

Rescue and Delivery Update

As of early June, Harvest of Hope has rescued and delivered more than 90,000 pounds of food to more than 30 different agencies throughout Washington County and, sometimes, surrounding counties.

We are truly grateful to our eight regular food donors who support our food rescue mission every month: Broughton Foods, Warren's IGA, Witten's Market, Giant Eagle, Walmart, Aldi, Marietta Memorial Hospital, and Latrobe Mission. As the availability of fresh food grows throughout the coming months, several more food donors will join our efforts.

Happily, area community meal programs are beginning to serve meals once again with carry out programs. During the pandemic, Daily Bread continued its community meal program by serving about 200 carry-out meals every Wednesday.

Since the beginning of 2021, in addition to four current community meal programs, Harvest of Hope supported 12 food pantries, the Salvation Army, EVE, Washington County Home, O'Neill Center, YMCA Childcare Program, Go-Packs for Kids, Latrobe Mission, House of Hope, Marietta Bible Center, Betsy Mills Club, Washington County Juvenile Center, HAVAR, Boys and Girls Clubs, WASCO, and others.

If you would like to help our expanding program, please consider volunteering as a driver or as an assistant on our rescue/delivery van.

The team at the Greater Marietta Community Food Pantry prepare to accept a delivery from Washington County Harvest of Hope.



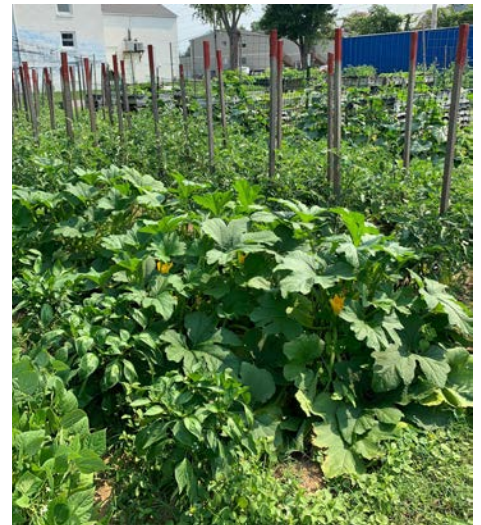
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Harvest of Hope Community Gardens are thriving this summer. The organization sponsors two gardens – Harmar and Hart Street.

2021 Grants Update

Grants from local organizations have a significant impact:

Marietta Welfare League: \$3,000 to purchase ground beef. Harvest of Hope delivered 1,038 pounds of this meat to food pantries and community meal sites.

Sisters Health Foundation: \$4,500 to purchase ground beef for food pantries.

FEMA38: \$5,000 to purchase emergency food.



Welcome New Harvest of Hope Board Member Savannah Jeffers

Savannah Jeffers, a native West Virginian, joined the Harvest of Hope Board in January 2021. A graduate of Parkersburg Christian School, she began her college studies at age 16 earning both an associate degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia University.

Professionally, she is a commercial lender at Peoples Bank serving customers through 20 offices in western West Virginia and eastern Ohio with loans of \$250,000 to 1.5 million dollars.

During 2020, Savannah oversaw 133 first round Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans which helped small businesses retain employees during COVID-19. She is now managing 30 second round requests. In addition to facilitating the loans, she also reviews each loan at the end of the loan period to determine if an organization is eligible for loan forgiveness.

A cheerful, outgoing woman with a hearty work ethic, Savannah is also renovating a home with her fiancé on a wooded acre and a half, will marry in September, and looks forward to a blended family of her two children, nine and sixteen, and his two children, six and eleven.

For the past 10 years, Savannah has been a board member of numerous community organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and Community Resources in Parkersburg. As an employee of Peoples Bank, a strong advocate of feeding the hungry, she grew to recognize the plight of the hungry in our area. In addition, she grew to admire what Harvest of Hope does and accomplishes as a result of our founder Karen Kumpf's grass roots initiative.

When board member Steve Porter invited her to attend a meeting, it wasn't long after that she joined the board and now shares her expertise as a member of the Finance Committee.

Looking to the future, Savannah feels Harvest of Hope's mission and service standards should stay the same while focusing on enhancing both the core pillars of the strategic plan as well as public relations and social media to give the organization more visibility.

"I am happy and excited to be a part of Harvest of Hope and look forward to having an impact", she says. "It would be great to see more people get involved" as a volunteer and donor.

Welcome Abbey McNaught Marietta College NextGen Volunteer

Abbey McNaught, a junior at Marietta College, with a major in Middle Childhood Education, and a participant in their Next Generation (NextGen) program, is a new member on the Washington County Harvest of Hope Board of Directors.

When not attending school, Abbey lives in Heath, Ohio, with her parents and younger brother. A lifelong resident of Heath, she graduated from Heath High School in 2018.

Since moving to Marietta, Abbey has loved getting involved in the local community through volunteer work. Through volunteering with various area non-profits, she has developed a passion for helping others and fighting food insecurity.

When she learned her NextGen placement was with Harvest of Hope, she could not have been more excited because the organization combines all of her passions into one!

Abbey's favorite memory of volunteering with Harvest of Hope is working with other volunteers during her first year of college to clean up the community garden located by Harmar Elementary School. "I felt like I was making a real change cleaning up the gardens and I loved getting to know others in the organization," she said. "I think Harvest of Hope has a bright future, and I am excited to be a part of this organization as it grows. I would recommend volunteering with Harvest of Hope to anyone who is looking to make a real change in their community!"



Washington County Harvest of Hope is a faith-based organization founded in 2005 as a mission of Marietta's Christ United Methodist Church to help create a community in which no food is wasted and no one goes hungry. WCHOH is an Ohio not-for-profit organization qualified as tax-exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c) (3). Gifts to Harvest of Hope are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Harvest of Hope is a United Way Agency.