



Stark County Hunger Task Force

STATISTICS FOR FOOD DRIVES

GENERAL

- Established in 1981, Stark County Hunger Task Force fights hunger in our community by providing financial, logistic, strategic, and food support to our network of local food pantries and Backpack for Kids programs.
- In Canton City alone, the poverty rate is 48%, the fourth highest in the nation.
- Approximately 15% of adults and 23% of children in Stark County are food insecure.
- Nearly 15,000 children in Stark County are living in poverty.
- Individuals or corporate groups interested in volunteering for our organization can contact us at info@starkhunger.org or 330.455.6667.
- For every \$1 donated, we can purchase up to seven pounds of food or four meals.

PANTRY NETWORK

- We operate a network of 37 emergency food pantries located in all areas of Stark County.
- We provide a monthly budget to 26 of our pantries to purchase food.
- Our Community Campus Food Pantry located at 408 9th St SW is open Monday-Friday. This pantry alone serves about 4,200 individuals per month.
- Among all 37 pantries in our network, we supply critical food assistance to 34,000 individuals monthly.

BACKPACK FOR KIDS PROGRAM

- This program combats childhood hunger by providing kids with food for the weekends.
- Our backpacks contain two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks.
- We currently pack about 2,000 backpacks every week.
- We spend between \$3 and \$3.50 on each backpack. In total, it costs us approximately \$6,000 per week to operate this program.
- We currently serve 17 local schools in four school districts and the Stark library branches. We also serve the Massillon libraries during the summer months.
- During school breaks, backpacks are distributed at our Community Campus at Goodwill.

OTHER INFORMATION

- General donation link
 - starkhunger.org/donate
- Tag @starkhunger in your social media posts!
- Do not use our logo without prior approval! Contact Allison Boogaart at allison@starkhunger.org for an organization-approved food drive flyer and social media graphic.
- To request donation bins or to arrange food pickup, contact our offices at 330.455.6667.