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2017
ANNUAL
REPORT

Our Mission

Washington County Harvest of Hope gleans, grows, and gives food to programs that feed hungry people in our communities. We are a faith-based organization located in Washington County, Ohio. We were founded in 2005 as a mission of Christ United Methodist Church (Marietta, Ohio) to address the growing need of hungry families and area agencies that serve them.

Working together for a hunger free community is our vision. Harvest of Hope's vision for the future is a community where no food is wasted and no one goes hungry.



Serving Hungry Families for 12 Years

OUR PROGRAMS

FOOD RECOVERY & DISTRIBUTION

Four days a week Harvest of Hope volunteers drive our refrigerated truck to grocery stores, retail businesses, processing plants, restaurants, and farm markets to collect food which would otherwise be discarded. The volunteers distribute the food safely and free of charge to local food pantries, community meal sites, and group homes.

At harvest time, Harvest of Hope volunteers gather produce from commercial farms and orchards and channel it through our regular distribution system.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Harvest of Hope provides opportunities for people to improve their nutrition and their neighborhoods through maintaining four community gardens in

Washington County where gardeners grow vegetables while often giving back a portion of their produce to share with others. Over 40 gardeners receive instruction from Master Gardeners, free plots, and basic garden supplies. More than 70 household members benefited from community gardens in 2017

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

Harvest of Hope has worked with local churches to set up eight community meal sites that regularly provide free hot meals to the community. Harvest of Hope delivers food free of charge to each meal site.

OUR STORY

In September of 2005, 12 members of Christ United Methodist Church came together to form an organization which would rescue food to feed hungry families in Washington County. As 2005 came to an end, we had accomplished the formation of a non-profit board, formulated by-laws and policies, and were ready to become operational.

Our first volunteers used their own vehicles to pick up daily from Marietta Memorial hospital and delivered frozen food to Marietta Community Food Pantry. A local grocery store added to the poundage and our first year yielded over 10,000 pounds of food that would have been thrown away. Since then our pounds of rescued food

continued to grow, and by the end of 2012, we were over 500,000 pounds of food that would have been thrown away. We were serving 9 food pantries and other agencies serving families having difficulty getting enough food. All of this food was and continues to be distributed by teams of volunteers four days a week and all free of charge.

In 2007, Harvest of Hope traveled upriver to New Matamoras and started the forerunner of our Community Garden Program and we had 12 eager gardeners the first year. In 2015, we ended the season with over 65 gardeners in 6 community garden sites.

Harvest of Hope continues to grow its programs. Taking a cue from Marietta First Baptist Church, which was offering the community free lunches, HoH encouraged 8 other Marietta churches to begin offering free community meals: Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Christ, Faith, Norwood, and Tunnel United Methodists, First Presbyterian, Unitarian Universalist, and St. Luke's Episcopal. HoH supports these meals through our deliveries.

Since 2005, Washington County Harvest of Hope has been serving our community by gleanings, growing, and giving food to those in need. In 2018 and beyond, we will continue to work toward our goal of a hunger-free community.

Community Garden Impact Summary

HART ST. GARDEN

Households served:	28		
Individuals served:	53	[65+ = 18 18-64 = 27 0-17 = 7]	
Organizations served:	3	Americorps, HAVAR, Philippine Medical Association	
Households at or below 100% poverty:	14		
Households between 100% and 200% poverty:	7		
Households that qualify for government assistance:	21	[75%]	

HARMAR GARDEN

Households served:	8		
Individuals served:	20	[65+ = 8 18-64 = 12 0-17 = 0]	
Households at or below 100% poverty:	3		
Households between 100% and 200% poverty:	1		
Households that qualify for government assistance:	4	[50%]	

BELPRE GARDEN

Households served:	3		
Individuals served:	4	[65+ = 2 18-64 = 2 0-17 = 0]	
Households at or below 100% poverty:	1		
Households between 100% and 200% poverty:	1		
Households that qualify for government assistance:	2	[66%]	

Total households served:	39		
Total individuals served:	77	[household members]	
Total organizations served:	3		



Washington County STATISTICS

- 16.4% of population lives in poverty
- 21.4% of all children live in poverty

By the Numbers

941,480 pounds of food recovered since 2006!

- 42 Agencies Served
24 Agencies receive regular monthly deliveries
- 4 Community Gardens
Harmar & Hart St., Marietta Sandhill, Reno • Belpre
- 1 in 6 Washington County residents struggle with hunger
- 42 Community Garden Volunteers



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ACTIVITIES

We look forward to providing more resources for our partners to feed the food insecure in our community. We plan to streamline board processes and focus on growing our brand and awareness of our organization and mission in the community.

— Sarah Snow, President 2017



FROM TRUNK TO TRUCK

In 2007, when Harvest of Hope’s small group of dedicated board members began the process of rescuing and delivering food, they managed it in their personal vehicles using ice chests and boxes. At the time, there were two food donors – Marietta Memorial Hospital and Giant Eagle.

As more food donors were acquired, more food became available, making it a challenge sometimes to get everything into a trunk or car seat. More volunteers were needed and a large vehicle was necessary to transport rescued food, especially frozen and refrigerated goods.

