

## 10 Reasons to Volunteer

- 1) Get involved with your community.
- 2) It is a great opportunity to learn more about hunger.
- 3) It is an excellent networking opportunity.
- 4) We have a lot of fun, and would love to have you join us.
- 5) Any amount of time, commitment and enthusiasm helps fight hunger.
- 6) Meet other exciting people and make new friends.
- 7) Demonstrate community support on your resume.
- 8) Develop and practice new skills.
- 9) Make a difference in many lives.
- 10) Together, we will create a future without hunger.

**Volunteers are seldom paid;** not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!  
--author unknown

## Mission Statement

*The West Ohio Food Bank is a nonprofit service organization dedicated to alleviating hunger in the West Ohio area by uniting the public and private sectors in raising awareness of hunger needs. Our primary commitment to the eleven counties we serve is to find, rescue, and distribute food to hungry people through an efficient network of charities.*



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# VOLUNTEERING

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***Become a part  
of the solution in  
alleviating hunger  
within your  
community***



Member agency of:  
United Way of Greater Lima, Inc.  
United Way of Putnam County  
United Way of Paulding County  
United Way of Van Wert County, Inc.  
United Way of Hancock County

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## Warehouse Support

**Repack:**  
We welcome individuals and groups in our warehouse year round. Volunteer to repack bulk food for distribution. *We could not repack and deliver bulk food in a timely manner without your help!*

**Food Sorting:**  
Help sort food drive foods. Check for expiration dates and damaged goods. The foods are then sorted by food groups and repacked into boxes for our senior food boxes and member charities.

**Order Coordination:**  
Assist the food bank's Warehouse Manager and Inventory Controller by helping prepare the orders that our member charities have scheduled to pick up or have delivered.

## Community Support

**Food and Fund Drives:**  
The Food Bank relies heavily on community support to help feed the hungry in our 11 county service area. Why not host a food or fund drive at your business, school, church, etc? *Every \$1 donated to the West Ohio Food Bank allows us to bring 25 pounds of grocery-type items to our docks!*

**Host a Mobile Pantry:**  
Mobile Pantries are a quick, easy, inexpensive way that any non-profit organization can provide massive amounts of help to people in need. Service Clubs or Churches can pay for the delivery to the location of their choice to distribute this product. The cost is \$500.00 for 5,000 pounds of food.

## Office Support

**Office Help:**  
Volunteers with phone and/or computer skills are needed to assist with filing, mailings, data entry, answering phones and greeting guests.

## Program Support

**Backpack Program:**  
The backpack program fills the gap left on weekends when children do not have access to after-school breakfasts and/or lunches. This program focuses on distributing nutritious, easy to prepare food to children at risk of hunger. Presently, this program is only for students in the Lima City Elementary Schools. Help pack the bags or hold a food drive to supply children with weekend meals.

**CSFP and WOFB Senior Food Boxes:**  
CSFP is a federally funded program which supplies seniors, who are 60+ years of age and meet income guidelines, with a 32-40 lb. box of food each month.

WOFB food boxes provide seniors who are 50+ years of age and meet income guidelines with a box of food each month. These boxes are solely funded by the West Ohio Food Bank, with assistance by the United Way of Greater Lima. Presently, this program is only for residents of Allen County.

Hold a food drive to help support the inventory needed for the WOFB boxes or volunteer to pack both types of boxes. *The seniors will appreciate your help!*