Thanks to your help and generous support, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank celebrates 40 years of service to the community. Because of you, we are reaching more neighbors in need than ever before.

We are proud to share with you the impact that you helped make possible in 2019. With the support of donors, volunteers, advocates, and our network of more than 1,000 program partners across Northeast Ohio, we met our annual goals and made significant progress in the first year of our 2019–2021 Strategic Plan.

Through this Plan, the Food Bank will reach even more individuals, families, and seniors in need of our help, while measuring our work in new ways to improve client services and access to food resources. Your generous support plays a critical role in helping to make this possible. Thank you!

As the celebrations of our 40th anniversary come to a close, we are more grateful than ever for the generosity and partnership of our loyal supporters who enabled the Food Bank’s growth and evolution from our humble beginnings in 1979 to our 2019 record-breaking accomplishments.

2019-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

GOAL 1
Address hunger today by providing nutritious food and targeted programming to reach more people who experience food insecurity

GOAL 2
Address hunger tomorrow by connecting people to supportive services to help them become more food secure

GOAL 3
Improve access and outcomes for people we serve by better tracking success

GOAL 4
Assess and create financial and organizational capacity to meet mission-related goals
This year, your support helped to strengthen programs that serve our neighbors who are most vulnerable to hunger:

- Children and working poor families
- Seniors living on a fixed income
- People with diet-related health challenges, such as diabetes and hypertension

Thanks to your generosity, more people received the fresh, nutritious food they need to fight hunger today, while accessing support and resources that address the root causes of hunger and help build a more food-secure tomorrow.

Public benefits such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provide critical resources for individuals and families, improving their long-term food security and overall economic stability. Thanks to supporters like you, our Help Center and Benefit Outreach Specialists assisted thousands of clients applying for SNAP and other public benefits. We also advocated for a strong Farm Bill to protect critical funding for SNAP and other food programs, and helped to secure additional state funding to support Ohio food banks.

Improve access and outcomes for our clients, we also started to assess our space and operational capacity to expand, scale and pivot to meet the needs of our community, today and tomorrow.

Thank you for standing with us each step of the way, and helping to make the first year of our strategic plan a success. For 2020, we will strive to reach more people in our community struggling with hunger. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership. Together, we will help ensure all of our neighbors have enough food for today, and for tomorrow as well.