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Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley donates \$10,000 to Mountaineer Food Bank

(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 donated \$10,000 to Mountaineer Food Bank for usage in Wood county, West Virginia. All these funds were raised locally to assist in the fight against hunger.

Mountaineer Food Bank’s mission is to feed West Virginia’s hungry through a network of member feeding programs and engage our state in the fight to end hunger. They support 48 of West Virginia’s 55 counties, including Wood county.

DeeAnn Gehlauf, President of Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley, said “Hunger Solutions is committed to combat hunger in the Mid-Ohio valley as we know the impact that food insecurity can have on individuals and families in our community.”

Laura Hedrick, Strategic Gifts Officer of Mountaineer Food Bank, said “We have seen an increase in demand since COVID-19 and the funds from Hunger Solutions of the Mid-Ohio Valley’s will be a great assist in feeding the Wood county residents with food insecurity.”

Hunger and poor nutrition are a growing problem in the region, especially among families with children. 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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