

# COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTION  
TO END HUNGER IN STARK COUNTY SINCE 1989

24TH ANNUAL

## Celebrity Cuisine TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

*The Perfect Gift in Time for the Holidays!*

Extend your St. Patty's day celebration to include Celebrity Cuisine on Tuesday, March 15th! Food enthusiasts from all over NE Ohio will enjoy a feast of local flavors including unlimited access to appetizers, entrée samples, beer, wine, and desserts while listening to live music by Ryan Humbert and bidding on our silent auction. We are keeping all of the great things you loved about our event last year including more seating on the main floor and stage, new food vendors, and an enormous "giving tree" with larger prizes including a special jewelry item valued at \$1500! More details will be announced in our next newsletter.

You won't want to miss the most talked about "biggest and best happy hour in town." For only \$30/ticket, Celebrity Cuisine tickets make the perfect gift for friends and family. Tickets will be available by December 1st in time for your holiday gift giving.

Sponsorship opportunities for Celebrity Cuisine are very reasonable and offer the ideal opportunity for you to share the evening with colleagues and friends while sitting down at a private table with your own bottles of wine. Due to increased demand, we will accommodate attendees who have purchased tables in the past first. Don't delay. We expect tables to sellout again in 2016. Please call Julie Carpinelli, Tri-County Restaurant Association Manager, at 330-499-7007 for more details.



### Tickets Available by December 1st:

We recommend that you buy your tickets in advance to avoid a long line at the door. Tickets are available for only \$30 at:

#### THE TRI-COUNTY RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

10 am - 3 pm • (330) 499-7007  
6959 Promway Avenue NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

#### COMMUNITY HARVEST

9 am - 2 pm • (330) 493-0800  
4915 Fulton Drive NW; Unit 7  
Canton, OH 44718



### 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Celebrity Cuisine 2016

**DONATIONS NOW  
BEING ACCEPTED  
FOR OUR SILENT  
AUCTION AND  
GIVING TREE AT  
CELEBRITY  
CUISINE**

*Early planning by the Celebrity Cuisine committee will allow you to make a donation in time for your year-end tax deductions.* As our largest fundraiser, the success of Celebrity Cuisine is critical to our ability to recover and deliver healthy, wholesome food to those in need. Please consider generously supporting this event with a donated item for our silent auction or cash sponsorship for the underwriting of larger raffle prizes. We will be auctioning off merchandise, gift cards, baskets, and services donated by area businesses and individuals. Each business or individual donating an item will be recognized in the program and will have their name prominently displayed next to their item.

We are also seeking gift certificates and gift cards valued \$10 - \$50 for our large giving tree at the event. The giving tree is a huge "crowd favorite" that offers local businesses and restaurants with promotional opportunities and incentives to get new patrons through their doors! *Please contact Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 for more information.*



### Connect With Community Harvest

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# 4TH ANNUAL HARVEST MOON RUN

*Is Being Called "The Best to Date"*

The Annual Harvest Moon Run would not be possible without the many months of planning orchestrated by the race team, our generous sponsors, over 320 participants, and 80 volunteers who worked so hard to make this event a success. We would especially like to thank our 2015 Race Sponsor, **415 Group**, and Santangelo Catering for the delicious food!

We have worked hard to establish the Harvest Moon Run as the best trail run in Stark County! Our challenging course, chaperoned kid's area, grilled food, and post-race atmosphere are the top reasons avid runners, new runners, and families alike keep coming back. Our continuous improvement is only possible because of the constructive criticism of our participants. Please feel free to share your thoughts, comments, and concerns with the Race Director, Faith Barbato, directly via [faithbarbato@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithbarbato@sbcglobal.net). Your feedback is very important to us!

Over 400 pictures from our 2015 Harvest Moon Run have been posted on Facebook (*Community Harvest of Stark County*). While you visit our Facebook page, please take a minute to "like us." The holidays are quickly approaching, and children and families in Stark County need our assistance more than ever! Help us spread the word about our mission and the good work we do for the community simply by liking us.



