
New Resource Room Abuzz with Activity

Back in the spring, we announced the opening of our new Resource Room, which is located next door to our pantry. In the last six months, the room has been the site of myriad activities. In May, we started collecting children's books, and our community came through, donating over 300 books which were passed out to our pantry visitors all summer long. Kids, parents and grandparents were thrilled to be able to take books home to keep. With September and October came our first two of three community health events put on by Medworks and Case Western University. Health screenings, referrals and follow up appointments were given to over 30 people, and we hope for that number to continue to rise as this program progresses into 2023. We are now in the midst of our first official Winter Coat Giveaway. Thanks to a generous gift from Euclid Amazon, as well as donations from many Euclid residents, we have over 400 coats in a variety of sizes to be distributed through the end of the year. Starting in January, three of our volunteers who have been trained by the ID Crisis Collaborative will resurrect our ID/Birth certificate program, which provides vouchers to assist people who need these important items to gain employment, enroll children in school, etc. EHC takes its role of being a Resource Center very seriously. While passing out food is still our number one priority, we hope to continue finding creative ways to use our new space to further assist our clients.



A Successful Summer Wine Down

Once again, the Summer Wine Down at Briardale Greens was a smashing success, with nearly 250 people in attendance and over \$13,000 raised. The weather this year was absolutely perfect, and our wonderful volunteers helped serve a delicious buffet, sell raffle tickets for over 40 baskets, and ensure everyone had a great time. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, so the fact that our community supports it so heartily year after year is extremely gratifying.

Five-year Strategic Plan Completed

The Board of the Euclid Hunger Center spent many evenings this past summer, meeting and collaborating with Burges & Burges, Inc. to construct a new Strategic Plan. As a result of many individual interviews with community leaders, Hunger Center clients, Board members and volunteers, the Board was able to formulate this plan, which defines our vision for the future and identifies both our short and long term goals and objectives. We are eager to get started on many of these ideas, which will undoubtedly allow us to help even more people in our community.

Since the start of 2022, EHC...

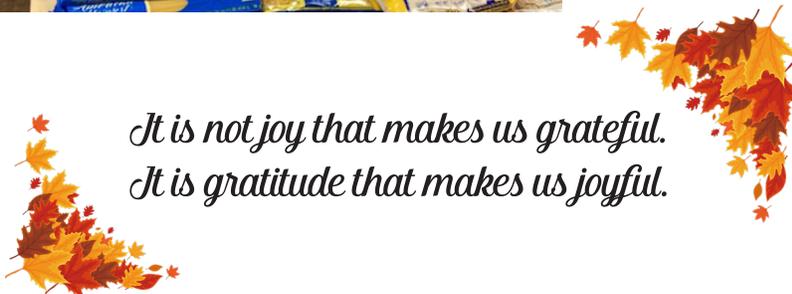
- Has served over 10,700 people.
- Has picked up over 70,000 lbs. of donated food from our retail partners. (That's 35 tons!)
- Volunteers have given over 5,500 hours of service.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Meet Larry and Peg

Year after year, the volunteers at EHC continue to donate their time and good will to serving the people of Euclid. Many new faces come and go over the years, but our core group remains strong and intact. Two of our regular volunteers that we introduce to you are Larry Insana and Peg Osborne. Larry is a 50+ year resident of Euclid, and came to us 3 years ago, looking for a way to stay active and serve his community. Every Wednesday, Larry greets us with a loud "Good morning everybody!" as he walks through the door. He then serves our customers in the same friendly & courteous fashion, and at the end of every distribution, Larry can be found running the vacuum cleaner.



At the wonderful age of 87 years old, Larry loves to golf, visit his grandchildren, and keep busy every day of the week but Sunday. Peg Osborne has been volunteering on Saturdays at EHC for the last 5 years. When she retired from her 32-year teaching career, she started coming in on Wednesdays as well. Peg is truly a jack-of-all-trades, stocking up the pantry when she arrives, filling boxes for delivery to homebound seniors and registering clients. Peg enjoyed her volunteer role so much, that she decided to apply for a position on our Board of Trustees. In the role of trustee, she has played a huge part in the execution of our Summer Winedown, and has contributed countless hours of service. In her spare time she enjoys walking, reading, and playing Pickleball. We are forever grateful to Larry, Peg and all our wonderful volunteers for their commitment to serving our neighbors with dignity and respect.



*It is not joy that makes us grateful.
It is gratitude that makes us joyful.*

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- Donate online at www.euclidhungercenter.com/donate
- Mail checks made payable to Euclid Hunger Center to: P.O. Box 23554, Euclid, OH 44123

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Please consider a donation of the following:

- Canned pineapple, oranges, peaches
- Hearty soups/ravioli
- Egg noodles
- Cereal
- Tuna
- Rice/noodle mixes
- Gas gift cards to help us fill our van.

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Everyone has a place at our table

