

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Food Bank to Distribute More Than 250,000 lbs. of Product Today in Preparation for Thanksgiving Including a Free Produce Distribution From 4-5:30 p.m.

WHAT: More than 75 volunteers and staff will be helping distribute fresh produce to clients at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank today at 4 p.m. This special mass produce distribution happens once a month at the Food Bank. Last month, more than 1,500 people attended the distribution, where we distributed almost 30,000 lbs. of food in just two hours! Overall, the Food Bank is expected to distribute 250,000 pounds of food today to partner agencies throughout our service area and at the on-site distribution this afternoon.

The need for food continues to increase this holiday season. As we prepare for the holidays, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank is seeing an increase in service to those in need. People are making difficult choices between food and utilities or food and medicine.

One in six residents in the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's six county service area was food insecure in 2015 (16.8%). That's a total of 312,560 people. Cuyahoga County had the highest number of food insecure residents in the state of Ohio in 2015 at approximately 235,200 individuals. Cuyahoga County has one of the largest number of food insecure children in the state of Ohio, at 58,370 children.

WHEN **Thursday, November 16, 2017**
4 pm - 5:30 pm

WHERE: **Greater Cleveland Food Bank**
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Cleveland, OH 44110

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