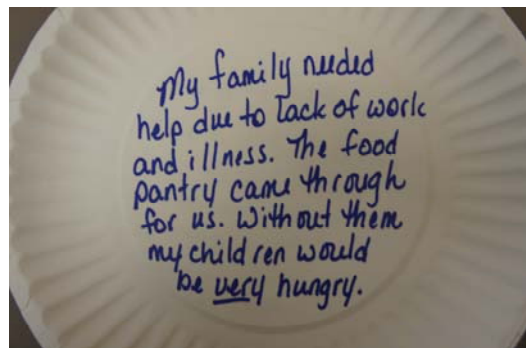


The Paper Plate Project

Ohioans were given a new way to have their voices heard by their local and state legislators through the launch of OASHF's Paper Plate Project. In an attempt to get organizations, agencies and individuals involved in the fight against hunger, OASHF has set the marks high as it strives to get more than 50,000 paper plates signed by individuals who utilize Ohio's emergency food network.

To make this goal a reality, OASHF created an informative and interactive website, www.paperplateproject.org, where individuals and organizations alike can learn more about this grassroots effort, view completed paper plates that have been returned to OASHF, request paper plates to be sent to their organization (with return postage provided) and virtually tell their story on a paper plate to be counted toward the 50,000 completed plate goal.

Plates completed and returned to OASHF will be used in the Association's effort to make its case as to why funding from the Ohio General Assembly for its two core food programs, as well as its other programs, each aimed at assisting Ohio's low- and moderate-income citizens, are vital. The plates will be read at a scheduled Statehouse rally, as well as used during legislative sessions of the budget hearings process. The plates will enable those directly affected by the funding outcomes of the budget cycle to be heard by the legislators charged with making the decision to fund programs on the table during the budget process.



Member foodbanks and partner organizations are stepping up in making this goal a reality. From the initial launch of the effort at The Ohio Benefit Bank conference in September 2010 through the end of November 2010, more than 115,000 plates have been shipped out from the OASHF office in Columbus, with more than 1,200 completed plates returned to date.

To learn more about the OASHF Paper Plate Project, request paper plates be sent to your organization or to virtually complete a paper plate visit www.paperplateproject.org. To learn about other ways in which to become involved in OASHF's fight against hunger visit www.oashf.org/about or call 614/221-4336.