Hope volunteers gather produce from commercial farms and orchards and channel it through our regular distribution system.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Harvest of Hope provides people opportunities to improve nutrition and their neighborhoods through maintaining two community gardens in Marietta. Gardeners grow vegetables, often giving a portion of their produce to share with others. Gardeners receive

instruction from Master Gardeners, free plots of ground or raised beds, and gardening supplies. In 2022, 26 households and 52 individuals benefited from our two community gardens.

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

Harvest of Hope worked with local churches to set up five community meal sites that regularly provide free hot meals to individuals and families in our area. Harvest of Hope delivers food free of charge to these meal sites.

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ACTIVITIES

2022 OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Because of the increase in food donations, we were able to add two new agencies to our regular delivery schedule in Washington County – Washington State Community College Food Pantry and Angel’s Harbor Women’s Recovery Center.
- Two new food donors were added to the regular delivery schedule – Starbucks and Baked on Maple.
- Volunteers delivered nearly 4,600 pounds of lean ground beef and chicken to area food pantries and community meal sites, thanks to grant funding from the Marietta Welfare League, Sisters Health Foundation, and Marietta Community Foundation.
- An average of nearly 4,000 pounds of nutritious food was recovered and delivered every week.
- Over 42 agencies were served, with 28 of those agencies receiving regular monthly deliveries.
- Over 200,000 pounds of food were rescued and distributed to area food pantries, community meal sites, and other agencies serving those in need.
- Coordinated several fundraising events, including Smitty’s Pizza, Arby’s Restaurant, Applebee’s Restaurant, Over The Moon Pizza, and Donato’s Pizza which helped bridge the gap from losing the revenue from our primary fundraiser, the Farm to Table Dinner, which was cancelled again in 2022.
- Participated in the Nonprofit Challenge through Marietta Community Foundation to support Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Program in Washington County, which provides monthly books to young children until their 5th birthday. Were awarded \$3,000 because of outstanding community support for Harvest of Hope.



HOH volunteers Emily McCutcheon and Christy Hockenberry pick up food at Aldi’s in Marietta, Ohio.



2022 GRANTS

We thank the following agencies for their financial support of Harvest of Hope operations during 2022.

- **United Way** – \$6,000 to help fund the food recovery and delivery program, including expenses for the refrigerated cargo van
- **Marietta Community Foundation** – \$5,000 to purchase ground beef
- **Marietta Welfare League** – \$3,000 to purchase ground beef
- **Sisters Health Foundation** – \$4,500 to purchase chicken and ground beef
- **FEMA39 Emergency Food & Shelter Grant** – \$7,500 to support the daily lunch program to feed the homeless and indigent and to provide food that can be eaten, without preparation, for the homeless.
- **Two Designed Gifts** – \$2,500 combined total to purchase eggs



The Significance of Harvest of Hope

More than 11,000 food insecure residents of Washington County Ohio face daily challenges. That means one in seven people, including one in four children, live paycheck to paycheck and must decide whether to buy groceries, or skip a meal, or not pay rent and utilities, or forego medications to make ends meet.

Usually, it is nutritious food that takes a back seat to other needs. Without proper nutrition, children are frequently at higher risk for poor health, long term psychological effects, memory loss, poor academic achievement, and increased physical stress.

Adults face similar outcomes with the addition of potential job loss, fatigue, loss of energy, and aggravated health issues due to stress. Many who were food insecure before COVID, now face even greater hardship.

Many agencies that serve the food insecure, including food banks, are faced with a growing need but limited resources. Supply chain limitations and rising costs impact the hungry of all ages, especially children, the elderly, the disabled, and the homeless.

After nearly 20 years of rescuing and delivering nutritious food to those who feed the hungry, Harvest of Hope understands the urgency to find new food donors and to assist additional agencies which ask for our help. If our supplies are low, we seek new resources and additional grants to purchase foods in high demand, especially those high in protein. During the winter months, we seek funding or donors for more fruits and vegetables.


During the growing season, we seek fresh local foods, even if we need to harvest them ourselves. Year-long we seek resources for meat and poultry, especially when local supplies are diminished. We support those who feed the homeless by delivering foods high in protein, like peanut butter, and foods easily eaten without the need for cooking, like canned spaghetti, crackers, and bread. We help close the gap between hunger and a healthier community.


Without Harvest of Hope, local food pantries, community meal sites, and agencies that feed families, the elderly, the homeless, veterans, after school program children, and the disabled would be hard pressed to meet the needs of their constituents. It is our mission, our passion, and our concern for our neighbors that is the driving force behind the dedication of all our volunteers.





By the Numbers


1,797,611
pounds of food recovered
and distributed since 2006!

