

# **Annual Report 2023**



# we're going places!

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In 2023, we faced a significant challenge - a devastating fire in July that threatened our pantry and programs. Thanks to your unwavering support, we emerged from this trial stronger than ever.

Despite adversity, our team, volunteers, and donors swiftly rallied, allowing us to resume service just four days after the fire. This event reinforced that our mission extends beyond immediate hunger relief to fostering long-term resilience.

In addition, 2023 marked our **60th Anniversary**, prompting us to officially adopt the name Hilliard Food Pantry Plus, signifying our evolution while staying true to our core mission.

As we look to 2024, we're filled with optimism and enthusiasm for our future. With your continued support, Hilliard Food Pantry Plus is poised for success. Thank you for being a part of our journey!

So grateful for you,

Erin West

**Executive Director** 

Emily Morash Board President

# Serving the community for over 60 years





#### **OUR MISSION**

Improve the well-being of our community by providing food and support



#### **OUR GOAL**

To address poverty and eliminate hunger, and encourage wellness by removing barriers and promoting increased accessibility to resources that help individuals and families stabilize and thrive



#### **OUR PROGRAMS**

- Food Pantry
- Utility Assistance
- Clinics (health, tax, benefits, etc.)
- Classes (cooking, financial literacy, gardening, etc.)
- Case Management (problem solving)



#### **OUR IMPACT**

In 2023, more than **13,000 people** came through our doors to receive nutritious food, participate in classes, attend relevant clinics, and take part in special events--all aspiring to and reaching for their goals. We love being a part of their journey toward self sufficiency and the pursuit of health and happiness.

# We could not do, what we do, without our wonderful staff and volunteers!

#### #VOLUNTEERS



# #VOLUNTEER HOURS



#### **Pantry Facts**

served 13,649 people in 2023 Housholds served 3985

Pantry Visits	18,547
	% Value
<b>Community Donated Items</b>	
Food 167,565 lbs	21%
NonFood 37,450 lbs	5%
Purchased Food 213,717lbs	29%
Produce Delivery 212,936 lbs	27%
Grocery Pick Up	
Rescued Food 149,158 lb	s 19%

Ingredients: fresh produce, shelf stable items, dairy, bread, protein, hygiene items, diapers, free books, dog food etc.

**Total Pounds Distributed** 

#### Pantry Team:



Jen Wagner Pantry Manager



Jessica Deem Pantry Coordinator



Sharon Bailey
Pantry Support
AARP



798,826

Evan Reed Pantry Associate

# PANTRY PROGRAMS



Senior Delivery

91 Seniors get box delivery up to 2x per month



Taste Test Tuesday

80-100 pantry members get to try new foods each week



**Special Food Distributions** 

Ramadan, Thanksgiving, and Christmas



**Events** 

# PLUS ACTIVITIES



327 Benefit Applications
170 Referrals



316 Families \$59,255 in relief avoiding utility shut offs



330 People Attended 50 classes



185 People engaged resulting in 312 referrals

#### Resource Coordination Team:



Adam Householder Resource Manager



Alea Sprouse Resource Coordinator



Scott
Hartman
Resource
Associate



Gabby Keaton Resource Associate



Pop Up Pantries as we Search for a Temporary Home







Guide Church Welcomes Us One Week After Fire

Move to Hilliard United Methodist--Our Home Away from Home









Demolition began in November 2023...time to rise from the ashes!

# Purse Bingo and Giving Tuesday \$118,433 Other Grants \$122,836 Donations \$704,312



### Fundraising Team:





Erin West Executive Director

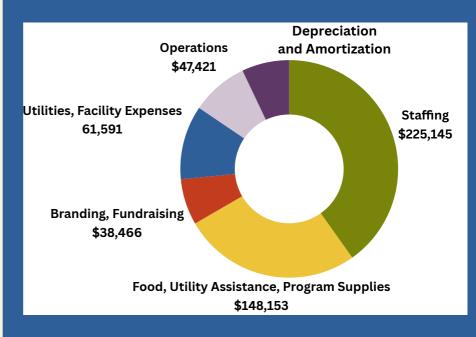
Keri H Fundraising Coordinator

## Peace, Love, Joy and Thanks to You!

In 2023, we placed \$500,000 in our Endowment Fund







Expenses