



Greater Cleveland Food Bank

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Greater Cleveland Food Bank Offers Food Assistance and Resources in Response to Local Storms

Cleveland, OH (August 9, 2024) – In response to this week’s unprecedented storms and widespread power outages, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, along with its more than 1,000 partner agencies, are hard at work to make sure all individuals in our service area have access to food and resources.

The Food Bank has attached a list of pantries and mobile pantries that will be open to help our neighbors in need of food assistance, including those without power, over the next few days. **If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, call the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s Help Center at 216.738.2067.** All of these locations and more are listed online at <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/map>. Program hours may be subject to change.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank distributes an average of 998,000 pounds of food each week to partner agencies across six counties. Thanks to a generous grant of \$100,000 from the FirstEnergy Foundation, the GCFB will also be able to support the community with additional shelf stable food for those who have been affected by the storms:

- Nearly 1,000 shelf-stable meals have been provided to residents at various City of Cleveland resource centers and more are being prepared in the Food Bank’s production kitchen.
- **Beginning tomorrow, Saturday, August 10th, the Food Bank will be packing up 2,000 shelf-stable grocery boxes for distribution to our partner programs. This special production will be on Saturday, August 10 from 9am-12pm and 1-4pm in the Repack Room at our Coit Road Partner Distribution Hub, located at 13815 Coit Avenue in Cleveland.** Photo opportunities are available and GCFB President and CEO, Kristin Warzocha, will be available for interviews from 9:30am-12pm.
- In the week ahead, the GCFB will be able to source additional shelf-stable items to provide to neighbors who are without power to ensure they have access to food, in addition to fresh produce and other perishable items through our agency network once power is returned.



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- The Food Bank's Community Resource Center, located at 15500 South Waterloo Road in Cleveland will be open tomorrow, Saturday August 10 from 9-12 to provide income eligible neighbors in need with healthy food in a shopping style pantry, as well as next week.

To volunteer, advocate, or provide financial support to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, visit www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org.

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