

Press Release

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GCPL branches to serve as food drive drop-off sites for 4-H *Local 4-H clubs to benefit Geauga Hunger Task Force*

August 3, 2017 – Geauga County - Local 4-H groups are stepping up to help the hungry in Geauga. They are holding a food drive to help increase donations to the Geauga Hunger Task Force's seven local food pantries throughout the county. Ben Obringer and Dan Takacs, co-chairs of the food drive, are partnering with Augustine Kellis of Kellis Eye Center on this joint fund-raiser. The food drive runs through August 27, 2017.

There is great need: 2,800 families, or 8% of households in Geauga County, live on incomes of \$15,000 or less, yearly. The mission of the Geauga Task Force is to ensure that no resident of Geauga County goes hungry. All money raised to help aid the Geauga Hunger Task Force stays in Geauga County. Dr. Kellis is a trustee on the Geauga Hunger Task Force and has dedicated himself to ridding the county of hunger. He has offered to match all monetary donations raised by 4-H clubs in the name of the Task Force dollar for dollar, including a match of \$.50 for each canned item, up to \$30,000.

Needed items include:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stews, macaroni & cheese)
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Powered baby formula
- Pasta
- Rice
- Diapers
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and bath tissue.

Checks should be made out to: Geauga Hunger Task Force and mailed to: Kellis Eye Center (c/o Debbie Turk), 150 Seventh Ave, Suite 100, Chardon, OH 44024 (440-285-2020).



About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Gauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; two Bookmobiles that serve rural areas and community centers; a Lobby Stop vehicle; a car for homebound patrons; and an administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 750,000 books and ebooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 400 research databases available through its website. GCPL is a member of the Clevnet consortium, giving patrons access to more than 12 million items. Learn more about the Geauga County Public Library at the GCPL website, GaugaLibrary.net.

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Caption: All GCPL Branches are accepting donations to support local 4-H clubs' drive for the Gauga Hunger Task Force. Bins are at all GCPL locations. The drive runs through Aug. 27.