Mid-Ohio Food Collective Launches Hunger Action Month
Ending Hunger Takes All of Us

Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) is launching a month-long campaign to raise awareness about hunger and mobilize the public to get involved in efforts to address food insecurity.

Hunger Action Month takes place every September. Food banks in the Feeding America network create their own strategy and messaging to address the root causes of hunger according to the areas they serve. This year’s theme for Hunger Action Month is “Ending Hunger Takes all of us.” With as many as one in five Ohioans experiencing food insecurity, MOFC is serving more hungry families than last year. So far this year, MOFC has served more than 122,000 first-time customers who have never visited a food pantry before. This is a more than 30 percent increase from 2021. MOFC is engaging the public and encouraging them to donate, advocate, and volunteer at their local pantry to help work toward ending hunger. To join the conversation online for Hunger Action Month, the public can utilize MOFC’s social press kit.

Each year, leaders from the community join MOFC in this campaign. For Hunger Action Month 2022, Mid-Ohio Food Collective is partnering with Columbia Gas, Molina Healthcare, and Sheetz. Each sponsor, along with MOFC’s team members, network of partner agencies, and volunteers will be highlighted throughout September.

One of the key components of Hunger Action Month is “Hunger Action Day,” also known as “Go Orange Day.” This year, it takes place Friday, Sept. 23. The public is encouraged to wear orange to raise awareness about food insecurity.

“We are grateful to have amazing people from our community who are willing to help us continue our mission and share how we are connecting families to food,” said Matt Habash, President and CEO of Mid-Ohio Food Collective. “With incredible partners like Columbia Gas, Molina Healthcare, and Sheetz, we are able to raise awareness about the record levels of food insecurity our customers are facing and educate others on how they can get involved.”

About Mid-Ohio Food Collective
Mid-Ohio Food Collective is the umbrella organization that holds five assets, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, our anchor asset, Mid-Ohio Farm, Mid-Ohio Markets, Mid-Ohio Farmacy and Mid-Ohio Kitchen.
The Mid-Ohio Food Collective has a network of nearly 700 partner agencies across 20 counties, connecting those in need to nutritious food. Learn more by visiting mofc.org

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About Columbia Gas of Ohio
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