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Second Harvest held their monthly mobile food pantry in November at El Centro in Lorain. With Thanksgiving only one week away, area residents were preparing for the big day and came out to El Centro where Second Harvest and volunteers from Columbia Gas of Ohio distributed food to about 300 families, helping an estimated 1,000 people enjoy the holiday.

**The event was sponsored by Columbia Gas of Ohio as part of their Week of Giving campaign. In addition to sponsoring the distribution, fourteen Columbia Gas employees came out and were helping patrons by handing out food and loading groceries into vehicle.**

“We are happy to sponsor the mobile pantry with Second Harvest here,” said Columbia Gas spokesman Bill Loomer. “For us it makes a lot of sense because we share in the mission to end hunger across Ohio. It really shows that we are more than just a gas company and we support our communities in any way we can.”

Loomer added when the opportunity arose everyone in the company was eager to get involved in the initiative with El Centro hosting.

“I’m glad for the opportunity. They asked for volunteers and everyone raised their hands and signed right up,” he said. “As a department we try to come up with an idea that will be impactful for all of our service areas across Ohio and this is one of those meaningful initiatives.”

**For more information on how your company or organization can make a difference by sponsoring a Second Harvest food distribution, contact Susan Bartsoch at 440-444-0692 or sbartosch@secondharvestfoodbank.org**

