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Dear Friends,

Even as signs point to an improving economy, we continue to see more neighbors seeking emergency food assistance and connection to resources. The statistics are remarkable, but we challenge you to think about the lives behind the stories. Can you imagine trying to figure out how to make a nutritious meal for your family for just $1.40? Or being one car repair or illness away from not being able to pay rent? Imagine how relieved you would be to find out about the Worthington Resource Pantry—a place where you can get fresh produce, meat, milk, eggs and staples to stretch that $1.40. A place where you are greeted warmly and have a chance to talk to a neighbor who can show you how to navigate the resources available to you.

But we are not just a resource for neighbors in need. We are also a resource for local businesses. Grocers, restaurants and other institutions donated 172,000 pounds of good food they were unable to use. Instead of being destined for the dumpster, these fresh healthy foods were diverted to our choice pantry. It just makes sense to reduce food waste and hunger in our community.

As we round the corner on our tenth year in operation, we begin to reflect upon the place we have in our community. What does it mean to be “more than just a food pantry?” It means connecting people with the experts who can help. New Directions Career Center held their first “satellite” intensive two-week career readiness class for women at our location. McConnell Arts Center brought “MAC on the Move” to the pantry, allowing families to create clay monsters and clay fish with a real artist! Worthington Libraries, Columbus Public Health, and interns from the Ohio State University offered career assistance, health screenings and interactive food demonstrations that enhanced the customer experience.

While we worked hard to create an atmosphere of health and hope at our physical location, there are children whose parents do not visit the pantry. That is why we partnered with elementary schools with kids who were at risk of hunger to provide emergency food over winter break. And through the sponsorship of SON Ministries of Hilliard, we expanded summer lunch opportunities for children in the Sharon Green Townhomes as well as the Worthington Run area. Children got together for healthy lunches with friends and had a chance to play and learn.

All of these accomplishments could only have happened with generous support from all our volunteers and donors. We are fortunate that so many of you have come together to serve our neighbors in need! We are hungry to share our impact on the lives of these neighbors in 2018.

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Ashley is an enthusiastic woman who loves to cook. She comes to the pantry about once a month to help feed her family of four. She would come to the pantry more often, but she wants to make sure that the pantry can serve everyone who needs help. Ashley is very thankful to get food at the pantry and is thrilled with the selection of fresh produce we offer our neighbors.

Our neighbors in the lowest income levels may be eligible to receive SNAP benefits—“food stamps”—which provide about $1.40 per person per meal. The food pictured here, simple as it is, exceeds the cost of a SNAP meal. If a cup of blueberries were swapped for the banana, the meal cost would soar to about $3.90. That’s one of the reasons we provide our with neighbors as much produce as possible.
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“I am very grateful for the help I get at the pantry. Some weeks, I would not know what I would do without it.”

USING OUR RESOURCES

PROGRAMS + SERVICES $764,014
ADMINISTRATION $73,350
FUNDRAISING $61,664
TOTAL $899,028

VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL
FY 17 VOLUNTEER HOURS 13,935
VOLUNTEER HOURS VALUE* $320,366

*Volunteer time in Ohio is valued at $22.99 per hour
Grocers, restaurants and other institutions donated 172,000 pounds of good food they were unable to use.
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The state’s poor residents are more likely to live in suburbs, rather than the urban neighborhoods more commonly associated with poverty.

Even with an improving economy, food insecurity continues to exist.

Ohio

17.4% of the population (212,050 people) are food insecure*

1 in 3 residents have household incomes at or below twice the poverty level, which is $49,200 for a family of 4*

Worthington

26% of students in the Worthington City Schools are on free or reduced lunch*

Franklin County

Even with an improving economy, food insecurity continues to exist.

WE SERVED
1,475 families
31,309 people...

43% were children
12% were seniors

WE PROVIDED
273,620 meals

www.map.feedingamerica.org
Dividing Lines, The Columbus Dispatch, March 2017
2016 Annual State of Poverty Report
Worthington Schools