## 2016 HARVEST MOON RUN

*Sponsorship Opportunities are Available*

**THANK YOU 2015**  
*Harvest Moon Sponsors*

**COMMUNITY HARVEST**  
FOOD RESCUE PROGRAM



The Annual Harvest Moon Run has been established as a unique event designed to promote healthy lifestyles while bringing friends and families together.

**In-Kind donations to off-set costs and monetary sponsorships are available at three levels:**

<b>Race (Gold Sponsor)</b>	<b>\$3000</b>
<b>Silver Sponsor</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<b>Bronze Sponsor</b>	<b>\$750</b>

Please call Faith Barbato at (330) 493-0800 to receive more information about sponsoring our 5th Annual Harvest Moon Run and the various benefits available to your organization or business.



# Annual Fund Drive

The number of hot meal programs and pantries that continue to sprout in Stark County is unprecedented, which confirms that the need for emergency food is still very real in Stark County. Community Harvest is the front-runner in NE Ohio in the area of recovering healthy, wholesome food for human consumption by preventing food waste and getting this food to the shelters, soup kitchens, and hot meal programs who are using it to impact hunger in our community. We do this by continually partnering with the Tri-County Restaurant Association, local Farm Bureau, and non-profits throughout Stark County.

As potential new federal laws may significantly impact food donations locally, Community Harvest will remain positioned for growth if/when this happens by maintaining a strong calendar of events with an emphasis on public awareness, local individual and business support for donations, two major fundraisers, and several small fundraisers throughout the year. Please continue to attend and volunteer at these fundraisers. They are vital to our existence.

The good news as expressed in the “message from our Executive Director” is that Stark County is leading the country in the area of recovering food for human consumption. Unfortunately, the costs associated with our expansion are increasing more rapidly than the individual donations and fundraising efforts we have come to count on for years. We are forecasting a need to generate \$15,000 from our Annual Fund Drive in order to cover our expenses.



Donations made payable to Community Harvest can also be mailed in the enclosed envelope.

With a 97% service-ratio, dollars donated to Community Harvest go a long way! We encourage you to think of Community Harvest during your holiday giving. Although food rescue may not evoke “warm fuzzy” visions in terms of providing holiday cheer, please be mindful of the thirty-two hot meal programs, shelters, after school programs, and soup kitchens who receive \$1.6 million in food from Community Harvest annually. They, in turn, provide bedded nights, warm meals, back packs for kids, and resources for those who desperately need them.

If you have already donated this year, we are thankful for your support. If you have not yet supported the Community Harvest Annual Fund Drive, we would be extremely grateful for your year-end tax deductible donation today. Online donations from the home page of our website at [www.communityharveststark.org](http://www.communityharveststark.org) are the fastest and easiest way to help.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

*Providing Area Youth an Opportunity to “Pay It Forward”*

Community Harvest has been participating in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” since 2001. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement that began on Super Bowl Sunday in 1988 in South Carolina when Pastor Brad Smith shared a simple prayer, “Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.” Originally a youth-based program, now people of all ages have collected more than \$50 million through the Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit local charities.

On or near Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016, several area churches, schools, and civic organizations will again collect donations and then give 100% of their collection to Community Harvest. By using this weekend as a time to help the hungry, many youth in our community will learn about the reality of hunger in their own neighborhoods as they turn one of the nation’s universal days of celebration into an opportunity to care for those in need.

*Join the team!*  
To tackle hunger and poverty.



Short video clips and additional information can be found at <http://www.souperbowl.org>. Community Harvest can provide announcements, soup pots, and even volunteers to visit your parish or school and help with the collections. Please feel free to contact Faith Barba to at 330-493-0800 to participate and for more information.

