

The Emergency Assistance Center Annual Report 2021

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC) did not encounter disruption in services. The food pantry is proud to be a resource center supporting those most in need in our twelve-city/township service area.

TEAC offers clients:

- * Seven-day food supply
- * Healthy food options: In addition to nonperishable food items, clients receive milk, eggs, sliced bread and butter, frozen beef and poultry, bakery, and fresh produce
- * Fresh home-grown produce donated by local gardeners, including plants for our clients to grow at home
- * Recipes and a menu guide using many staples from the food pantry
- * Hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid, toilet paper, and paper towels
- * Baby items such as diapers and wipes as well as feminine hygiene items
- * Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) face masks, hand sanitizer and wipes
- * Curbside service or in-person shopping at our “choice pantry”
- * Delivery to senior citizens, the disabled and veterans who are unable to drive
- * Clothing for all ages (once COVID-19 space restriction ease)
- * Paws On Child Hunger: Weekend food help for qualified Twinsburg students in partnership with Twinsburg City Schools
- * School supply distribution in partnership with Momentum Christian Church
- * The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services on-site twice a month to enroll eligible clients for food, medical or cash assistance.
- * Easter baskets for youngsters through generous donations from area students
- * Birthday bags filled with cake mix, frosting, table clothes, candles, plates, napkins and party favors to help children celebrate their special day
- * Information about other programs and resources in the area

TEAC Improvements and Achievements:

- * The annual site inspection by The Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank scored TEAC a perfect 100% for Best Practices in all five areas of evaluation
- * Funding from the Akron Community Foundation helped TEAC to purchase PPE and fresh food items
- * Funding from the Hudson Community Foundation to purchase food items
- * Funding from Hikma Pharmaceuticals helped TEAC provide fresh produce frozen meat and dairy items
- * Monthly support from Cuyahoga Valley Church to help continue our mission
- * Donation of a 2019 Ford 250 Transit Van from George and Nancy Dufour
- * Donation of free oil changes and tire rotations from Valley Truck
- * Donation of graphics for the van by Graphic Designs

- * Hiram college students designed a PowerPoint presentation on “Food Insecurity” for K-4th grade students
- * Naming contest for the van engaged community and created a brand for the van (aka) “Gus The Food Bus”
- * Created another giving platform using Givebutter in addition to Paypal
- * Upgraded graphics for TEAC on building windows, table covers and signage
- * Executive Director Joyce Hunt, was given the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Nordonia Hills Rotary
- * TEAC is core member of “Nordonia Hills Community Connection” a group of organizations, who work in collaboration to offer access to resources needed to help individuals gain stability through their adversity

The Emergency Assistance Center would like to thank our numerous corporate and individual donors, who helped us provide essential items to the most vulnerable!

In 2020 The Emergency Assistance Center provided over 160,000 meals at a total of 3,019 service visits!

In the past fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, The Emergency Assistance Center served 223 NEW clients. This included 96 Household, 56 senior citizens, and 76 children.

The staff, Board of Trustees, and TEAC volunteers all look forward to providing during the coming year food, help and hope with dignity and respect to those in our community in need.

The Emergency Assistance Center is an independent 501 c(3) supported entirely by donations from our local community. TEAC is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau by meeting all twenty Standards for Charity Accountability and has obtained GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency.