

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SECOND HARVEST FOODBANKS

Friends and Hunger Champions,

There has never been a time in our lives when the need from within our communities has been greater. As Ohio's largest charitable response to hunger, working with our state's 12 regional Feeding America foodbanks and their more than 3,300 member agencies, we must first say thank you to all who are involved in the fight against hunger. Without the leadership, dedication and selflessness of our network of hunger advocates, Ohio's most vulnerable citizens would have nowhere to turn.

Over the last four years, the increase in need throughout Ohio has been astounding and yet, the need continues to climb. Ohioans who never thought they would be on the receiving end of a food pantry or soup kitchen line are finding themselves in need of help. Mothers and fathers are missing meals to ensure that there is enough food on the table for their children, while members of our greatest generation are continually stretching what little income they have even to afford their prescriptions, shelter and food.

Studies and statistics point to the tough times that millions of Ohioans are facing as they try to provide for themselves and their families. According to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, in June 2011, more than 15.3 percent of Ohioans were in receipt of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) a 64.5 percent increase since 2006, while data provided by Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Child Food Insecurity 2011 showed that more than 26.5 percent of children in Ohio under the age of 18 were struggling with hunger. At the same time, more than 10.4 percent of Ohioans age 50 to 59 were considered at risk of hunger according to *Food Insecurity Among Older Adults*, a study released by the AARP Foundation in partnership with the University of Kentucky.

As the need for emergency food assistance has continued to climb, the vigilance and dedication of Ohio's emergency food assistance network, led by OASHF and Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks, has been able to meet the demand in these unprecedented times. It is with much appreciation and gratitude that we thank the Ohio General Assembly for the continual support of OASHF and our core programs. The \$12 million allocated to OASHF to support the Ohio Food Purchase Agricultural Clearance Program allowed us to secure and distribute more than 32.4 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, protein-packed and shelf-stable items, all during a time when for many Ohioans, hope seemed so far away. Thank you each for your support and commitment to help end hunger in Ohio!

Sincerely,



Matt Habash, Board Chair

Thank you,



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OHIO FOOD PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL CLEARANCE PROGRAM



Ohio Food Purchase Program

The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks' (OASHF) Ohio Food Purchase Program makes nutritious shelf stable and protein items available to Ohio's network of Feeding America Foodbanks, complementing products received through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), donations, and local purchase programs. During State Fiscal Year 2011, OASHF purchased and distributed more than 8 million pounds of shelf stable and protein items from the \$6 million provided by the Ohio General Assembly, providing 6,344,870 meals.

Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program

Nationally recognized for its accomplishments and the nutritional value of the products delivered to hungry Ohioans, the Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program provides nutritious, Ohio-grown, raised and produced agricultural products to those in need through Ohio's network of more than 3,300 emergency food assistance providers. During State Fiscal Year 2011, OASHF purchased and distributed more than 24.3 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, providing 18,994,199 meals, from more than 72 of our Ohio partners in the farming community. The fresh fruits and vegetables provided by the Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program are the most nutritious food Ohio's emergency food assistance network provides to their clients.

Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program

Total Pounds Purchased	24,312,575
Meals Provided*	18,994,199
Average Cost per Pound	\$0.2166
Total Food Cost	\$5,266,469.33
Storage & Distribution	\$532,380.00
Transportation	\$21,877.29
Joint Farm Project	\$42,170.67
Administrative Costs	\$300,000.00
Total Program Cost	\$6,162,897.29

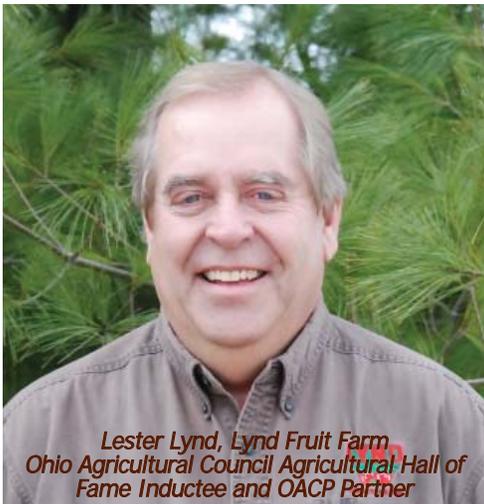
Ohio Food Purchase Program

Total Pounds Purchased	8,121,434
Meals Provided*	6,344,870
Average Cost per Pound	\$0.613
Total Food Cost	\$ 4,978,648.73
Storage and Distribution	\$532,380.00
Transportation	\$56,791.15
Administrative Costs	\$300,000.00
Total Program Cost	\$5,867,819.88
Total OFPACP Cost	\$12,030,717.17

* A meal = 1.28 pounds

"In our industry, nothing is thrown away. However, when our locally owned family farms put in new birds, all of the first eggs that are produced are smalls and peewees. There is not a market for these and this program has allowed producers to recover a little more of their costs upon starting a new flock, as well as providing a good source of protein to the final recipients."

Don Wise, R. W. Sauder



Lester Lynd, Lynd Fruit Farm
Ohio Agricultural Council Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee and OACP Partner



STATE FISCAL YEAR 2011 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Total Expenses	\$18,907,171
National Service	\$1,670,110
General and Administrative	\$1,984,926
Ohio Benefit Bank	\$3,797,677
Ohio Food Purchase Agricultural Clearance Program	\$11,454,458
Total Revenue	\$18,904,312
Interest Income	\$9,443
Other Operating Income	\$49,603
Association Dues	\$145,720
Donations	\$148,598
Foundations and Grant	\$2,014,123
Government Revenue	\$16,536,825

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2011 STATEWIDE SERVICE STATISTICS

Total Pounds Distributed Statewide: By Program Type

Program	Pounds
Ohio Food Purchase Program	8,121,434
Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program	24,312,575
Local Purchase Programs	16,042,648
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (USDA)	5,229,180
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (USDA)	40,168,717
Donated	56,613,635
Total Pounds Distributed	150,488,189

Total Units of Service Statewide: By Household and Type

Pantry Statistics: By Age *(Based on duplicated units of service)*

Number of Households	2,851,930
Adults Ages 18 to 59	3,994,123
Adults Ages 60+	1,115,689
Children Ages 0 to 17	2,754,171
Total Number of Ohioans Served	7,863,983

Meal Site Statistics: By Agency Type

Soup Kitchens and Shelters

Total Number of People Served	5,611,815
Total Number of Meals Served	9,269,361

Congregate and Residential Sites

Total Number of People Served	1,130,628
Total Number of People Served	9,612,471

FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

Public Funds

Office of Governor John R. Kasich
128th General Assembly
Office of Governor Ted Strickland
Corporation for National and Community Service
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
Ohio Department of Aging
Ohio Department of Development
Ohio Department of Insurance
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Ohio Department of Mental Health
U. S. Social Security Administration
U. S. D. A. Food and Nutrition Services
Congressional Hunger Center
Internal Revenue Service
Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

Foundations

AMJ Foundation
Community West Foundation
Gladys H. Goodwin Fund
Jerome Kobacker Foundation
Lois B. Chope Memorial Funds
Robert B. Hurst Fund
Sue Doody Fund
The Community Festival
Thomas H. Lurie Fund
Karen & Michael Jones Fund of the Lurie Family
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Mr. & Mrs. Derrol R. Johnson Fund
The Columbus Foundation Great Needs Challenge Fund
The HealthPath Foundation of Ohio
The Kresge Foundation

CareSource Foundation
Charter One Foundation
James W. Overstreet Fund
Kismet Foundation
Paul G. Duke Foundation
Share Our Strength
The Columbus Foundation
The George Gund Foundation
Walmart Foundation

