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County offices raise funds for Harvest for Hunger, provide 5,652 meals for local needs

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Summit County Executive Shapiro is excited to announce that county employees from all the Charter offices and Common Pleas Court have raised \$1,884 for the 2025 Harvest for Hunger campaign to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. This financial contribution will provide 5,652 meals for neighbors in our community.

The County participates in the Harvest for Hunger campaign every spring, with a Basket Raffle Fundraiser generously provided by county officeholders. This year, County Executive Shapiro, Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski, Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise, Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich, and Sheriff Kandy Fatheree donated a total of seven baskets for staff to bid on. County staff kicked off the celebration with a St. Patrick’s Day Bake Sale, with baked goods donated from employees with the Executive’s Office, Clerk of Courts, and Fiscal Office.

“The Harvest for Hunger campaign gives organizations like ours the ability to give back directly to our community, as well as have some fun throughout the workday,” said Executive Shapiro. “I am so thankful for the generosity of our employees who contributed to this fundraiser to help our most vulnerable community members, while continuing to serve in their day-to-day roles.”

The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank provides food and other essential items across eight counties, including Summit, Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties. Throughout this service area, 1 in 7 individuals struggle with hunger, including 1 in 6 children. The Foodbank’s goal for this year’s Harvest for Hunger campaign is to provide 4.4 million meals, including \$1.45 million and 100,000 pounds of food.

Employers and individuals interesting in giving to this year’s Harvest for Hunger campaign can learn more at <https://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org/harvest> or donate at participating supermarkets, including Giant Eagle, Buehler’s Fresh Foods, Dave’s Market, or Heinen’s Grocery Stores.

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