



THANKSGIVING 2017
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WHY WANDA IS GIVING THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING

Photo of Wanda was taken at Garret Morgan School of Science

Life has been challenging for Wanda, but your kindness and generosity have helped her and her children have food on their table . . .

As the Thanksgiving holiday nears, Wanda has much to be grateful for. She’s thankful for her family, her job, and improved health. She also sincerely appreciates the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and kind people like you, who made sure she and her children received nutritious food – even when she had to stop working temporarily due to a serious medical issue.

Wanda came to Garret Morgan School of Science, one of our local partner agencies, for nutritious fruits and vegetables and other basic food needs. “Things were tough. Money was tight,” she remembered. “But this food, it helps

a lot. It’s healthy, and I really appreciate it. Especially for my kids.”

Because of generous, caring friends like you, more than 9 million meals will be made possible to struggling children, families, and seniors this holiday season. Like Wanda, many of them are hard workers dealing with an unexpected crisis. Your support ensures that hunger won’t be an additional challenge they have to overcome.

Thank you for giving your hungry neighbors help, hope, and a heart full of gratitude this holiday season!

Willie at
University
Settlement



Your support makes a difference in so many lives.

Share Holiday Wishes with Tribute Gifts

The holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to surprise a loved one with a special memorial or tribute gift to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. You'll have the option to send a personalized ecard or we will send a card on your behalf to the person you're honoring. Best of all, your thoughtful gift will not only spread holiday cheer – you'll also make a meaningful difference for your hungry neighbors.

To learn more, please visit GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Tribute



Food for Thought

Kristin Warzocha, President & CEO

I love Thanksgiving and I cherish my family's traditions. Thanksgiving is a busy time of year at the Food Bank, so instead of traveling or cooking, my family fills a red children's wagon with side dishes and walks to my best friend's house to celebrate with her family. I am grateful to have friends who share their bounty and take my entire family in!

Sharing these special times with the people we love most is one of life's greatest blessings – one I wish every family could enjoy.

Unfortunately, more than 312,500 people in our community routinely struggle to put food on their tables. Without help, many of them will have nothing more than an empty stomach for Thanksgiving.

Over the years, I've become increasingly convinced that it's essential for a family's wellbeing that they have a chance to celebrate. Gratitude is good for the soul, and special holiday traditions can fill children's hearts with joyful memories.

That's why the holiday season is so important at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. We're determined to go the extra mile for our hungry neighbors. And thanks to your generous support, tens of thousands of children, families, and seniors who would otherwise be going hungry will enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal. One that includes turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and more.

Because you make this possible, my heart is filled with gratitude for you. Thank you again so much for sharing from your own blessings so that your hungry neighbors can celebrate Thanksgiving, too.



Keith at East Shore United Methodist Church

“They Take Care of You”

Keith is very appreciative for the healthy dinners he receives from East Shore United Methodist Church, a partner agency of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Keith is a landscaper, and it’s hard work. Sometimes, he might have 11 or 12-hour days. “The problem is,” he explains, “the work isn’t stable. There’s a lot less work in fall and winter.” During those lean times, Keith is grateful for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. He comes to East Shore United Methodist Church, one of our partner agencies.

“I like the food,” Keith said. “The fact that they provide something healthy like salad is great,

because I need to eat right for work.”

He continued: “What I appreciate most is that they’re helping me out, giving me a reason to be thankful. Without this food, I might not have enough to eat. I always tell people who are struggling that they take care of you.”

Thank you for giving a hand up to neighbors like Keith. You ensure they can persevere when times are tough.

Heartfelt Gratitude for Lifesaving Help

In this special Thanksgiving article, one local senior citizen opens up about her struggles – and gives thanks for you ...

“After paying for rent, utilities, and my diabetes medications, there’s nothing left for food. Just last month, I had to skip a doctor’s appointment because we couldn’t afford the copay.

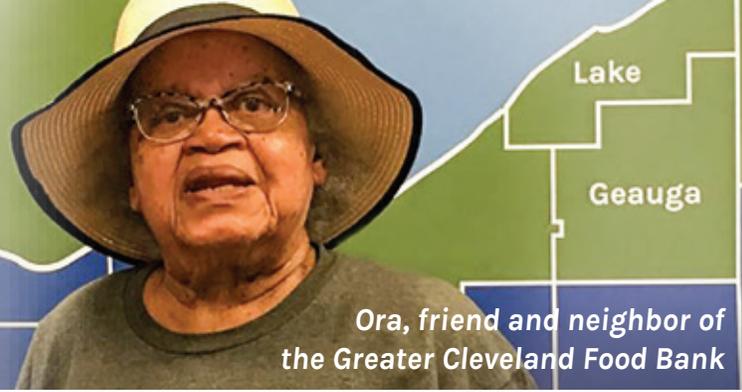
“If it wasn’t for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, I think my husband and I would probably be dead. We certainly wouldn’t have anything to eat by the end of each month. They welcome us here at the food pantry with dignity and respect, not judgment. And we’re careful to only take what we need because we know plenty of other people are struggling, too.”



Lucy comes to St. Gabriel’s Food Pantry for groceries.

Thank you for giving generously so Lucy and her husband have the food they need to survive. Your support makes a life-changing difference for many struggling children, families, and seniors.

Thanksgiving Wisdom from a 100-Year-Old Neighbor



Ora, friend and neighbor of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank

You would be inspired by your neighbors who share your commitment to help fight hunger in Northeast Ohio. They're good, caring people — like Ora.

This wonderful, caring woman recently turned 100. For her 100th birthday, Ora requested tribute gifts be made in her honor to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Her generosity will bless many hungry neighbors this holiday season. She explains:

"I grew up on a farm during the Great Depression. Families would pass by, looking for food. My parents never turned anyone away. They always shared. That value was instilled in me.

"So I thought, 'I'm 100. What gifts do I need? I have a lifetime of gifts ... my hope is that my birthday will help others."

That's Ora's story. You have a story, too, that's just as meaningful. Whatever inspires you to support the

Greater Cleveland Food Bank, we're so very grateful. You're meeting an urgent local need.

Please help feed hungry neighbors this holiday season.

Tens of thousands of struggling children, families, and seniors face the real danger of hunger. Without help, many of them would have nothing to eat for the holidays.

That's why we're counting on you. Please send your tax-deductible gift today. (If you'd like, you can make a tribute gift in honor of Ora or a loved one at GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Tribute.)

Whatever inspires you to help, just know that every \$1 you send provides four nutritious meals — giving many desperate neighbors a reason to be grateful this holiday season. Thank you!



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YES, Kristin! I want to help feed hungry children, families, and seniors.

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Enclosed is my holiday gift of:

- \$35 to provide 140 meals
- \$50 to provide 200 meals
- \$150 to provide 600 meals
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

I prefer to give by credit card



Please make this a monthly gift.

ACCOUNT NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____



Mail: Return this completed form with your gift. Please make checks payable to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

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