Private Funders

AARP
Aultman Hospital
Branstrator Farms
CareSource
Clark University
Firestone Park AARP Chapter
Global Foods
Granville Village School District
Holthouse Farms
Lanning Foods
MacLane Global
Molina Healthcare of Ohio
Ohio Grocers Association
OPOC.us
Southwest Landmark Inc.
Victory Wholesale Grocers
Walmart Associates Award
Buckeye Community Health Plan
Council of Information & Referral Providers
Fruit Growers Marketing Association
Kasich-Taylor New Day Committee
Mercer County Pork Producers
Ohio Neighbor to Neighbor Program
Schaffnit Wealth Management
Second Harvest Foodbank of Middle Tennessee
Strickland-Fisher Inaugural Committee
United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Wired Communications Solutions
Zwanenberg Food Group (USA)

AmeriChoice Health Services
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ohio
Broad St. Presbyterian Church
Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Dollar Energy
Gibbs McCormick, Inc.
GoodSource
Greater Horizons
Integrated Network Services
Malone Orchards
McMaster Farms, LLC
Ohio AIRS
Ohio Poultry Association
S & A Gilardi
Unison Health Plan
Voices for Ohio's Children
Wiers Farm, Inc.

THE OHIO BENEFIT BANK™



“AmeriCorps has given me the opportunity to serve my country in a way that I never knew was possible.”

Beth Griffith-Niemann, Project Connect, Faces without Places, AmeriCorps VISTA



“I am responsible for listening to the stories that are drowned out in everyday noise and making sure they are woven into the fabric of change for the next generation.”

Sam Flores, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio AmeriCorps VISTA

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SERVICE** 



SERVE OHIO
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Recognized as the most successful application assistance completion program in the nation, in partnership with the Corporation on National and Community Service, Ohio Community Service Council, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Development, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; The Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) continues to connect low- and moderate-income Ohioans to work support programs and tax credits from the places where they live, work, play, and pray. During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2011, OBB was available at more than 1,430 sites throughout Ohio, with more than 3,800 trained counselors available to assist their clients, neighbors or friends. In addition, OBB Self-Serve edition was launched, expanding the reach of OBB through infinite online portals. Anyone with access to an internet-ready computer now has the ability to electronically submit their benefit applications to the appropriate office and access free e-filing of their tax returns.

Benefit Assistance

The OBB network of sites and trained counselors reach out to Ohioans in need and ensure that they are provided with the programs, supports and applications that will assist them in their daily lives. Throughout SFY 2011, the OBB network, including OBB Self-Serve edition, helped 56,675 Ohioans gain access to programs like Food Assistance, Medicaid, Child Care and much more, returning \$160,430,680 in benefits.

Through partnerships with community organizations, staff, and volunteers rooted in communities throughout Ohio, The Ohio Benefit Bank has become a movement to celebrate, transforming lives and communities across Ohio.

OBB Mobile Express

The Ohio Benefit Bank Mobile Express, powered by The Columbus Foundation, visited 49 counties during SFY 2011. Throughout the year, The OBB Mobile Express assisted 478 Ohioans, an increase of 41% over SFY 2010, in completing applications for programs that could potentially help Ohioans get back on their feet.

Over the year, The OBB Mobile Express attended 142 events in partnership with organizations across Ohio. Since inception, the OBB Mobile Express has visited 69 of Ohioans 88 counties, with a SFY 2012 goal of visiting each of the remaining Ohio counties at least once.

Tax Assistance

During SFY 2011, OASHF funded 43 OBB sites, which served 52 counties, through Tax Capacity Building Grants with funding from the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Through these sites, there were 7,736 federal tax returns completed with a value of more than \$10.58 million in federal tax refunds. Throughout Ohio, through OBB sites and OBB Self-Serve edition, 44,100 federal and state tax returns were completed, an increase of 12.7% from SFY 2010. From the tax returns filed through The OBB, refunds received by Ohioans topped \$40.37 million, an increase of 17.25% when compared to SFY 2010.

The Ohio Benefit Bank has assisted 263,000 Ohioans gaining in access to tax credits and work supports, totaling over the last five years more than \$500 million!

AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates

Over the last four years, the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks has partnered with the Corporation on National and Community Service, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Ohio Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services to administer AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates. During SFY 2011, 97 individuals administered by OASHF joined the fight against hunger as AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates. Each Summer Associate served an eight week term of service, recruiting participants to attend their host site's Summer Food Service Program, as well as creating and implementing programs for the children to participate in throughout the summer. Throughout the summer of 2010, OASHF AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates served 640,887 meals to participating children, an increase of more than twenty-five percent from SFY 2010.

