

Pop-Up Pantries Aid Seniors

Indian Hills Senior Apartment Community was the site of the Euclid Hunger Center's first Pop-up Pantry which took place in March. Bags of food were distributed to over 100 seniors residing at Indian Hills, many of whom had never received our services before. Partnering with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and Cleveland service organization "Love in Action", EHC was able to pass out food, PPE and access to Covid vaccine appointments. Many volunteers had gathered the day before the event to pack the bags and load them into the truck. Humana and the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion graciously donated reusable shopping bags, which were a huge help. During this ongoing pandemic, when many elderly people are still fearful or unable to go out, EHC was happy to be able to bring our pantry to them. This newest form of outreach to our community is yet another way the Hunger Center is working hard to get food into the hands of those who need it most. The next pop-up pantry is scheduled for April 30th at Indian Hills. Donations of handled, reusable shopping bags would be gratefully accepted. If your business is interested in providing bags for future events, please contact EHC. We would be happy to include your brochure or small advertisement in the bags.



Grants Enable Upgrades

EHC has been able to make a number of equipment and pantry upgrades, thanks to several grants that we applied for and received. Generous grant donations from PPG Industries, Inc., Parker Hannifin and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank have allowed us to purchase additional tables and carts, a replacement laptop, and a new desk chair. Most notably, we have made arrangements to replace our very worn carpet and tile in the pantry. Grants from community organizations are extremely helpful in enabling us to make necessary improvements to our space. If your company or organization has grant opportunities for which we can apply, please feel free to share that information.

Kick Off to Summer Fundraiser

While it may not be actually kicking off summer this year, our annual fundraiser is back. The event is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, at the Briardale Greens Golf Course Pavilion. Once again, your ticket will include music, a delicious buffet dinner, and the opportunity to win some fabulous raffle baskets. With the planned addition of extra tents, we hope to be able to space out the tables more, and enable guests to enjoy a safe yet fun outdoor event. Tickets will go on sale in June. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details, or call or email the Hunger Center now, to be put on our Preferred Customer list, and we will contact you when the tickets go on sale.



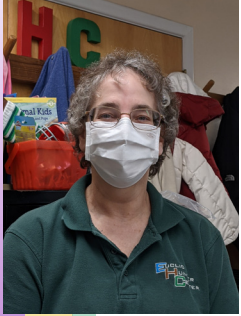
Volunteer Opportunities

With our ever-expanding program of delivering to homebound seniors, we are in need of a few more people to help make deliveries. Specifically, we need 1-2 individuals/families to deliver 2-3 boxes of food on one Saturday morning per month. The time is flexible. We also need a few more helpers to assist with unloading our food delivery on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-9:15 am. The ability to lift up to 20 pounds is required for this job. These are great opportunities for college students, retirees or families to make a big difference with just a small time commitment. Please contact Kay at the Hunger Center for more information.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET LISA & STEVE

Volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit organization, but at EHC, we believe our volunteers are second to none. During this extraordinary Pandemic year, our volunteers have been called upon to make many transitions in the way we do things. Two volunteers who didn't miss a beat are Lisa Mobley and Steve McIntosh. Lisa has been helping out at the Hunger Center since 2013, when she had recently been laid off, had just become an empty nester, and was looking for something to fill her void. Eight years later, Lisa is one of our most valued volunteers. Now working full time as a Medical Technologist in the blood lab at Euclid Hospital, Lisa still comes in every Wednesday, and serves as our unofficial "Storeroom Manager", keeping that space and our freezers meticulously organized. Lisa says she enjoys working with the other volunteers and likes the free workout she gets moving heavy boxes and trays of canned goods around. In her free time, Lisa enjoys needlepoint, reading and her newly rescued golden retriever puppy. Steve McIntosh is another beloved volunteer at EHC. Steve came on board two years ago, and quickly became an invaluable part of the team. Steve is always a breath of fresh air when he walks into the room. His upbeat personality and willingness to do whatever is asked of him, are but a few of his positive qualities. In addition to working in the pantry, Steve makes a lot of food deliveries to our homebound seniors, who love seeing his smiling face at their door. He is a Special Ed teacher at Cuyahoga Falls High School and in his free time, Steve enjoys hiking, mountain biking, backpacking, and gardening. In addition both Steve and his wife, Ward 5 councilwoman Christine McIntosh, are extremely active in our community. EHC has definitely been blessed with some wonderful volunteers. We are forever grateful for the work that they do to help us serve our community.



LISA



STEVE

THANK YOU!

The generosity of our community continues to astound us. Thank you to all who have given so generously since last fall. Whether you contributed food, money, supplies or time, know that your contributions are appreciated, and crucial to our mission. We especially thank the following individuals/organizations, who gave significant amounts.

- Amazon
- Beach Club Bistro
- David & Susan Carlson
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- HGR Industrial Surplus, Inc.
- Barbara Helms
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- Lake Shore Christian Church
- Lincoln Electric
- Parker Hannifin
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- Daniel Schlosser & JoAnn McQuair
- Kenneth W. Scott Foundation
- Thomas & Barbara Scott
- Sons of the American Legion
- St. John of the Cross Parish
- Julie Valyn
- Robert & Dolores Vicic
- The Nurses at Euclid Hospital

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE EUCLID HUNGER CENTER

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!

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*Great things are done
by a series of small
things brought together.*

Vincent Van Gogh



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Everyone has a place at our table

