

MEET SOME OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

With recent cuts to SNAP benefits, EHC is seeing a lot of new families, who have never had to turn to a food pantry for help. Shirley is a 67 year old resident of Euclid who retired after 37 years of dedicated service at Boy Scouts of America. While most people in her situation might be planning to relax or travel, Shirley finds herself with indefinite custody of her teenage granddaughter. With no financial assistance from the girl's parents, Shirley and her granddaughter are surviving on Social Security and a small monthly pension. SNAP increases several years ago were a lifesaver for Shirley, and the extra money allowed her



a little breathing room. In March, however, like so many other Ohioans, she lost the extra payment, meaning her total monthly SNAP benefit went from \$373 to just \$23. She thought her Social Security payment would increase, but thus far, it has only gone up by \$10 per month, not nearly enough to make up for what she's lost. Shirley's only alternative was to seek help from EHC. At a recent visit, she expressed her deep gratitude for the help she received.

Chelsea and her husband recently came to EHC for help. Chelsea's husband just started a full-time job, and Chelsea works part-time while their children, ages 6 and 8 years, are at school. Their combined incomes put them just above the threshold to receive food stamps, but barely high enough to make ends meet. Chelsea says that after rent, utilities and insurance are paid, there simply isn't enough to buy a month's worth of groceries. With no alternative, she came to EHC for help and was surprised at the amount of food she received. Stories like these are heard every day at EHC, so now more than ever, we must continue to keep our doors open and our pantry shelves stocked. It is only because of your generous support that we are able to carry out our mission of being "neighbors helping neighbors."

NEW LOCATION FOR SUMMER WINEDOWN

Our 12th annual summer fundraiser is moving to a new location. Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 24th, as the Summer Winedown will take place at the Irish American Club, East Side, from 6:00-9:00pm. This year's event promises to be our biggest and best yet. See the insert with this newsletter for more information.

We are actively seeking out sponsors and raffle donations for our event.

Please call 216-731-3329 or email euclidhungercenter@gmail.com



WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED:

Since our November newsletter, in addition to providing food to over 2000 households, EHC has:

- Distributed 425 winter coats
- Given away over 400 gift cards at the holidays
- Passed out 100 reusable tote bags
- Served 90 people at our "Stay Well" events
- Assisted 19 people in getting IDs/birth certificates
- Delivered 130 boxes to homebound seniors

AN EASY WAY TO DONATE:

EHC is now on VENMO

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Euclid Hunger Task Force



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET OUR WHOLE CREW

There is no doubt about it, EHC volunteers are second to none. Week after week, our dedicated crew shows up to unload, stock, serve our families, pick up donations and deliver food to homebound seniors. Most of our volunteers have been with us for more than five years, and many have been here much longer than that. According to an Independent Sector Study, volunteers are worth an average of \$29.95 per hour. Volunteering also decreases the likelihood of high blood pressure developing by 40%. Volunteerism improves health by strengthening the body, improving mood and lessening stress. On average, volunteers donate around 50 hours of their time per year. At EHC, our volunteers average 150 hours per year. Does that mean our volunteers are 3x better than average? We sure think so! Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Caldwell, Andrea Fox, and Nicole Smith.

We look forward to your expertise and service!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following individuals/organizations, who made significant financial or food donations over the last several months:

- Arbor Elementary School
- David & Susan Carlson
- Catholic Charities
- Chardon Hills Elementary School
- Tom Daly – State Farm
- Enterprise Holdings Fdn.
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- Euclid Middle School
- Euclid Veterans Association
- Frederick Douglass High School
- In memory of Mary Gliha
- In memory of Dale Duca
- Robert Hyer
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- Northeast Credit Union Outreach Alliance
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- Barbara & Thomas Scott
- Kenneth W. Scott Fdn.
- Transonic Cos.
- UpStage Players Builders Club
- Whitcraft
- VASJ High School

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE EUCLID HUNGER CENTER

The Euclid Hunger Center could not operate without financial donations.

- Donate online at www.euclidhungercenter.com/donate
- Donate via Venmo @EuclidHungerCenter
- Mail checks made payable to Euclid Hunger Center to: P.O. Box 23554, Euclid, OH 44123
Thank you!

Join our email list by sending us an email at euclidhungercenter@gmail.com
To be removed from our mailing list, email us at the address above, or call Kay at (216) 731-3329.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Gliha



- our dedicated board member and friend

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