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Summit County Employees Collect Funds and Food for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Harvest for Hunger Campaign

Summit County officeholders and employees participated in the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank's 2018 Harvest for Hunger campaign and collectively raised \$4,194.17 and 2,503 pounds of food which will equate to 18,863 meals. Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro's office hosted a Harvest for Hunger Basket Fundraiser and the Summit County Prosecutor's C.S.E.A Office held two separate contests to collect food including a relay race and constructing creative structures using the collected food items. All County offices supported the cause.

"We are always proud to be involved with the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank's Harvest for Hunger campaign," said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. "Our employees put together fantastic fundraising events and in turn will provide an incredible amount of much needed meals for individuals struggling with food insecurity in our community."

Food insecurity and hunger affects one in seven individuals throughout the Summit community. Many of these individuals struggling with food insecurity must choose between buying much needed groceries and paying for other essential needs such as transportation, medication, utilities, and more. By providing meals to people in need, the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank works to lessen the burden of choosing between food and other necessities.

“It was an honor to take part in the Harvest for Hunger campaign. I am so proud of my staff who participated in a relay race and construction project to collect these much needed items for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank,” said Summit County Prosecutor Walsh. “Thank you to everyone involved in fighting hunger in our community.”

“I would like to commend the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank for their continued commitment to fighting hunger in our community,” said Summit County Fiscal Officer Scalise. “Their Harvest for Hunger campaign helps thousands of Summit County families who may be experiencing food insecurity at home. It was my pleasure to join efforts with Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro to raise food and funds for this cause.”

The Harvest for Hunger Campaign is a collaboration between four food banks and serves 21 Northeast Ohio communities, and is one of the nation’s largest food drives. Through the campaign, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and network partners will be able to provide 5.2 million meals for the local community.

For more information: <http://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org/>

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