Two years later, Harvest of Hope was named the recipient of Broughton’s Ice Cream Social and those resources plus a generous grant from the Sisters of Saint Joseph’s Charitable Fund made it possible to purchase a refrigerated truck. More than forty drivers and truck buddies signed up to rescue and deliver that year and many of them are still volunteering.

As capacity to acquire food increased, so did the number of food donors. In addition to the original two donors, Broughton’s, Marietta and Belpre Kroger, Witten Farm Market, Warren’s IGA, Big Lots, and Latrobe Mission have become partners in our mission to ease hunger. Instead of a couple hours a week, volunteer drivers and buddies now take the truck out five days a week, sometimes collecting as much as 2,000 pounds of food in a single trip.

The number of recipients of rescued food has also grown significantly. Today, drivers take food to 8 community meal sites, EVE, the O’Neill Center, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, House of Hope, Washington County Home, and 11 food pantries throughout the county. Sometimes, a day of rescue and delivery can take volunteers as much as five hours.

Who are these incredible people who rescued 129,278 pounds of food in 2017 alone, and 941,480 pounds of food in the past 12 years?

They are the backbone of our mission. They are men, women, and young people from all walks of life. Some are retired and some are working. They have families, enjoy spending the winter in a sunnier climate, own their own businesses, are students, and some volunteer on the truck as a husband and wife team. They willingly share their time, enjoy their experiences, and most importantly, are dedicated to a single mission – feeding the hungry in Washington County.



Farm to Table

2017 FARM TO TABLE DINNER

More than two hundred supporters of Washington County Harvest of Hope attended the third annual Farm to Table Dinner and Auction on Saturday, August 19 at Holy Smoke Event Center in Whipple.

The evening kicked off with Harvest of Hope board members serving appetizers which featured ingredients from local farmers. Marietta College student and local resident, Logan Reynolds, provided musical entertainment on the saxophone, and Duane Brannan served as the emcee for the evening. While guests mingled during the social hour, they enjoyed locally crafted beer from the Marietta Brewing Company and local wine from Unicorn Wine Guild.

Dinner featured locally raised beef brisket and pork loin prepared by Smokin’ Pigs Ash BBQ, along with many other delicious dishes created by local chefs, highlighting local ingredients from our farmers markets.

The meal would not have been complete without the myriad of fabulous desserts prepared by our local community meal cooks and topped off with ice cream provided by George and Nancy Broughton.

Highlighting the evening, local auctioneer, Dwight Ullman, urged the enthusiastic crowd to bid the night away on a wide array of wonderful auction items, from themed baskets and college sports memorabilia, to beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork created by local artists. Auction buyers did not go away disappointed.

Because of the generosity of event sponsors, donors, chefs, farmers, volunteers, attendees, and all who participated in this event, Harvest of Hope received more than \$14,000 in combined income from the evening. All proceeds are used for programs that help eliminate hunger in Washington County.

Not only do we count the evening as a success because of our fundraising efforts, but it also proved to be an inspiring example of how our community comes together to support a worthwhile cause and help ensure the wellbeing of others in Washington County.

Thanks to all who made this a success!

HARVEST OF HOPE RECEIVES GRANT FROM MARIETTA WELFARE LEAGUE

In the spring of 2017, Washington County Harvest of Hope was the recipient of grant funding from the Marietta Welfare League that enabled our organization to purchase over 800 pounds of ground beef. WCHOH delivered 76 individually wrapped, one-pound packages of beef to eleven food pantries within Washington County. Ultimately, this money helped feed hundreds of food insecure families in the area.

We are very grateful to the Marietta Welfare League for thinking of us this year! We appreciate all they do to help our community!

NEXT GENERATION PAY IT FORWARD GRANT

Next Generation (Next Gen) is an academic program at Marietta College that encourages nonprofit organizations to engage young, dynamic board members in their mission. This one-credit class creates a cohort of students and nonprofit organizations that mutually benefits all participants. Nonprofit organizations must complete a thorough application to be a part of the program. Organizations are then partnered with a student based on interests, skills, and availability for three semesters. Harvest of Hope includes the Next Gen student as a voting member of the Board.

Part of the Next Gen program includes learning about the granting process. Each year the students compete to earn a Pay It Forward Grant of \$1,500 for his or her nonprofit organization. Past Pay It Forward Grants to Harvest of Hope were used purchase a computer and also provided seed money for the first Farm to Table dinner, which has since become our primary fundraiser.

In 2017, our Next Gen student, Emily Vigue, prepared and presented a case for WCHOH to receive funding for a new freezer. She made the point that with additional freezer space, Harvest of Hope can store unexpectedly large donations of frozen food, especially meat, and hold it until food pantries, community meal sites, or the many agencies we serve are able to take a delivery. Emily’s proposal was funded, and WCHOH agreed to match the Next Gen funds to make the new freezer a reality.

We congratulate Emily on her success and also thank all of the Next Gen students for their interest in our community

HARVEST OF HOPE SUPPORTS HEALTHY KIDS INITIATIVE

A new recipient of food from Harvest of Hope in 2017 was the Healthy Kids initiative at Warren Elementary School and the Marietta YMCA. Alisha Withern, a COMCorps member with the Washington County Health Department, began teaching the Live Healthy Kids program to the second-grade class at Warren Elementary school.

