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Foundation makes contribution to Shared Harvest Foodbank

With unemployment running at more than nine percent in Butler County, Shared Harvest Foodbank has received a generous donation to help purchase food to meet the increased demand for emergency assistance.

Based upon the recommendation of local Grainger Branch Manager, Tim Quinlisk, The Grainger Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Fairfield-based foodbank.

“We are proud to be helping Shared Harvest with this donation,” Quinlisk said. “It is important to help our local community during such extraordinary times. We hope this gift will make a difference.”

Grainger Foundation asked that its contribution be used to help the foodbank purchase food for its network of emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters, which are seeing increased requests for help.

The latest report from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services shows Butler County’s unemployment rate was 9.4% in April. The jobless rate in the city of Hamilton is nearly 11% while more than 12% of Middletown residents are out of work.

“This donation from the Grainger Foundation comes at the perfect time, because families in need have to provide extra meals for their children during the summer months when schools are on summer break,” said Shared Harvest Executive Director Tina Osso.

The Grainger Foundation funding, coupled with a record-setting food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers, will go a long way toward providing sufficient food for the foodbank’s network partners **over the summer months**. The NALC food drive produced donations of more than 74,000 pounds of food in Butler County alone.

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