 205,253 pounds of food recovered and distributed in 2022

 More than 44 Agencies served and 28 Agencies received regularly scheduled monthly deliveries

 **Food Insecurity:**
Not having enough food at any one point in time to live a normal, healthy lifestyle.

 19% of Washington County residents are food insecure - one in five people or 11,680 residents

 30% of children in Washington County are food insecure - one in four children

Source:
www.thinkAnthem.com/food-insecurity/close-to-home-tool
(Based on Feeding America data.)

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THANK YOU ALL!

Baker, Jim and Juanita	Craig, John and Dee	Gath, Ernie and Nina	McCauley, Michael	Vanlandingham, Stan and Ruth	Safe Solutions - Warehouse
Banziger, Dean and Melary	Denes, Susan	Goehring, Henry	Murdock, Richard and Nancy	Wagner, Stewart	Settlers Bank
Banziger, George and Gwen	Dickson, Robert and Catherine	Green, Chris and James	Murray, Leight	Watson, James	Smitty's Pizza, Inc.
Beidler, Caroline	Ditchendorf, Charles and Joyce	Grimm, Michelle	Nutter, Mark and Terry	Weber, Bonnie L.	St. Johns Evangelical Church, Lowell
Beymer, Doug	Doeblich, Mark and Lynn	Hale, Jeanette and Glen	Oljeski, Mary Beth	Wharff, Carol	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Buell, Mike and Roseanne	Doyle, Lester and Diane	Hall, Karen O.	Osborne, Ed	<i>* In honor of Ernie Gath</i>	Thomson's Landscaping
Caltrider, Donald and Kay	Dudzinski, Diane Marie	Hardman, Jack	Patterson, Roger	<i>** In honor of Karen Wetz</i>	West Side Safe
Carr, Stephen and Mary Rachel	Evans, Sally	Hendrickson, Christine	Paul, Lester and Sharon	<i>*** In honor of Marilyn Wesel</i>	Western Washington Co. Food Pantry
Carr, Rodney	Falkner, Barbara	Hetzer, Edwin**	Piekarski, Stanley		West Side Safe
Clarke, Wes and Hattie	Futrell, F. Leslie and Theresa S.	Holmes, Ron and Louise	Raney, Jim and Frances	Agencies, Churches and Corporations	WMOA Christmas Zoo Fund
Cole, Judith	Gath, Brian and Amy*	Hunter, Phil and Brenda	Rary, Don and Jan	Apex Feed & Supply	Marietta Community Foundation
Cook, Cheryl		Jackson, Barbara	Reynolds, Gail	Dominion Pantry Fund	Marietta Welfare League
		Jones, Jean	Ritchey, Robert	Empty Bowls Fund	Memorial Health Systems
		Keegan, Anne***	Salem, Esther	First Baptist Church of Marietta	Sisters Health Foundation
		Koher, Rich	Scheve, Linda M.	First Presbyterian Church	
		Kumpf, Karl and Karen	Sheaves, Justin and Crystal	Huntington National Bank	
		Lankford, Dennis and Sheila	Spahr, Michael and Judith	McCauley, Webster, Emrick	
		Lee, Pauline and John	Taylor, Lisa	Over the Moon Pub & Pizza	
		Lindamood, Robert L. and Judy B.	Thomson, Russ		
		Lipscomb, Jennifer	Thorson, Mary		
		Lyons, Carol	Ting, Darryl and Cynthia		
		Mallett, Doug and Becky	Triplett, John and Cinda		
		Mathey, Kathy	Vandenberg, David and Sarah		



Food Donors, Recipients and Agencies Served 2022

Food Donors 2022	Marietta School System	Food Recipients and Agencies Served 2022:
Aldi	Starbucks	Food Pantries:
Baked on Maple	St. Paul Lutheran Church	Belpre Area Ministries Food Pantry
Community Gardens	The Sweet Shop	Belpre Church of Christ Food Pantry
Giant Eagle	United Dairy	Beverly-Waterford Food Pantry
Hidden Hills Orchard	Walmart	Cutler (3-C) Food Pantry
Krogers, Marietta	Warren's IGA	Gospel Mission Food Pantry
Lane's Fruit Farm	Witten Farm Market	Lowell Food Pantry
Latrobe Street Mission		Lower Salem (Tri-County) Food Pantry
Marietta Memorial Hospital		Marietta Church of God Food Pantry



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In-Kind Reporting

The majority of WCHOH's contributions are made in-kind. This refers to the hours spent by dedicated volunteers to run and maintain the food rescue program, the community gardens, and the hot meals, as well as the actual food collected and redistributed.

Since volunteers go unpaid and food donations are recorded by pounds (not dollars), these in-kind expenses are not reflected in the WCHOH budget.

