

EHC IS EXPANDING

As a hunger center, our main goal has always been to get food to those who need it. It seems rather straightforward. We realize, however, that food insecurity is often just one of the issues that families face. Several years ago, we received the designation of being a Hunger Resource Center. In that role, we have made a conscious effort to connect our clients to other community resources that can assist them. Visitors to EHC will often find several tables lined up in the hallway, offering everything from phones to rental assistance. With our ever growing team, we realized that it was time to expand our physical space as well. When the room next door to the Hunger Center became available at the same time we received a grant from Morgan Stanley, via the Feeding America Foundation, we knew the time was right to rent this additional space. We currently have plans for a variety of activities that will take place in our Resource Room. In addition to hosting our monthly board meetings, we will be hosting a Kids' Book Drive throughout the month of May. Donations of new and gently used books are being accepted throughout April and May, and families visiting the pantry will be able to select books to take home. Other activities that are in the works are monthly health screening days, healthy eating demonstrations, and a fall/winter coat drive. The additional space will also enable us to pack and store food boxes, for emergency requests for members of our senior population, as well as for our pop-up pantries that will be starting up again this spring. To ensure that we are providing the services our clients need and want most, we have created a survey that visitors to the pantry over the next two months are being asked to complete. It is our hope that by getting feedback from the people we serve, we will get a true sense of how we can best use our new resource room, to the greatest benefit of all.

HIGH SCHOOLERS SERVE

On average, EHC requires about 12-14 volunteers each time we are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Many of our volunteers have been with us for years, but a crucial element of our team is the high school student doing service on a Saturday morning. Many local schools require students to perform anywhere from 10-30 service hours per school year, and we have been blessed that many of these youth choose EHC as their site. Over the last several years, students from Euclid High School, Andrews-Osborne, VASJ, Beaumont, Mayfield, and NDCL, to name a few, have given up a few Saturday morning sleep-ins to arrive at EHC by 8:00am to set up for the day, sort donations, and then serve as customer service reps during our pantry hours. Many of these students are pleasantly surprised with how much they enjoy their time at EHC, and then continue to volunteer long after the requirement has been completed. It is heartwarming to see the kids' confidence levels rise as they become comfortable in their role. They take the initiative to carry bags for elderly people, and to assist clients in other ways. We like to believe that our high school aged volunteers are on their way to a lifetime of service to their communities.



FOOD DRIVES

A special thank you to all the schools and organizations that took the time to organize food drives over the last several months.

- Able Rents
- Amazon DCL1
- Chardon Hills STEM School
- Early Learning Village
- The Edgecliff Club
- The HELP Foundation
- HGR Industrial, Inc
- Kiddie City Child Care
- Noble Beach Association
- PPG Industries, Inc.
- St. Joan of Arc School
- STERIS Endoscopy
- Teachers/Staff of Euclid Schools
- Utopia Beach Club



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Meet our EHC Drivers

Much of what our volunteers do takes place behind the scenes, but that doesn't make the work any less important. On practically any day of the week, there is a small but dedicated group of men whom you may see driving around town in our Hunger Center van. They are the members of our Retail Pick-up Team, and they are a crucial part of the EHC family. We are fortunate to receive weekly donations from numerous grocery and retail stores both in Euclid and surrounding communities, but those donations do not get delivered. Our fearless crew is out in rain, sleet or snow, loading and unloading boxes of food for the Hunger Center. In addition to the store pickups, our crew picks up our weekly order from the Food Bank, as well as donations dropped off at the library and various other sites around town. According to Kay O'Donnell, EHC Manager, "It is a real team effort, and the guys are so great about scheduling their dates, and filling in when someone is unavailable. I don't know what I would do without these men. Their dedication to our mission is unmatched." A weekly gathering for breakfast helps the men stay connected and fuels them for the work ahead. They are friends above all else, and that is what makes their work so special.



*Spring is a lovely
reminder of how
wonderful change can be!*

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.

- David & Susan Carlson
- The Edgecliff Club
- Euclid Hospital Medical Staff
- GCU Lodge 336
- Bonita Kale
- The Hanes Foundation
- Lasko Products, LLC
- Local Firefighters Local 337
- Lubrizol Foundation
- Ellen & Mark McIntosh
- John & Patricia Miller
- In memory of Robert Mramor
- Connie Pavlina
- Janet Rosel
- Daniel Schlosser & Jo Ann McQuair
- Thomas and Barbara Scott
- John & Nancy Serwatka
- Carolyn Tisi
- Julie Valyn
- Whitcraft

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!

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



Anthony Wilson, Robert Mramor

We thank them for their years of service and dedication to the EHC.

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