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Ohio Students Take on Hunger Action Month Through Art

Mid-Ohio Foodbank partners for service learning project to create visualizations of hunger and food insecurity

Grove City, OH – Central Ohio educators have long searched for more ways to teach about food insecurity and hunger outside of a typical non-perishable food drive. This is their opportunity.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank (MOF) is partnering with educators through Growing Together Service Learning Network and Partnerships Make A Difference to facilitate a service learning project based around the issue of hunger. Students have from Sept 11-Nov 27 to research and submit visual art projects such as t-shirts, painting, drawing and sculptures.

“Art Action will provide an opportunity for our students to do ‘the work of real people’ using skills and knowledge to inspire while increasing their own awareness of hunger issues in our community,” said Partnerships Make a Difference Program Director, Kathy Meyer, “This is truly citizenship in action.”

In closing the project, participants will be recognized at a finale event at Mid-Ohio Foodbank on Dec. 4. Selections from K through 2nd grades, 3rd through 8th grades, and 9th through 12th grades will be showcased at the Foodbank for the month of December.

“This project allows the next generation of community members to better understand how hunger affects their community and how to change it,” said President and CEO of Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Matt Habash, “As the tenth most food insecure state, this gives them the opportunity to show what they can do now, instead of waiting until they ‘grow up’”

The criteria for the project are posted at <http://www.midohiofoodbank.org/pdfs/HAM/9.11.13-Art-Action.pdf>. Educators are able to go to www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org for ideas and examples of how to connect "Art Action" to your curriculum through a service-learning project.

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About Mid-Ohio Foodbank

Mid-Ohio Foodbank provides food to hundreds of thousands of our hungry neighbors each year by partnering with more than 550 emergency feeding sites across central and eastern Ohio. Since 1980, the Foodbank has joined food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, and after-school programs to make food accessible to those in our communities who are hungry. In 2012, the Foodbank distributed 46 million pounds of food enabling its partner charities to provide more than 102,000 meals every day. Mid-Ohio Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity. For more information or to donate, visit www.midohiofoodbank.org.

About Partnerships Make A Difference

Partnerships Make A Difference (Partnerships) was founded in 1996 by experienced and committed educators whose mission is to help young people develop a *sense of passion and purpose* for their own learning, and to enhance students' belief that they can positively impact their own lives and the lives of others. Toward that end, our organization has successfully focused on helping schools and community organizations strengthen such program areas as service-learning, Project Based Learning, career development, substance abuse prevention, dropout prevention, and character education.