

JOIN THE PAPER PLATE CAMPAIGN!

There is no better way for local legislators and the media to understand the hardships faced by millions of Ohioans than to hear from the Ohioans who are currently faced with making tough choices. To give a glimpse into the lives of what a staggering number of Ohioans are facing because of the Great Recession, we are asking that you join with us in the Paper Plate Campaign!

The Paper Plate Campaign is an opportunity for Ohioans to share personal stories regarding their daily lives and the trails they are facing: giving a voice to those who feel they are not being heard. To help with this opportunity, The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks (OASHF) asks that your agency or organization distribute paper plates to your clients and ask them to write down their current situation or circumstance, including:

- What choices have you or your family been forced to make because of lack of employment, lack of money or lack of assistance?
- What does food mean to you?
- What does shelter mean to you?
- What would happen if you did not have access to a foodbank or food pantry?

In an effort to make the Paper Plate Campaign as successful as possible and to bring light to the current situations faced by a growing number of Ohioans, OASHF will provide each organization who would like to participate with the following:

1. Requested/specified number of paper plates
2. Writing utensils
3. Prepaid postage to send back the completed paper plates

This truly is a powerful way to visually show the critical need for state funding and what could happen if funding is no longer provided. The stories that are shared on these empty plates speak volumes about the lives of those we serve and the critical need for the programs that support foodbanks and food pantries.

We Must Act Now

There has never been a more critical time to focus on basic needs. By standing up and protecting state funding for the two OASHF food programs, together we can ensure hungry Ohioans receive the food they need.

While the next few months will be filled with discussions surrounding numerous budget issues, there should be no debate about the merit of safety nets such as OASHF's network of hunger providers. Ohio lawmakers have the opportunity to make a positive choice that benefits all Ohioans, especially those in greatest need – the hungry.

Thank you for all of your hard work in fighting hunger every day. It couldn't be done without you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614/221-4336

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Please complete the following form and return it to us by faxing to 614.221.4338 at your earliest convenience. Please provide all listed information, so we may contact you in the future regarding this effort.

Name:

Organization:

Address (Provide physical mailing address only: No P.O. Box Numbers):

City:

State/Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

Program(s) Operated:

Quantity of Paper Plates:

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