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Food for Thought
Kristin Warzocha, President & CEO

For me, stories like Wendy's on page 3 of this newsletter hit close to home. As a mother of two daughters, I've run the scenarios in my head. I've shuddered to imagine what it would be like to tell them, "We can't afford dinner tonight," or "You'll have to skip breakfast tomorrow.

That's a conversation no parent should ever have to broach with their children. Every single day, I'm thankful that I have the means to provide for them. But for many hardworking parents here in Northeast Ohio, that simply isn't the case. Circumstances have forced them into an impossible position: Pay the bills or purchase groceries.

All children deserve healthy, wholesome meals—regardless of the season. That's why your support of our Summer Food Service Program (discussed in more detail on page 3) and other child feeding services like it remain critical. Here at the Food Bank, we say that when school ends, hunger spikes. When kids from hardworking families lose access to free or reduced-price school breakfasts and lunches, parents face an added financial pressure. All of a sudden, they must budget for the cost of childcare and 5-10 extra meals per week.

"Putting a complete meal on the table is a daily struggle," Wendy says. "I know my kid needs me, and I don't want to let her down."

A Life-changing Boost
Thankfully, your support of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank means Wendy won't let her daughter down. Through Hope Pantry, one of the Food Bank's partner agencies, Wendy discovered a source of fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables that her daughter would otherwise lack during the summer months.

"This place has been a blessing. It's a motivation, too," Wendy says. And she means it. Since finding the pantry, she's been able to focus on finishing her nursing degree and securing a better future for her family.

On behalf of Wendy and the many caring parents you help through your support of the Food Bank, thank you!

Serving up Healthy Meals, all Summer Long
Earlier this summer, Diana Davet, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Director of Programs, took time out to discuss her vision and goals for the Summer Food Service Program.

Food for Thought: Now that summer's in full swing, what can you tell us about the efforts to feed hungry kids across our service area?

Diana Davet: I'm excited to report that we plan to provide 270,000 meals for children this summer. And kids will have access to fresh, healthy food at all of our program sites.

Food for Thought: Where are those program sites located, and how do parents find out about them?

Diana: We set up the program in places where kids are already comfortable and that they know. Places like schools, public parks, and libraries. In addition to the healthy food, many sites offer fun summertime activities. Kids can make a day of it.

Food for Thought: What's the most rewarding part of working to feed hungry kids?

Diana: If I could show one aspect of this work to our donors, it would be the children's smiles. Parents pull us aside to express their thanks, but I love seeing kids being fed and enjoying their youth.

Fight Hunger Even More Effectively as a Friend of the Food Bank
As a kindhearted supporter of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, you're helping to solve the hunger problem in Northeast Ohio. Did you know that there's a simple way to make an even greater impact?

Join Friends of the Food Bank today. You'll provide a recurring monthly gift, which allows the Food Bank to budget more effectively, reduce expenses, and feed even more hungry children, families, and seniors.

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With Your Help, a Mom's Hard Work Pays Off
For moms like Wendy, nothing could be worse than seeing disappointment in their child's eyes. So Wendy works tirelessly to provide the very best for her daughter.

That means scrimping, saving, and making disciplined choices. Yet sometimes, despite Wendy's best efforts, she can't afford the nutritious food her daughter needs to grow and thrive.

Summertime makes Wendy's task even tougher, because her daughter loses access to reduced-price breakfast and lunch. Suddenly, it's on Wendy to provide as many as 10 extra meals per week.

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