

## 2023 Summer Stats



### 13,102 Lunches Served

Our eleven weeks of serving lunches began on Friday, May 26 in the area covered by Berkshire, Cardinal and Chardon Schools. On June 5 we added the West Geauga School District. Our last day was Monday, August 14, 2023.

During those eleven weeks we served 13,102 lunches. This is a 39% increase from the number of lunches we served in 2022.

### 329 Children Representing 127 Families

While 329 children were registered for the summer lunch program representing 127 families. The number of children registered in 2023 increased by 46% from 2022. The number of families in 2023 increased by 50% from last year.

On an average day we served 254 children. Not every child received lunch every day. There were families with transportation issues or medical issues. But the number one reason we did not serve the other 75 children, is that parents were working and did not have a way to pick up lunch. Unfortunately, we did not have enough volunteers to zig zag throughout each township to drop lunch off to the child at home.

- 6 children were from Auburn
- 4 children were from Bainbridge
- 39 children were from Burton
- 37 children were from Chardon
- 13 children were from Chesterland
- 10 children were from Claridon – Chardon School District
- 17 children were from Claridon – Berkshire School District

- 1 child was from Dorset
- 1 child was from Garrettsville
- 21 children were from Hambden
- 15 children were from Huntsburg
- 46 children were from Middlefield
- 24 children were from Montville
- 7 children were from Munson
- 36 children were from Newbury
- 11 children were from Parkman
- 18 children were from Thompson
- 12 children were from Troy
- 2 children were from Wickliffe
- 5 children were from Windsor

## **Ages**

All children in school and younger were able to participate in our lunch program. The ages of our registered children were as follows:

- 8 – age 1
- 13 – age 2
- 14 – age 3
- 23 – age 4
- 14 – age 5
- 28 – age 6
- 25 – age 7
- 28 – age 8
- 29 – age 9
- 21 – age 10
- 18 – age 11
- 32 – age 12
- 14 – age 13
- 19 – age 14
- 14 – age 15
- 22 – age 16
- 6 – age 17
- 1 – age 18

## **151 Volunteers**

“Now That’s What I’m Talking About!” – Summer Lunch, a Claridon Community Helps program is 100% volunteer driven. There are no paid employees.

126 Volunteers donated 2,443 hours this summer on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday mornings preparing and packing lunches. An additional 308 hours were spent on the program outside of Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning between the first day we started serving lunch and the last day.

At the end of the summer, 263 delivery routes were made possible by 32 volunteers. These 32 volunteers (7 of which also helped prepare lunch) gave 526 hours of their time and the cost of operating their vehicles to deliver lunch to the children.

In total 151 volunteers, more than double the number of volunteers from last year, gave 3,277 hours of their time and talent this summer. Of these 151 volunteers, 78 were adults and 73 were students.

## **21 Delivery Locations – 22 Homes – 1 Apartment Complex**

Each day eight drivers delivered to multiple locations within the county. Some lunches were even delivered to the home of the child(ren) if the parent did not have transportation or would be at work and not able to bring the child(ren) to pick up lunch at the delivery time. This was also contingent upon their home being on the route the driver was already traveling to a public location to meet families. Others were picked up at Claridon Congregational Church. The rest were delivered to the following locations where families met our drivers to gather the children’s lunches.

### ***Burton:***

- *Burton Library*
- *Tiffany’s Learning Center*

### ***Chardon:***

- *Chardon Christian Fellowship Church*

### ***Chesterland:***

- *Chesterland Park*

**Claridon:**

- Claridon Congregational Church
- Jacques
- Aquilla Village
- Headwaters Park

**Hambden:**

- Leaders

**Huntsburg:**

- Huntsburg Town Hall

**Middlefield**

- Middlefield Library
- Mineral Lake Park
- Tiffany's Learning Center

**Montville:**

- Montville Community Center

**Newbury:**

- Veterans Legacy Woods
- Newbury Town Hall
- West Geauga Self Storage

**Parkman:**

- St Edward's Parish

**Thompson:**

- Thompson Methodist Church
- Rustic Pines

**Troy:**

- Troy Community House

**\$30,867.44 Total Expenses**

Total expenses for "Now That's What I'm Talking About!" – Summer Lunch program does not include Claridon Community Helps monthly insurance and telephone expenses. All expenses are paid from money received through donations and grants. It is not funded by the state or other agencies.

The cost per lunch was \$2.35. The estimated cost per lunch was \$3.21 per child. Thanks to numerous donations we were able deliver a homemade meal 86 cents below our estimated cost per meal.

## **\$27,880.41 in Food Expenses**

Food purchased for the children totaled \$27,880.41. Even though the number of children went up 40% from last year, our food expenses only increased 36%.

This was possible because of the very large donations of meat and lunch meat from Geauga Food Pantries and Maple View Mennonite Church. We also held a food drive on May 5 in almost all of the Geauga County Schools for shelf stable items. This greatly reduced the items we had to purchase.

## **\$2,987.03 in Non-Food Expenses**

The children served went up 40% this year, but our non-food expenses decreased by 2% from last year. This was possible for a variety of reasons. First, University Hospital – Geauga donated the tins we use to serve the hot lunches. Second, in December we held a count down to Christmas in which families donated the non-food items we needed such as paper lunch bags and sandwich bags. Third, additional non-food items were brought in during our food drive at the beginning of May in local schools.

