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Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley distributes \$50,000 to local food pantries

(Marietta, OH) – COVID-19 has resulted in more people and families needing the assistance of their local food pantries. Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley recently distributed \$50,000 to nine food pantries in Washington County. All these funds were raised locally to assist in the fight against hunger in our region.

Pantries access these funds through their relationship with the Southeast Ohio Food Bank located in Logan, Ohio. Rather than serving clients directly, the Food Bank acts as a distribution center to supply food to over 60 member agencies that operate food pantries, soup kitchens, and other hunger-relief efforts. Washington County pantries can order staples to restock their shelves during this time of need due to coronavirus. The Food Bank also offers fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and meat.

Orvie Fischer, president of the Greater Marietta Community Food Pantry, said “We have seen an increase in clients over the last couple of months and Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley’s grant will be a tremendous boost in feeding the many food-insecure people in Washington county.”

Hunger and poor nutrition are a growing problem in the region, especially among families with children. One in six individuals in Southeast Ohio are struggling with hunger and suffer from food insecurity, including not knowing when they will have their next meal. Hunger among children has a major impact on not only health care costs later in life, but also educational achievement, worker productivity and eventually the ability of the region and nation to compete in a global economy.

Since its inception in 2012 Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley has contributed over \$350,000 to provide nutritional food to those in need and over \$60,000 to help provide nutrition education to over 2000 children in our communities.

As the founding partners of Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley, Peoples Bank, Memorial Health System, Marietta College and Bricker & Eckler have partnered to bring resources and support to our community to lessen and end hunger in the Mid-Ohio Valley.



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