Poverty Simulations

As a way to engage community leaders, business men and women, as well as anyone interested in learning what life might be like in the thrusts of poverty, the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks facilitates Community Action Poverty Simulations (CAPS). During SFY 2011, OASHF's team of trained CAPS facilitators engaged individuals from throughout the United States in poverty simulations. Each simulation provides participants with a unique, interactive experience that helps individuals begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. Through the interactive process of CAPS, OASHF's licensed facilitators exposed 1,748 individuals to the harsh realities of life in poverty at 34 simulations throughout the United States.

AmeriCorps State: HarvestCorps

In State Fiscal Year 2011, 30 individuals committed to serving a year of service under the administration of OASHF's AmeriCorps State Program, known as HarvestCorps. During their year of service these individuals worked on direct service activities throughout Ohio, including the completion of Ohio Benefit Bank applications for Ohioans who were in need of applying for work supports, income enhancements and free tax filing. These same individuals were also responsible for supporting anti-hunger initiatives, such as BackPack and Kid's Café programs throughout Ohio at OASHF member foodbanks. During the year, these members were responsible for the:

- Recruitment of 2,181 volunteers
- Completion of more than 39,750 hours of service from volunteers recruited
- Completion of 6,040 Ohio Benefit Bank applications and tax returns

AMERICORPS VISTA: SHARECORPS

During SFY 2011, 56 individuals made the commitment to serve a year in the fight against hunger and poverty under the administration of OASHF, providing indirect service to organizations throughout Ohio as AmeriCorps VISTA members. Known as SHARECorps Members, these passionate men and women recruited and trained new Ohio Benefit Bank sites, developed resources and recruited volunteers. By providing training, networking and support to nonprofit organizations, government agencies and public partners who were interested in providing Ohio Benefit Bank services to their communities SHARECorps Members were responsible for the following:

- Recruitment of 3,614 volunteers
- Completion of more than 17,674 hours of service from volunteers recruited
- Secured of \$482,907.07 in cash and in-kind donations

Together, in SFY 2011, SHARECorps and HarvestCorps Members recruited

5,795 volunteers, who completed more than

57,424 hours of service and provided their host sites with more than

\$508,000 in cash and in-kind donations!

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Ohio Pork Producers Council: Pork Power Program

Joining hands to help fight hunger across Ohio, the Ohio Pork Producers Council launched the Pork Power Program in August 2009 with a goal of providing 100,000 pounds of pork to help feed hungry Ohioans. Throughout SFY 2011, pork farmers across Ohio donated hogs and sows to Ohio's Foodbanks, with 28,953 pounds donated for the year, for a total of 83,151 pounds donated since the inception of the Pork Power Program.

The power and impact of the Pork Power Program was captured during the 2011 Easter season, when a large donation was made by a network of pork farmers across Ohio. To bring light to the partnership, CBS affiliate WBNS-10TV, based in Columbus featured this donation during their Easter evening news report. Upon touring Heimerl Farm in New Albany, WBNS spoke with Jim Heimerl about the Pork Producers Council's dedication to helping Ohio's hungry, who said, "there are a lot of people to feed and we are here to help along the way."

"We are very thankful for the partnership that we have with the Ohio Pork Producers Council and their Pork Power Program," said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director, OASHF. "The pork donated through this program is very nourishing and provides our hungry friends and neighbors with a great source of protein."

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections

In SFY 2011, the continued partnership between OASHF and ODRC Farm Operations flourished. Combined, these facilities grew and donated 174,304 pounds of fresh vegetables equalling 697,216 servings of wholesome vegetables through OASHF's Ohio Agricultural Clearance Program. Additionally, to keep the program self-sufficient, the Ohio Reformatory for Women grew winter wheat with seed purchased by OASHF, which generated \$15,090. The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks is proud of the partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections: growing fresh vegetables, helping to feed hungry Ohioans.