## **1 Amazing Community**

Claridon Community Helps was able to offer “Now That’s What I’m Talking About!” – Summer Lunch program to all families because of the amazing community we live in. Together we are making a difference!

# Thank You!

- **Claridon  
Congregational  
Church**
- **151 Volunteers**
- A Kid at Art for the Heart
- Amanda Holschuh
- Amy Hochschild
- Andre & Lisa Kotlar
- Anne & Sid Clouser
- Anonymous Donors
- Arms Trucking Co
- Autumn & Phil Rogers
- Barb & Dave Partington
- Barb Stocker
- Barb Townsend
- Barbara Mullally
- Becky Samardge
- Berkshire Athletic  
Boosters
- Berkshire Fire Prevention  
Program
- Berkshire School
- Beth McCaffrey
- Bev McClelland
- Bud & Alice Armstrong
- Bunnie Myers
- Burton Congregational  
Church, Good Samaritan  
Fund
- Burton Middlefield Rotary
- Cardinal Schools
- Carol Brockway
- Carol Geisman
- Carole Drabek
- Carolyn & Doug Price
- Catherine Myers
- Chanel Ondecker
- Chardon Christian  
Fellowship
- Chardon Fire Department
- Chardon Schools
- Chardon VFW Post 6519
- Cheryl Baker
- Chris DiFranco
- Cindy & Skip Boehnlein
- Cindy Gardner
- Cindy Taylor
- Claudia Toth
- Community Church  
Chesterland
- Cynthia Robinson
- Danielle Queen
- Dave & Joy Stang
- Dawn Tolchinsky
- Debbie Scott
- Debra & Ron Barak
- Diane Long
- Diane Pierce
- Distinctive Woodworks
- Donna McCaskey
- Donna Vaccariello
- Dumpster Bandit
- Dylan & Emily Cozens
- Elizabeth Godwin
- Ellen & Dean McDougall-  
Peska
- Emma Maloney
- Fig Tree
- Frank & Karen Majewski
- Geauga County Food  
Pantries
- Geauga County Hunger  
Task Force

- Geauga County Maple Festival
- Geauga County Transit
- Geauga Faith Rescue Mission
- Geauga Mechanical
- Great Lakes Growers
- Gwen Petrik
- Gwenn Zoeller
- Helen Thomas
- Hemly Tool Supply
- Heritage Meats
- Hershey Montessori School
- His Daughter
- Hope DuRoss
- Huntsburg Grange
- Iliam Cortes
- Jaime Fisher
- Janet Sherman
- Jeannine Soltis
- Jenna Gehring
- Jennifer Ambrose
- JoAnn Podany
- Jodi Noll
- Joe Pokorny
- John & Bev Brazofsky
- John & Lori Riha
- John Miller
- Jonathan Tiber
- Judah's Productions
- Judy Starr
- Julie Yedlick
- Karen Perko
- Kathy Pinkava
- Kathy Schaefer
- Kathy Smith
- Katie Stansberry
- Kelly Emerine
- Kevin & Deb Morgan
- Kiwanis Club of East Geauga
- Kok Leffel
- Kristi Buzcak
- Kristine Sheets
- Lake Geauga Recovery
- Laura Lawrence
- Laurel Ljubi
- Leanne Sidley
- Leslie Smetana
- Lois Tiber
- LuAnn Burger
- Lydia McKenzie
- Mapledale Landscaping
- Marcy Olgiate
- Maria Lausin
- Mark & Karen Miller
- Mark & Kimberley Frieling
- Mary Ellen & Dave Hoffman
- MaryJo & Bob Maxwell
- Mathew & Heather Ziska
- Matt Petersen
- McCaskey Landscape & Design
- Megan Gannon
- Melanie Wantz
- Meyers, Roman, Friedbert & Lewis
- Michelle May
- Mike & Dawn Farrell
- Missy Noble
- Nancy Bihary
- Nancy Tiber
- Nancy Wright
- Nathan Arthur
- New Mercies Church
- New Testament Baptist Church
- NOPEC
- Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation
- Pam Austin
- Patrick & Kathy Dowd

- Pattie Group
- Patty Loveland
- Paulette Colwill
- Peg & Mike Welkinson
- Renee Walker
- Robin San Filippo
- Roger Mezak
- Rowdy Cow Creamery of  
Hastings Dairy
- Sally Harmasek
- Sandy Glasscock
- Save A Lot
- Sew Sew Sweet 4H Club
- Solid Rock LLC
- Sonya Kaser
- St. Helen's Teen Life
- St. Mary School
- St. Patrick's Church
- Stormi Fletcher
- Sue West
- Tanya Klingman
- Terri Berman
- Terry Zion
- Tim Frank Septic Tank  
Cleaning
- Tom Duncan
- Tracy & Bonnie Jemison
- Tracy Heck
- University Hospital  
Geauga
- Vinney's Italian Kitchen
- Wendy White
- West Geauga Schools
- Women United of United  
Way Services of Geauga