



**Worthington  
Resource  
Pantry**

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2017



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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.

# Hungry to Share!



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.



WINTER BREAK  
BAG ASSEMBLY



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.



FARMER'S MARKET

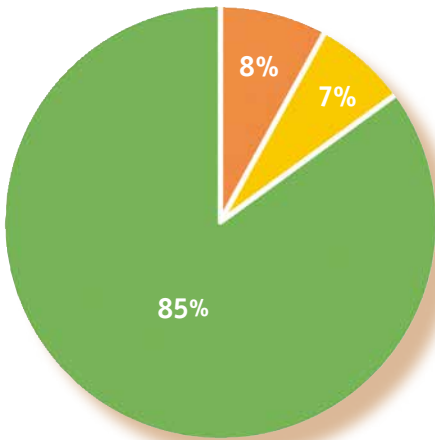


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FRESH PRODUCE

## 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  
 Source: [www.independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/](http://www.independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/)  
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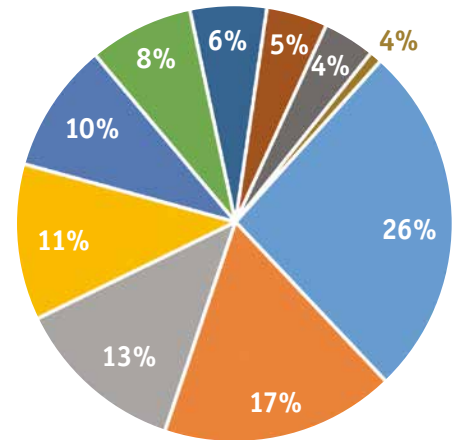
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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

EVEN WITH AN  
IMPROVING ECONOMY,  
FOOD INSECURITY  
CONTINUES TO EXIST

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

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\*

## OHIO

The state's poor residents  
are more likely to live in  
suburbs, rather than the  
urban neighborhoods more  
commonly associated  
with poverty\*

## WORTHINGTON

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

WE SERVED  
1,475  
FAMILIES  
31,309  
PEOPLE ...

UP  
16%

43%  
WERE  
CHILDREN  
12%  
WERE  
SENIORS

UP  
13%

WE PROVIDED  
273,620  
MEALS

\* [www.map.feedingamerica.org](http://www.map.feedingamerica.org)

\* *Dividing Lines*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, March 2017

\* 2016 Annual State of Poverty Report

\* Worthington Schools