Ohio Poultry Association

The Ohio Poultry Association generously donated 83,700 dozen eggs in the spring of 2011, providing 502,200 servings of wholesome protein to hungry Ohioans. The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks is honored to have the Ohio Poultry Association as a partner, as we strive to provide more protein to families across the state.

AARP/OASHF Create the Good Food and Fund Drive

In an effort to address Ohio's growing hunger epidemic, AARP Ohio and the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks partnered to fight hunger in AARP Ohio's Create the Good Statewide Food and Fund Drive. The three week food and fund drive took place in November 2010, with donations going directly to each donor's local foodbank, with the opportunity to make a difference in their own communities.

Jane Taylor, state director of AARP Ohio said, "Thousands of Ohio's older adults are making choices between buying food and purchasing medications. AARP believes that no one of any age should struggle to make the choice of buying groceries or the medicine they need. AARP's 1.5 million members in Ohio can play a significant role that will help older adults and their families put nutritious food on the table."

"Ohioans understand the impact of hunger because they see it in their communities, their neighborhood and their own back yards," said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, OASHF Executive Director. "Although the number of unemployed Ohioans has wavered around 9% over the last year, Ohioans still know the value of helping their fellow neighbor. By becoming involved in the AARP Ohio Food and Fund drive, members of AARP will continue to impact the lives of fellow Ohioans in ways they can't even imagine."

Chesapeake Energy

The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks believes that everyone can and should have a part in looking after the basic needs of their friends, neighbors and community members. In April 2011, Chesapeake Energy, America's champion of natural gas, presented OASHF with a check for \$15,000 to help support the needs of the emergency food assistance network within both Columbiana and Carroll Counties.

As a founding principle, Chesapeake Energy is committed to helping those in need within the communities where the company is located. "Chesapeake Energy is proud to partner with the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks," said Keith Fuller, Director of Corporate Development at Chesapeake Energy. "We are committed to serving the communities where we operate, and we're pleased this money will be applied directly to the needs of Carroll and Columbiana County residents."

Walmart Foundation

Joined by former Governor Ted Strickland at the Ohio Statehouse, officials from Walmart and the Walmart Foundation provided the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks with a check for \$1.2 million, the largest grant awarded by the Walmart Foundation in Ohio, including the value of four new refrigerated trucks. \$725,000 came from the Walmart Foundation to support the fight against hunger and an additional \$115,000 came from the Walmart Foundation's Associate Choice Program, an online campaign where Walmart associates chose a nonprofit to receive funding in their home state.

When commenting on the \$1.2 million grant, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, OASHF Executive Director said, "It goes without saying that Walmart, the Foundation and its associates, are among the most committed advocates we work with in the fight against hunger. This grant will provide great opportunities for our foodbank's and their agencies, to better serve their hungry friends and neighbors and for that, we are extremely grateful."

Nick Bertram, Walmart's Northern Ohio Regional General Manager said, "As a company, we operate globally, but look for opportunities to give back locally. We are pleased that Walmart associates chose to support OASHF. Walmart and the Foundation are proud to support Ohio's network of foodbanks and the effort to fight hunger in Ohio." When recognizing the dedication of Walmart, the Foundation and Walmart associates, Governor Strickland stated, "I'm sure the generosity and commitment demonstrated by Walmart and its associates today will go a long way to inspire others to come forward."

The Columbus Foundation

Throughout SFY 2011, The Columbus Foundation provided support to the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks and many of its programs. As a supporter of The Ohio Benefit Bank™ (OBB) from the inception of the program in 2006, The Columbus Foundation provided funding for the third evaluation of OBB, conducted by the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. The evaluation reviewed of the economic impact of The Ohio Benefit Bank. Funding provided through The Columbus Foundation's Continuous Improvement Grant in SFY 2011 supported the work of HarvestCorps, AmeriCorps State program, general operating and fiscal support, and technical support of OBB.