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**"FAST FACTS"**  
posted at the SCMS  
golf outing on  
Wednesday,  
September 16th were:

- 1) 40% of all food ready for harvest and produced in the United States never gets eaten
- 2) Americans waste 96 billion pounds of food each year
- 3) American households waste an average of 25% of the food they prepare
- 4) The annual value of lost and unused food in the United States is \$165 billion
- 5) Food disposal alone costs the United States \$1 billion each year
- 6) 62% of paper is recycled in the United States vs. only 2% of food waste is composted or otherwise recycled
- 7) Food getting tossed in the United States accounts for 1/4 of all freshwater use in the country
- 8) Over 50 million Americans are currently experiencing food insecurity
- 9) 1 in 6 Americans go to bed hungry each night
- 10) Over 17% of Stark County's population is considered food insecure
- 11) 1 in 4 children in Stark County currently reside in food insecure households
- 12) Community Harvest was established in October 1989 and has been serving Stark County for 26 years
- 13) Community Harvest was instrumental in passing the Ohio Good Samaritan Food Laws, which protect food donors and volunteers from liability
- 14) Community Harvest collects excess perishable food from nearly 100 different grocery stores, restaurants, and food vendors in Stark County
- 15) Community Harvest is the only Hunger Relief Program in NE Ohio to PICK-UP and DELIVER food to participating agencies at NO COST
- 16) Community Harvest is executed entirely by volunteers and a paid staff of only one
- 17) Community Harvest rescued and delivered \$1.6 million in food last year
- 18) Community Harvest provides food for 32 Soup Kitchens, Hot Meal Sites, and Shelters in Stark County each month to help alleviate hunger

## 14TH ANNUAL SCMS GOLF OUTING

*to Benefit Community Harvest*

*Sometimes we get a little help from our friends.* The Stark County Medical Society selected Community Harvest for proceeds from their 14th Annual Golf Outing for a third year in a row. On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, over 100 golfers enjoyed a picture-perfect day of golf, camaraderie, and great food for a great cause! Participants were greeted with a shrimp and Bloody Mary hospitality station sponsored by The Laurels and chair massages by Lori Roof and Dave Marchovich of Nevaeh Salon and Spa of Hartville. A pre-golf cookout, 50/50 raffle, complementary gifts, several skill prizes, and dinner at the clubhouse made this an event that golfers will remember for quite some time!

Attendees also had the pleasure of reading 18 "fast facts" posted on each tee box at Skyland Pines in order to garner a better understanding of how Community Harvest benefits Stark County and the importance to our community. Community Harvest has been fulfilling a very specific need in our community for over 26 years. In the most simple of terms, Community Harvest is a perishable food rescue organization that collects excess food from restaurants, grocery stores, farmers, hospital kitchens, and caterers to distribute to hot meal programs throughout Stark County. The benefit is twofold – it feeds the growing number of Stark County residents unable to otherwise have a hot meal, and it keeps the food from eventually going to the landfill. The amount of food wasted each year is astronomical – Community Harvest takes this food and puts it to better use.

Community Harvest is thankful for the SCMS Board of Directors and staff (Kevin Metz and Becky Bors), SCMS Auxiliary, participants, and sponsors who made this event a huge success, raising \$7000 this year! Community Harvest is extremely honored to be chosen as recipients of the 15th Annual SCMS golf outing for a 4th year in a row in 2016!



→ SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 ←



**2015 Stark County Medical Society GOLF OUTING**

**FIRST PLACE TEAM**  
Hyatt Place Canton, Fairfield Inns & Suites by Marriott  
Springhill Suites by Marriott and Staybridge Suites

**2ND PLACE TEAM**  
Fieldcrest Estates

**TEAM NEEDING THE MOST PRACTICE**  
Carpe Diem Coffee Shop

**HOLE-IN-ONE**  
Westfield Bank

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN**  
Ohio.net

**LONGEST DRIVES**  
Skyland Pines

**LONGEST PUTTS**  
Arrowhead Golf Club

**PUTTING CONTEST**  
The Uniform Shop, Westfield Bank, Peace, Love & Donuts

**CHAIR MASSAGE STATION**  
Nevaeh Spa

**DOOR/RAFFLE PRIZES**  
AFLAC, Brookside Country Club, Canton Regency, Canton Charge, Chocolates by Erin, Edward Jones, The Pines, Gervasi Vineyard & Italian Bistro, Dr. & Mrs. James Violet, McKinley Grande Thorpe's Grill, Paper Twigs, The Canton Palace Theatre, The Laurels, and The Pro Football Hall of Fame

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**2015 Stark County Medical Society GOLF OUTING**

**MASTERS**

**Huntington**

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<b>SWAG BAG</b> THE PINES	<b>HOSPITALITY STATION</b> THE LAURELS <small>OF CANTON &amp; MASSillon Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers</small>

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ABOUT FOOD WASTE



As I sat down to write my Community Harvest Annual Appeal letter, I found inspiration from my quote of the day calendar sitting next to me. The timing was perfect! The page on my calendar read...

