

Chief Supermarket donates more than \$191,000 to local food pantries since 2009

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DEFIANCE — Chief Supermarket has held Good Neighbor Day each spring since 2009 and has donated a total of \$191,000 to local food pantries over five years.

The \$64,224 donated this year was made possible by customer food and monetary donations, vendor support, a percentage of sales from May 7 and a food donation from Chief.

“Good Neighbor Day was a total success. Since 2009, Good Neighbor Day has allowed Chief to donate over \$191,000 to local food banks and pantries. We had excellent participation from all of our communities and these donations will make a difference for many families that are facing difficult situations,” Chief Supermarkets’ Director of Marketing Annette Hoeffel said.

According to the West Ohio Food Bank:

- 45 percent of clients served by the West Ohio Food Bank report having to choose between paying for food and paying for gas for a car;
- 44 percent had to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel;
- 36 percent had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage; and

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- 35 percent had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

Funds donated will allow local food pantries to purchase staple food items, including produce, meat and frozen foods, at greatly reduced prices from the West Ohio Food Bank, which serves more than 200 programs in 11 counties throughout West Central Ohio. Each dollar donation to West Ohio Food Bank will provide 25 pounds of food that will make 19 meals, enough to feed 2 people for 3 days. Selected local food pantries that are not part of the West Ohio Food Bank group will also benefit directly from the donated funds.