The Great Needs Challenge provided funding to support the expansion of The Ohio Benefit Bank suite of applications to include veterans' training and education programs. To ensure men and women of the armed services, their families and veterans of the armed services are helped in their time of need, a VetsCorps program is now administered by OASHF, in partnership with the Ohio National Guard Family Readiness Program and Ohio's Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committees.

Kasich-Taylor Inaugural Proceeds Support Weekend Backpack Programs

The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks and representatives from member foodbanks were joined by Ohio's First Lady, Karen W. Kasich, in the Atrium of the Ohio Statehouse in February during OASHF's first open photo exhibit which showcased the Paper Plate Project. First Lady Kasich presented OASHF a check for \$95,000 from the Kasich-Taylor New Day Committee Inaugural Fund and the First Lady's Gala.

Speaking to the impact that foodbanks have on the lives of our hungry friends and neighbors, First Lady Kasich said, "We're fortunate to have a network of foodbanks in our state that work tirelessly to ensure all Ohioans, especially our children, are provided with basic necessities. It's my hope this donation will reach far beyond its immediate impact and bring awareness to the tremendous promise the backpack program holds for Ohio families in need."



"We quickly saw that not only could The Ohio Benefit Bank have an impact on our region, but in the state and set a national example as well."

Lisa Courtice, Executive Vice President, Community Research and Grants Management, The Columbus Foundation



"If not for OFPACP, we would average 30 to 40 acres per year of unharvested crops. Since 2005 we have not let any crops go unharvested."

Todd Michael, Michael Farms



“It is unbelievable that our children cannot get enough to eat. One of those children could be the one to cure cancer. Children need to have the chance to be great.”

State Representative Peter Beck



“My husband and I have just started buying a home from his grandmother on a land contract. We both were working when I was layed off. I knew things had to change so I enrolled in school. I have received grades of 3.57 and higher during the year and a half that I have been enrolled. My husband had now been layed off from work and his boss has denied his unemployment. There had been many sacrifices. We have given our pets away to new families. Given up any activity to help pay for our utilities. We eat simple meals and only eat meat three times a week. We limit our showers and other things. Light candles instead of using electricity. Things are hard but we have no choice but to keep going. Now we have been paying the minimum balances on utilities. We need help in Ohio.”

Paper Plate Participant



Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Juliana Chase-Morefield, Paper Plate Participant

Hunger Summits

Raising awareness about the increasing vulnerability of Ohio children and seniors, OASHF held two hunger summits during SFY 2011; the Summer Food Service Program Summit and the Ohio Senior Hunger Summit. Each summit brought together decision makers, business leaders and stakeholders to learn about programs currently helping those in need, and identify new ways to collaborate, highlighting program best practices and recommitting our network, partners and supporters in the fight against hunger.

Community Conversations

Over a four month period, in partnership with each of Ohio's Foodbanks and other partners, Community Conversations were held in 16 communities, engaging leaders, program participants and concerned agencies and organizations with 37 state and federal legislators in a conversation about Ohio's safety net programs. Over 700 community stakeholders attended, providing decision makers with a sense of the impact of programs, like emergency food assistance and a forum for them to share their concerns and suggestions.

Farmer Partner and Agency Lobby Day

As a way to engage partners in the fight against hunger, during SFY 2011, OASHF held two advocacy days at the Ohio Statehouse. OASHF's Farmer Partner Lobby Day brought together members of Ohio's farming community with OASHF and foodbanks to meet with State Legislators to discuss the need to adequately fund Ohio's emergency food assistance programs. The Agency Legislative Day provided State Legislators with the opportunity to hear from those on the front lines of hunger relief.

Paper Plate Project

Throughout SFY 2011, OASHF engaged program participants, agencies, individuals, foodbanks and stakeholders in the fight against hunger through the Paper Plate Project. Written on a simple paper plate, OASHF collected more than 25,000 stories from individuals who sought help from Ohio's emergency food assistance network. OASHF created a way for Ohioans to have a voice, as state and federal legislators made decisions to fund programs such as emergency food assistance. With the help of Ohio's 12 regional foodbanks, OASHF has delivered stories of hope, despair and uncertainty to state and federal legislators.

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