# We Feed People Because...



## No one should go hungry

Our core mission is to alleviate hunger by distributing surplus marketable and wholesome grocery products to a network of charitable food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other distributing organizations. Shared Harvest Foodbank serves the Ohio counties of Butler, Darke, Miami, Preble and Warren; which in turn distribute these products to needy and hungry people.

### **Food is Education**

Shared Harvest's BackPack program provides children dependent on school breakfast and lunch with meals and snacks for the weekend during the school year. Our surveys have shown that 70% of the children who participate in this program show improvement somewhat or very much in attendance, classroom behavior and performance. In 2017:

- An average of 3200 children were served weekly
- 100,555 bags of food were distributed
- 418,979 meals provided



### **Food is Medicine**

CSFP provides a monthly box of nutritious supplemental food for persons over the age 60 whose income is at or below 130% of the federal poverty line. This program provides healthy food focused on the dietary needs of an aging population; which helps to improve health and reduce medical costs, so people do not have to choose between food and medicine. In 2017:

- An average of 1519 seniors were served monthly
- 18,222 boxes of food were provided
- 411,233 meals provided

### Food is Hope

Our network of partner charities provides families living in poverty with one of the most basic human rights—access to food. In 2017:

- An average of 34,200 people received about 3 to 5 days worth of food monthly from pantries.
- An average of 29,600 meals were served monthly by soup kitchens and shelters
- Through our outreach program, 1447 households were able to apply for SNAP benefits providing an additional 1,100,952 meals



Through the combined support of national and local donors & federal and state programs, our network was able to provide 6,988,617 meals to people in need.

# 2017 By The Numbers

Almost half of the food we distributed in 2017, came from private donors, but charity cannot do it all. Safety net programs such as TEFAP, CSFP, OFP, ACP, & SNAP allow our network to provide 3,385,900 more meals to people in need, right here at home.





