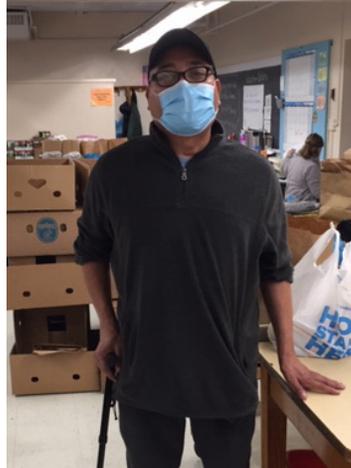


TOGETHER, WE HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

As the pandemic has raged on in our country, many have struggled with unemployment, illness and fear. Sadly, numerous residents of Euclid were forced to reach out for help for the first time ever. Benny Padierna is a 47-year-old father of two. Born in Mexico, Benny obtained U.S. citizenship in 2005. He has always worked hard to support himself and his family, working as a chef and creating food and drink menus at several Mexican restaurants in Northeast Ohio. Last October, Benny woke up one morning to find that his legs wouldn't function properly, and he was struggling to stand or walk. After undergoing many tests and unsuccessful treatments, Benny's condition worsened, and in January of this year, he was forced to stop working. After a diagnosis in February, Benny began working with a physical therapist, but his therapy was abruptly interrupted by Covid-19, and his recovery was delayed. After surgery in May, and yet another in August, Benny is still rehabbing and struggling with nerve damage and pain. Yet despite all he has been through, Benny is always a bright light when he comes to EHC. He credits his CCF social worker with helping him in so many ways, including leading him to our center. We are happy to be here to assist Benny with getting the food he needs for himself and his children. Benny is so grateful, that he has offered to create some recipes using hunger center staples so that we can share them with our clients.



One of our homebound senior clients is Deborah Grimes. A graduate of Glenville HS, and an army veteran, Deborah spent many years working as a ward clerk in several Cleveland area hospitals, before finally landing at the VA Hospital. She worked there for 17 years, before her retirement. In 2018, Deborah lost her husband, who she met when she was 15, to cancer. Her 96-year-old mother also had a stroke and is now under nursing home care. While Deborah says her only son comes over and helps her with laundry and errands as often as he can, he and his family have also suffered from job loss, and are struggling to make ends meet. Swhe is doing the best she can with what she has, but was thrilled to find out that EHC was available to help get groceries to her.

REMEMBER EHC WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON

An easy way to make a donation to EHC this holiday season is by shopping at AmazonSmile.com. When you want to purchase something via Amazon, simply log in to AmazonSmile.com instead. The first time you log in, you will be asked to designate a charity, which will receive a percentage of any purchases you make. It's that simple. For more detailed information about AmazonSmile, log on to our website and look under the Donate tab.

WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED:

Since our last newsletter we have:

- Served 3005 families (7644 people). 473 of these households were first time visitors.
- Hosted four voter registrations
- ID Voucher Program – 30 people have obtained birth certificates or IDs through this program
- 3 Mobile Pantries – distributed fresh produce to over 300 families this summer
- Lunch Distribution – we were a host site for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's lunch distribution program, which provided over 700 bagged lunches to children this summer.
- Homebound Senior Delivery – we continued to deliver food boxes to 30 homebound seniors each month

Happy Thanksgiving



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We always need helpers to deliver food to our homebound seniors. We use a no-contact method of delivery, and the commitment is approximately one hour, on one Wednesday or Saturday per month.

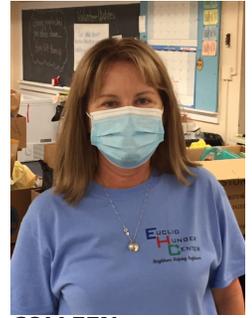
We also need assistance unloading our food delivery on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-9:15 am. For more information, contact Kay at 216-731-3329 or euclidhungercenter@gmail.com



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS: MEET COLLEEN & TAMMY

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization, and with the pandemic changing so much of how we operate, our volunteers have had to step up in untold ways. Two of our wonderful Wednesday volunteers are Colleen Kozlowski and Tammy Stachowiak.

Colleen has been helping at EHC for just over a year, and her boundless energy and spirit have been a welcome addition to our team. Colleen is the youngest of seven children, born and raised in Euclid. She worked for many years as an RN, and is presently enjoying her three children & four grandchildren. Colleen likes to believe that the small acts of kindness she can perform at EHC just might bring joy to someone in need. Ironically, her hobbies include running & walking, and she does a whole lot of that at the Center.



COLLEEN



TAMMY

Tammy Stachowiak came on board at EHC in June of this year, and we often wonder how we got so lucky to have her. Tammy registers and signs in clients during her regular shift, and she is a constant advocate for the work we do. She is the mother of three boys, one of whom is also an EHC volunteer. Tammy is also a full-time realtor, a guardian ad litem for the Geauga Court, and a volunteer with the Willowick Pet Food Pantry. Tammy says that she used to just write a check when she wanted to help out, but she has found that she prefers to be more hands on with making a difference. These ladies are indeed making a difference to the many people they serve each week. We are fortunate to have them as part of our volunteer team.

WE APPRECIATE OUR DONORS

The pandemic forced us to cancel our annual "Kick off Summer" fundraiser but fortunately, members of our community and beyond stepped up in extraordinary ways to show their support. We are grateful for all the generous donations, and in particular, we recognize these individuals and organizations who gave significant gifts:

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The Euclid Hunger Center could not operate without financial donations.

- Donate online at www.euclidhungercenter.com/donate
- Mail checks made payable to Euclid Hunger Center to: P.O. Box 23554, Euclid, OH 44123
Thank you!

Join our email list by sending us an email at euclidhungercenter@gmail.com
To be removed from our mailing list, email us at the address above, or call Kay at (216) 731-3329.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our dear volunteers,
Jean Day
Henry Jones
Geraldine Stipkovich



SHOPPING CARTS NEEDED

Many of our clients do not have cars, and cannot afford to purchase a folding shopping cart, so they take only what they can carry while walking home, and must leave some food behind. We need your help to provide shopping carts to some of our families. If you have a clean, functioning cart or wagon to donate, would like to purchase a new cart, or would be willing to make a donation towards our cart fund, please let us know.

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