REVENUE 2022

Individual Donations	\$14,146
Board Donations	\$2,342
Corporate Donations	\$1,753
Fundraising & Annual Appeal	\$12,812
Grants	\$22,750
United Way	\$6,000
Interest/Investment.....	\$928
TOTAL	\$60,731

EXPENSES 2020

Food Recovery & Distribution	\$25,034
Community Gardens.....	\$2,707
Personnel.....	\$21,929
Administration/Office.....	\$1,925
Insurance/Fees	\$3,797
Public Awareness	\$1,153
Fundraising.....	\$551
TOTAL	\$57,096

RESERVE (CAPITAL & OPERATING) 2020

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Food Recipients and Agencies Served 2022, Continued

- Greater Marietta Community Food Pantry
- New Matamoras Food Pantry
- Newport Food Pantry
- The Salvation Army
- Washington State Community College Food Pantry
- Western Washington County Food Pantry

Community Meals:

- Christ United Methodist Church
- Daily Bread Kitchen
- First Congregational Church - Homeless Warming Station
- First Presbyterian Church
- Norwood United Methodist Church
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Other Agencies Served:

- Angel's Harbor Women's Recovery Center
- Belpre Senior Center
- Boys and Girls Club

- Community Resources – Thrive Food Pantry
- Ely Chapman
- Eve, Inc.
- Fort Frye School System
- GoPacks 4 Kids
- HAVAR
- Hope Center Recovery Ministry
- House of Hope
- Latrobe Mission
- Marietta Bible College
- Marietta High School
- Marietta Family YMCA
- New Matamoras Senior Nutrition
- O'Neil Center – Senior Nutrition
- Pleasants County Food Pantry
- The Betsey Mills Club
- WASCO

- Washington County Home
- Washington County Juvenile Center
- Wood County Senior Nutrition



The current Harvest of Hope refrigerated van, purchased in 2019.

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

Our dedicated board members and staff strive to live the Harvest of Hope mission.

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| Board of Directors:
Heather Kincaid,
President 2022
& Public Outreach | Michelle Grimm,
Fundraising |
| Steve Porter,
Vice President
& Finance | Rick Hastings,
Public Awareness
& Outreach |
| Cindy Brown,
Treasurer & Finance,
Board Development | Ron Hazelton*,
Board Development
& Personnel |
| Kim Betz, Secretary
& Finance | Savannah Morgan,
Finance |
| Tom Betz, Board
Member | Dave Rogers,
Board Development
& Personnel |
| Doug Beymer,
Finance, Board
Development
& Personnel | Savannah Flusche,
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Awareness &
Outreach |
| Jennifer Farnsworth,
Fundraising | Administrative
Staff and
Committee Roles: |
| Ernie Gath, Finance,
Board Development
& Personnel | Susan Allender,
Executive Director
& Fundraising |
| Judy Gilham,
Board Development
& Personnel | Karen Kumpf,
Founder |
- *In Memoriam

Dear Friends of Harvest of Hope,

It has truly been an honor to serve as the President of the Washington County Harvest of Hope (WCHoH) for the last three years. During this time, we have faced many adversities; however, we have seen the best of our community members helping one another.

As the outgoing President, I want to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our organization. Our volunteers are an integral part of the mission of WCHoH to glean, grow, and give food to programs that feed the hungry in our communities. With the exception of one part-time administrative position, WCHoH relies solely on volunteers to run the operations of our food rescue program and to oversee the community gardens.



Our refrigerated van is on the road five days a week, Monday through Friday. Volunteer drivers and helpers pick up and redistribute nutritious food donated by local grocers and businesses in the Mid-Ohio Valley. They make regular deliveries to several community meal sites and food pantries. Since our beginning in 2006, WCHoH has rescued over 1.7 million pounds of food and that amount grows every day. Our generous donors continue to help us meet our expenses and to purchase additional food items needed by our pantries.

In order to provide these services to our communities, WCHoH needs more volunteers! If “each one, brings, one,” we can add to our volunteer pool and continue to meet the needs of our residents. It’s fun, it’s easy, and so rewarding!

I urge you to consider asking your friends, family, and colleagues to be HoH volunteers. Even if they are not able to volunteer for truck runs, there are many other ways to help. They can become a board member, become a business or corporate sponsor, become a community gardener, serve on one of our committees, donate financially, provide food donations, organize additional community meals, and the list continues. If they are a member of a civic organization, a club, an athletic team, or a resident that is looking for community service opportunities, please have them contact Susan Allender at 740-538-8811 or email foodrescue@wchoh.org for more details. Please help us fulfill our vision of a hunger free community!

Sincerely,

Heather Kincaid,
2022 Harvest of Hope President



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