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*Leading the Charge to Relieve Hunger
for our Miami Valley Neighbors*

New CEO Leads with Determination

By Gery L. Deer



Michelle L. Riley

A leader is someone with purpose and vision who inspires others to perform at their best, working together to accomplish a common goal. At a time when an ever increasing number of people are seeking help to acquire food, The Foodbank's new Chief Executive Officer is meeting the challenge to feed the hungry in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties with determination and confidence.

On July 1st, Michelle L. Riley took over as CEO and comes well-prepared for the task. Riley's job is to work with the staff and the Board of Directors to develop and implement those projects that satisfy the mission of The Foodbank. Above all, she will perpetuate diplomacy, decisiveness, patience and compassion.

A Dayton native and graduate of Stivers Patterson, Riley comes to The Foodbank from a background of education and community service. She received both her graduate and undergraduate degrees, in education and teaching, from Wright State University and spent several years as a teacher and assistant principal in Dayton Public Schools. Riley has given time in service to the community through her involvement with the Leadership Dayton Class, Homeless Solutions Front Door Committee and Clothes That Work.

Before coming to The Foodbank, Riley served as Chief Operating Officer for the YWCA Dayton after being promoted from Director of Youth Services and Program Director. Now, Riley is ready to guide The Foodbank as the organization evolves to meet the challenges created by a struggling economy.

"Under the guidance and leadership of our Board of Directors, Feeding America, The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks and the Montgomery County Food Policy Board, we will continue to be the leader in feeding those who are hungry."

"The vision is to feed the hungry and The Foodbank has done an excellent job in staying focused on what they are charged to do. We are here to serve the community and will continue to enhance what we are able to provide."

With regard to the dedicated staff and volunteers she'll be working with, Riley notes, "The people who make up the team at The Foodbank are experts at what they do. Burma Thomas, our former CEO, did a great job of developing the organization into a strong, independent, organization."

Michelle Riley also acknowledges that the support of the community makes it possible for The Foodbank to continue to fulfill its mission. "We are extremely grateful for the kindness, compassion, and tremendous generosity of the people of the Miami Valley."

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Kraft Foods Delicious Difference Week

Employees volunteer their time and present a \$5,000 grant to The Foodbank



Kraft Foods employees signed up in record numbers to volunteer as part of Delicious Difference Week. During the third-annual week of volunteer service (Oct. 3-8, 2011), approximately 30,000 employees across the globe rolled up their sleeves to fight hunger and promote healthy lifestyles.

Locally, employees from the Dayton area sales team volunteered their time at The Foodbank to assemble bags of food for the Good-to-Go Backpack® program. The team also presented a generous grant award of \$5,000 from the Kraft Foods Foundation.

Through Delicious Difference Week and multiyear programs funded by the Kraft Foods Foundation, Kraft Foods and its employees fight hunger and promote healthy lifestyles on almost every continent. Over the past 25 years, the company and the Foundation have donated more than \$1 billion in cash, food and humanitarian aid globally.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for MyPlate

During the month of August, The Foodbank distributed nearly 30,000 pounds of fresh produce to its network of member agencies that feed the hungry.

In June, The USDA released the *MyPlate* food icon to assist in reminding Americans to eat healthfully. MyPlate shows half the plate filled with fruits and vegetables. The other half contains grains and protein, with a portion of low-fat (or skim) dairy on the side.



MyPlate is based on the recommendations of the USDA's 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The national campaign encourages all Americans to make healthy food choices with key messages, such as:

- Make half your plate fruits and vegetables
- Avoid oversized portions
- Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) dairy
- Make at least half your grains, whole grains
- Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

Additional resources are available on the ChooseMyPlate.gov website.



A load of fresh carrots and corn are headed for the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry.

Providing access to healthy, nutritious food is a vital component of The Foodbank's mission to relieve hunger. Help us continue to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to our member agencies by making a secure online donation at www.thefoodbankdayton.org.

Upcoming Events

November – December:

27th annual Holiday Aid local school food drive

Mid-November to January 1:

30th annual Dayton Daily News Valley Food Relief Campaign

November 16 – December 24:

29th annual WDTN TV Food For Friends



Official proclamations declaring September as Hunger Action Month were issued by Ohio Governor, John Kasich, Montgomery County Commissioners, and City of Dayton Mayor, Gary Leitzell. Hunger Action Month is a time when we ask everyone to take action to fight hunger in our community. It is also the time of year we recognize our Agencies, Donors, and Volunteers for the tremendous gifts they give year-round to our community through their work, and in their daily lives, to the cause of hunger relief. Commissioner Judy Dodge read the Montgomery County Proclamation at The Foodbank's Recognition Luncheon which was held on September 16.

Congratulations to the 2011 Honorees:

- St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
- The Hope Foundation
- Shiloh Baptist Church
- Waymen AME Church
- House of Bread – Timothy B. Gardner Agency of the Year
- Appleton Papers, Inc. – Volunteer Group of the Year
- Spencer Morelock – Donor of the Year
- Scott Sliver – Hunger Champion



Left to right: Michelle Riley, CEO, and Rosemary Dannin, Development Manager, with 9-year old Spencer Morelock. Spencer received the 2011 Donor of the Year award for his accomplishment of establishing and maintaining a thriving food drive at his school.

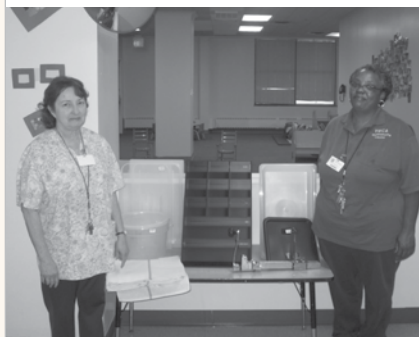
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Walmart Capacity Building Grant

Thanks to Walmart's commitment to end hunger, along with the generosity of the Walmart Foundation, member agencies of The Foodbank received funds to expand and enhance their service to the hungry citizens of the Dayton region.

19 member agencies used the funds to purchase refrigeration and freezer units, computers and technology for the Virtual Case Management system, and supplies and equipment to help their operations run more efficiently.

The Foodbank distributed more than \$17,000 to member agencies from the Walmart Capacity Building Grant awarded in January to the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks. The statewide grant for the 12 food banks in Ohio totaled a generous \$270,750.00.



Members of the Food Service staff at YWCA of Greater Dayton display some of the restaurant equipment purchased with funds from the Walmart Capacity Building grant.



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The Foodbank is committed to relieving hunger through the acquisition and distribution of food to hungry people throughout the Miami Valley.

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Agency Spotlight

Wayne Township FISH

In 1969, a group of concerned residents living in the northeastern suburbs became aware of the need to feed local hungry families. They organized and established the Wayne Township FISH Food Pantry in what is now the City of Huber Heights. The pantry was a genuine grassroots operation, located in various members' homes throughout the next decade. FISH joined the Hunger Coalition in 1982, giving access to The Foodbank to obtain food supplies. At the same time, the pantry moved to Kitty Hawk Elementary School where it remained for several years until the school was rebuilt in 2010. In cooperation with the Huber Heights School District, FISH is now located on the lower level of Studebaker Elementary School.

A dedicated group of volunteers serve an average of 250 Huber Heights residents each month. They assist pantry clients, answer phones, pick up food from The Foodbank, operate the food pantry, and deliver groceries to neighbors who are immobile.



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