



ADVOCATE!

We urge you to join us in our efforts to make positive changes in the lives of people in our community who are struggling to put food on their tables. Write a letter, send an email, make a phone call, write something on Facebook, send an editorial to the newspaper, attend an event, or tweet a comment. Every positive act you take will help us alleviate hunger in our region.

Second Harvest works with Feeding America, The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, Bread for the World, the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), offices on aging, other Food Banks in Ohio, and you (our partner charities) to engage public policy decision-makers and community members on behalf of the families we serve who are struggling with hunger. We collaborate with our partner charities to have a united voice in support of policies which affect our most vulnerable citizens, seniors and children. By working together we can impact public policy decisions and address the issue of hunger while ensuring those at risk have access to nutritious food and are treated with dignity.

Much of our advocacy is educating the community and local and state officials on the dire effects of hunger in our area. We inform stakeholders on the cost to individual health, learning, productivity, long-term healthcare costs and community stability when hunger is not addressed in our communities. Efforts include state, federal and local issues and policies, such as:

- Federal Appropriations and Legislation
- Appropriations to Fight Hunger
- Child Nutrition Reauthorization
- The Farm Bill (TEFAP/USDA)
- SNAP Policy
- Food Donor Tax Issues
- USDA Commodities
- State Policy and Appropriations
- Ohio Food Program and Agricultural Clearance Program (OFPACP)
- SNAP Eligibility Issues