Alisha wanted to take this learning opportunity a step further, and continue to share healthy eating habits with her class, as well as with other students at the school, by providing them with some nutritious food that they could snack on or take home.

She provided a give-away basket at the school and filled it with fruits, vegetables and healthy breads provided by Harvest of Hope and other food donors. The initiative was a great success with the children and the baskets were being replenished quite often. The program was moved to the YMCA for the summer and Miranda Coffee, COMCorps member with the YMCA, oversaw the efforts there.

We were thrilled at Harvest of Hope to see these young ladies start such an important initiative in our community and were happy to support them in their efforts.

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THANK YOU ALL!

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Daily Bread Ministry
Christ United Methodist Church
First Unitarian Universalist Society
Norwood United Methodist Church
Faith United Methodist Church
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Appetizers
Dorothy Peppel
Harvest of Hope Board Members and Committee Volunteers

Beverages
Jeremiah's Coffee
Marietta Brewing Company
Unicorn Wine Guild in Belpre

Beef Brisket and Pork Loin
Pine Ridge Meat Processing

Other Food Donors
George and Nancy Broughton
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Music
Logan Reynolds

Auctioneer
Dwight and Vickie Ullman
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Fresh Flowers
Dee Fouss
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Recipe Cards
Ohio Farm Bureau

Farmers donating local ingredients for the dinner and appetizers
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MHS and Middle School Cheerleaders

Other Contributors
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First Congregational Church
Lafayette Hotel
Rene' Warren

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In-Kind Reporting

The majority of WCHOH's contributions are made in-kind. This refers to the hours spent by dedicated volunteers to run and maintain the food rescue program, the community gardens, and the hot meals, as well to the actual food collected and redistributed.

Since volunteers go unpaid and food donations are recorded by pounds (and not dollars), these in-kind expenses are not reflected in the WCHOH budget.

Food Recipients and Agencies Served 2017

FOOD RECIPIENTS Belpre Area Ministries Food Pantry Belpre Church of Christ Food Pantry Beverly/Waterford Food Pantry Boys and Girls Club Christ United Methodist Church Community Meal Marietta Church of God Food Pantry Marietta Community Food Pantry 3-C Cutler Food Pantry Daily Bread Community Meal Ely Chapman Eve, Inc.	Faith United Methodist Church Community Meal First Baptist Church Community Meal First Presbyterian Church Community Meal Gospel Mission Food Pantry HAVAR House of Hope Lowell Food Pantry Marietta Family YMCA New Matamoras Food Pantry Norwood United Methodist Church Community Meal O'Neill Center - Senior Nutrition	St. Luke's Episcopal Church Community Meal The Betsey Mills Club Tri-County Food Pantry Unitarian Universalist Church Community Meal Washington County Home Western Washington Food Pantry	Faith United Methodist Church First Baptist Church First Presbyterian Church Norwood United Methodist Church O'Neill Center St. Luke's Episcopal Church Unitarian Church Washington County Home Norwood United Methodist Church	Gospel Mission Lowell Pantry Lower Salem (Tri-County) Marietta Church of God	New Matamoras Newport Western Washington County
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EXECUTIVE
REPORT

Our dedicated board members and staff strive to live the Harvest of Hope mission.

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Founder

Dear Friends of Harvest of Hope,

As President for the year 2018, I am pleased to report that 2017 was another year of growth within Harvest of Hope. With the support of our many officers, partners and volunteers, we have seen continued success with our organization. Our mission of to "Glean, Grow and Give" food for all has once again supplied nourishing food to the people of Washington County.

This is the 11th year of Harvest of Hope and under the guidance of our new Executive Director, Susan Allender, we have seen a total of almost 1,000,000 pounds of food collected and distributed to all food banks, churches (for community meals) and organizations such as The O'Neill Center and Gospel Mission, within Washington County. With her enthusiasm, we have seen our helping hands and reputation increase in our service area. Knowing we are helping more families obtain nourishing meals is gratifying.

Planning has begun for our biggest fundraiser, The Farm to Table Dinner. In 2018 the event will be held July 27th at the Marietta Shrine Club and we expect a larger crowd due to the change of location. Once again, Dwight Ullman will be our auctioneer. Along with the auction, local restaurants and chefs will be preparing delicious food.

I can't say enough about our drivers who donate their time each month insuring food is picked up and delivered to all concerned. During times of emergency, our drivers are quick to respond. Recently, with the expectation of a large flood, Steve Porter, Tom Steckel, Gene Strauss, Doug Beymer, and Mike Buell assisted me in moving our cooling systems and inventory to the Broughton Complex for safe keeping. With the assistance of Ken Morrison of Morrison's Heating and Cooling, this was completed in a short amount of time.

During 2018, we can look forward to another successful year of growth through our efforts and above all our many donors. With them, none of this would be possible. They help support our vision, "Working together toward a hunger-free community."

Bill Standish

Washington County Harvest of Hope President 2018



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