Our mission is to end hunger one nourishing meal at a time while co-creating communities where everyone thrives. We’ve always pushed traditional food banking forward by constantly learning, growing, and innovating to better meet the needs of our customers.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank (anchor asset), Mid-Ohio Farm, Mid-Ohio Farmacy, Mid-Ohio Kitchen and Mid-Ohio Market work together to strengthen the Mid-Ohio Food Collective toward addressing the social determinants of health that place, and often keep, our neighbors in poverty.

The Mid-Ohio Food Collective is about rolling up our sleeves and meeting our neighbors where they are.

Inspired by our customers, everything we do ties back to our goal of ending hunger.

We’re working every day to reach more than 525,000 people, almost half of whom are children and seniors, across our 20-county service area. Distributing 67 million lbs. of groceries annually, or enough food for about 150,000 meals per day, we are committed to making sure that no one in our community goes hungry. We are able to do this work with the help of nearly 700 partner agencies, more than 1,000 pop-up produce markets, and more. We are also advocating to address the root causes of poverty so that we can approach every person with holistic solutions.

For decades we’ve been impacted by thousands of unique hunger stories and we know that every story needs its own solution. We’ve learned that hunger goes beyond the dinner plate — a car breaking down, losing a job, combating racism, finding affordable housing, or earning a living wage.

Sean’s Story

I grew up in a large family. My dad worked in the coal mines to support all of us. Then, I started working in the coal mines, too. I loved my work, but it was hard on my health. After 40 years in the mines, I had to have heart surgery, and I had to retire. My pension covered our expenses, and we were making ends meet — until my granddaughter, her husband, and their kids lost their home. The pension could feed two people, but it wasn’t enough to feed six. For the first time in my life, I had to ask for help to support my family. I turned to the Salvation Army, a Mid-Ohio Food Collective partner.

I am grateful for their help, and I give back by spending my Wednesdays volunteering.
How to get involved

It’s going to take all of us to end hunger! We rely on our community and people like you to support our efforts in connecting nutritious food with more than half a million hungry neighbors in central and eastern Ohio. There are so many ways we can work together!

Employee Engagement*

Operation Feed: Operation Feed engages the community to raise resources for fresh, healthy food to feed hungry families. This annual campaign provides tremendous team building opportunities for your organization.

Holiday Meals: The Holiday Meals campaign engages your workplace to raise critically-needed funds to help Mid-Ohio Food Collective offset the cost of acquiring and distributing foods typically eaten during the holiday season.

Sponsorship Opportunities*

Mid-Ohio Foodbank: The foodbank continues to be the core of our work towards ending hunger by acquiring and distributing millions of pounds of food to partner agencies throughout our 20 county service territory.

Mid-Ohio Farm: Mid-Ohio Farm serves as an innovative and agricultural “EduFarm” of the future featuring state-of-the art technology, education training, models for growing and distributing fresh produce, and services enhancing community engagement.

Mid-Ohio Kitchen: Healthy food is more than great ingredients. Our production kitchen provides fresh, healthy food for kids, schools, seniors, and other community members, helping customers learn how to shop and cook for long-term health.

Mid-Ohio Market & Fresh Food Distribution: Over 60% of food distributed by Mid-Ohio Food Collective is fresh! Through Mid-Ohio Markets and Produce Markets, we offer an array of fresh food from produce, meat, dairy, bread and eggs. These are free community events sponsored by Mid-Ohio Food Collective and facilitated by local partnering agencies. At these events, a Foodbank truck delivers 5,000-10,000 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items to a community location.

Double Your Donation Day: Mid-Ohio Food Collective partners with NBC4 to host a one-day media sponsored event, where every dollar donated doesn’t just provide $9.50 in groceries, it provides up to $19!

Spring Campaign: This campaign, in partnership with the Columbus Dispatch and 10TV, runs several months. The goal is to increase access to nutrient-dense, fresh foods for low-income, individuals and families. Corporate sponsors help raise awareness of our fresh initiatives as well as underwrite produce distribution efforts across the Foodbank’s 20-country footprint.

Fuel our Fleet: Transportation is one of the most significant costs to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, at an estimated $1.2 million a year. Last year, the Foodbank distributed 75 million pounds of groceries in 20 counties.

Hunger Action Month: Hunger Action Month is held each year in September in partnership with Feeding America, the nation’s largest hunger relief agency. The goal is to raise awareness and advocate for hunger relief. The Mid-Ohio Food Collective, community sponsors, and media partners ABC 6, FOX 28 and the CW Columbus, are working together to create an integrated campaign toward building hunger-free and healthier communities.

Community Meals: Mid-Ohio Kitchen opens its doors weekly at South Side Roots Café for a weekly Community Meal, where hundreds of neighbors receive a made-from-scratch, healthy meal. *Currently meals are made to-go during COVID.

* Event-specific benefits available. Corporate benefits do not apply.
Volunteer

Volunteers play a vital role in the success of the Mid-Ohio Food Collective – whether helping hands at Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop, baggers at Mid-Ohio Markets, providing healthy recipes through Mid-Ohio Farmacy, cooking up nutritious meals at Mid-Ohio Kitchen or sorting and packing food at Mid-Ohio Foodbank. We offer a variety of ways you can make a difference. Here’s a sneak peek at what we have to offer.

For a full listing of events, and to self-register, please go to www.mofb.volunteerhub.com.

**Food Pantry:** The Foodbank’s Kroger Community Food Pantry is housed in our Grove City facility and feeds hundreds of families every week. Volunteers are needed to stock shelves, assist customers, work the check-in area and more.

**Office Volunteers:** For volunteers able to make a weekly commitment during regular business hours, several of our departments could use a hand with office tasks such as donor thank-you calls, mailing projects, data entry, reception desk and more.

**Community Events:** The Mid-Ohio Food Collective is honored to be invited to speak to diverse community groups or to provide information at events. Volunteers are trained to speak on behalf of all of our assets, including the Foodbank and can serve at their convenience.

**Partners in Ending Hunger:** We know we can’t end hunger alone, so we’re proud to partner with other agencies to help get essential jobs done.

**Kids Cafe:** Kids Cafe uses volunteer power to make hundreds of meals each week for delivery to kids’ programs across the county.

**South Side Roots:** Located in the Reeb Avenue Center on the city’s south side, the Cafe operates under a no-cost, donation-based system, where everyone has access to a healthy, nutritious meal. Volunteers help with food prep, table service, clean up, and help to serve the Tuesday evening community meal each week.

**Food Sorting & Packing:** Food Sorting & Packing takes place in our warehouse. Volunteers regularly sort through and inspect donated goods, make care packages for seniors, repackage bulk foods into usable sizes, and sort produce.

**Mid-Ohio Farm:** From late spring through early fall, volunteers can enjoy the great outdoors while tending to our on-site gardens or the Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop.
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