

# NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

August, 2011  
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## Client Activity Increasing!

NNEMAP has had a consistent 10-15% increase month over month and year over year for the last 3-4 years. What we have been seeing over the past three months is stunning! In May we served almost **2,000 family members**, and in June we served **2190 family members**. Those numbers compare to an average of around 1500 each month in 2010. The increases for each month were **25 to 33% over the months last year**. At the time of this writing, it appears that July will have similar numbers.

We are simply running out of things faster than anyone has seen in years. We are examining how much and how often we are getting food from Mid-Ohio, and looking for other sources as well as increased church donations. We are also seeing many new families each week, so it is obvious to us that the economic problems are still affecting the lives of many in our area. **Your dollar donations will make a difference!**

## The Columbus Foundations Grants Support NNEMAP

For the second year The Columbus Foundation has awarded a grant to NNEMAP to purchase fresh produce during the winter months. Last year we were able to purchase over 165,000 servings of fresh fruits and vegetables to our clients with these dollars. This grant came from the **Jack and Betsy Maxton Family, William F. and Mary S. Powell, and Dr. Robert A. and Martha O. Schoenlaub** funds of The Columbus Foundation. In addition, we received a grant from the **Ingram/White Castle Foundation** to purchase a new freezer!

## Giant Eagle Donates Bags

One of the many important operational issues for any food pantry is to have plenty of bags to hold the groceries we give to our clients. On a typical day, we will give out around 150 of them. Some days we will distribute as many as 250! We put a paper grocery bag inside a plastic bag so the client can more easily carry their food. Many of our clients walk, and around 11% are homeless. In the past, we depended on donations from individuals and churches. However, that has not proved to be enough. That is where the Giant Eagle has come to our rescue.

So now, **Giant Eagle on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Grandview** donates several hundred bags to NNEMAP each month! They have been doing this since last fall! It has made a huge difference!

## Whole Foods on Lane Ave. Donates Fixtures

You may be aware that the Whole Foods Store in Lane Avenue Shopping Center has closed their old store to make way for a much larger and new store to open in the fall of 2012! They have moved to a smaller location in the center in the meantime! Because we were selected to be the recipient of one of their **“donation days”** last year, we were among several non-profits who had the opportunity to get fixtures from their old location that were not going to be used. We did really well! We got **stainless tables** on wheels, **end caps** to replace old shelf units in our walk-in refrigerator, **wood shelf units, tables and chairs** from the café (used for our clients), **and carts** for our pantry. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with Whole Foods, and wish to thank them for their generosity!

## Macy's Kingsdale Shop For A Cause Saturday, August 27th

Would you like to support NNEMAP? Here is a very simple and fun way to do it. All Macy's Stores will have their Shop For A Cause event on **Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. NNEMAP Food Pantry is signed on as a partner with the **Kingsdale store!**

During the event, customers can purchase a **\$5 shopping pass that will be donated to the non-profit** that you write on the portion of the pass that stays with the store (that would be NNEMAP!). The money goes to NNEMAP while you get to shop all day with a **25% off pass** that covers many categories not usually valid on their typical shopping passes. Please consider **shopping at the Kingsdale Macy's and supporting NNEMAP Food Pantry!**

## Refectory Restaurant Donates Food and Dollars!

Since last fall, the Refectory Restaurant on Bethel Rd. has been asking their patrons to bring shelf staple food with them when they come to dine. Those donations have been going to NNEMAP! The amount of food donated to date is amazing. Recently, they decided to offer a coupon from favoroo.com for \$20 that would be worth \$40 worth of food at their restaurant. The owner, Kamal Boulos, decided to donate \$1 to NNEMAP for each coupon sold! **We received almost \$500 as a result!**

**Harmony For Hunger Concert Date Set**  
Our second annual concert benefiting NNEMAP is scheduled for **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity United Methodist Church! SAVE THE DATE!**

**Near Northside Emergency  
Material Assistance Program  
1064 N. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43201  
(614) 297-0533**

**Non-profit Org.  
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### **NNEMAP HOURS**

Open 8:45AM, Clients served 9AM,  
Last Number Taken by 11:45 AM  
Dates Open: 1<sup>st</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>: Mon-Wed-Fri,  
20<sup>th</sup> thru last day: Mo-Tu-Wed-Th-Fri

### **Financial Update-May, 2011 By Jim Brown, Treasurer**

2011 has been a very busy year for NNEMAP. We have been able to take advantage of the grants that are mentioned in this newsletter to purchase much needed freezer and refrigerator equipment! The need for greater capacity is very real, with our client activity increasing 25% in May and 33% in June over last year. Our distribution to clients shows us under last year, but that is a result of a grant from Impact Community Action given to Mid-Ohio that paid for our food for several months!

#### **Financials**

<u>May, 2011</u>	<u>May, 2010</u>
Cash Contributions -	
\$20,171	\$26,813
In Kind Contributions (food donations)	
76,381	98,715
Fundraisers	
1,261	0
Investment Income	
18	46
Total Income	
97,831	152,387
Expenses -	
39,505	37,583
Distribution to clients	
80,800	103,266
Net Income	
(22,474)	(15,275)

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I wish to make a financial contribution to NNEMAP and enclose a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to NNEMAP and send it directly to NNEMAP Treasurer at P.O. Box 21361, Columbus, OH 43221

**Thank you for your past and ongoing support that makes our program worthwhile!**

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