**“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”**

As a mother of two children who is very passionate about preserving our environment, this quote was an inspiration for me.

In the world of “recycle,” “repurpose,” and “reuse,” I am confident that our nation as a whole has a lot of work to do when it comes to food waste and thinking differently about how food can be repurposed to impact a growing hunger population. More and more attention is being placed on food waste and alternative ways to recover wholesome food for human consumption. In fact, there is so much attention being placed on this topic that a bill is currently in the House of Representatives to address food waste and incentives for those who donate nutritionally dense food as an effort to provide more nutritious food for those in need. Food Waste is such a national concern that it has received tremendous attention, especially recently. A Google search of “food waste in the United States” yields 29,100,000 results, demonstrating public awareness both nationally and locally.

***The good news is that Stark County is well-above the national curve!*** As the only prepared and perishable food rescue program in NE Ohio, Community Harvest remains the front-runner in this area by preventing food waste, delivering the food to agencies that use the food to alleviate hunger, and doing so at no cost. We focus much of our programming on educating the food industry and individuals in Stark County about food waste, so we can continue to be a **SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTION** to end hunger in our community. Community Harvest has increased the value of rescued and delivered food from \$730,000 in 2009 to \$1.6 Million in 2014 while operating expenses increased only moderately. Our success increasing the amount of food rescued during this timeframe is largely attributed to food waste education to the food industry, local schools, churches, and businesses.

Food waste in the United States continues to be a major problem with 40% of food ready for harvest and produced in the United States never eaten. Meanwhile, 50 Million Americans are currently experiencing food insecurity. 1 in 6 Americans go to bed hungry each night. 35.9 million people live below the poverty line in America. 12.9 million of them are children (Source: Feeding America).

As I approach the holidays, I find myself thankful for living in a county that leads the COUNTRY in providing “a common sense approach to helping our neighbors.” I am thankful for the nearly twenty volunteers who donate over 5000 hours of service each year to deliver food to those in need throughout Stark County. I am thankful for the board of directors who work tirelessly to execute our mission. I am thankful for the nearly 100 food donors who donate regularly to Community Harvest. I am thankful for the thirty-two hot meal programs, shelters, and soup kitchens who generously give their very best to make the lives of those around us even better. And, I am thankful to each of YOU for continuing to support Community Harvest each year!

Faith Barbato, Executive Director

**SAVE THE DATE**  
→ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016** ←  
FOR NEXT YEAR

received considerably positive feedback while allowing us to maintain the family atmosphere so important to us. Look for announcements in our winter newsletter (to be released in January) regarding incentives for runners returning for 5 consecutive years and special “Early-Early Bird Discounts” for participants who register prior to May 1, 2016. On-line registration will be open by February 1st at [www.runtoyouracing.com](http://www.runtoyouracing.com).

Please save the date of **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016**, for our 5th Annual Harvest Moon Run next year. The Sunday afternoon race with Browns broadcast





# SAVE THE DATE

**GUEST BARTENDING AT THE CRUSH HOUSE ★ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

**Join Community Harvest on President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2016**  
at The Crush House at Gervasi Vineyard (1700 – 55th Street NE)  
for a night of fun and good cheer to benefit Community Harvest.

Whether you have the day off to relax or plan on joining us after work, drink and food specials, prizes, and our famous giving tree will add excitement to your President's Day plans.

Guest bartenders Kathy Krohn and Joe Borawski will be taking orders from guests from 5:00-6:30 pm, followed by Michael Barbato and Brian Abbey from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.