

# SSCM FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER



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## OUR MISSION

SSCM Food Pantry is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit food pantry located in and focused on serving the south side of Columbus, Ohio, which provides at least a 3-day supply of food to individuals and families in need.



## Did you know?

The pantry's website provides information helpful to clients such as upcoming open dates and times.

As a volunteer, be sure to check out the **new NEWSLETTER tab on the website** which now has downloadable versions of previous SSCM Food Pantry newsletters.

## THIS MONTH'S MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF SSCM FOOD PANTRY

The SSCM Food Pantry Volunteer Survey 2022 is now complete! Thank you to our volunteers who took their valuable time to share their points of view on topics ranging from our open days/hours, distribution model, and overall operation and beyond. The volunteers who took the survey spent an average of 7 minutes completing 100% of the ten questions. While most questions were multiple choice, a few provided an option for written comments, and many contributed their opinions and ideas for improving our pantry operation. While the opinions of all are valuable, 64% of those completing the survey have at least five years of experience (or more) volunteering at the SSCM food pantry which means many of the insights are rooted in experience and familiarity with what has worked well and not so well over the long haul. From the Board's perspective, we now have key information to review and digest, which we will translate into actions to help us to become an even more effective operation moving forward.

## Thank You, Volunteers!

Cheryl Harrison, President  
Ruth Ann Farthing, Secretary  
Sharon Coil  
JoEllen Hahn  
Linda Langhorst  
Karen Trifonoff

Bob Robenalt, Vice President  
Mary Kelly Minner, Treasurer  
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Roger Suppes  
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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

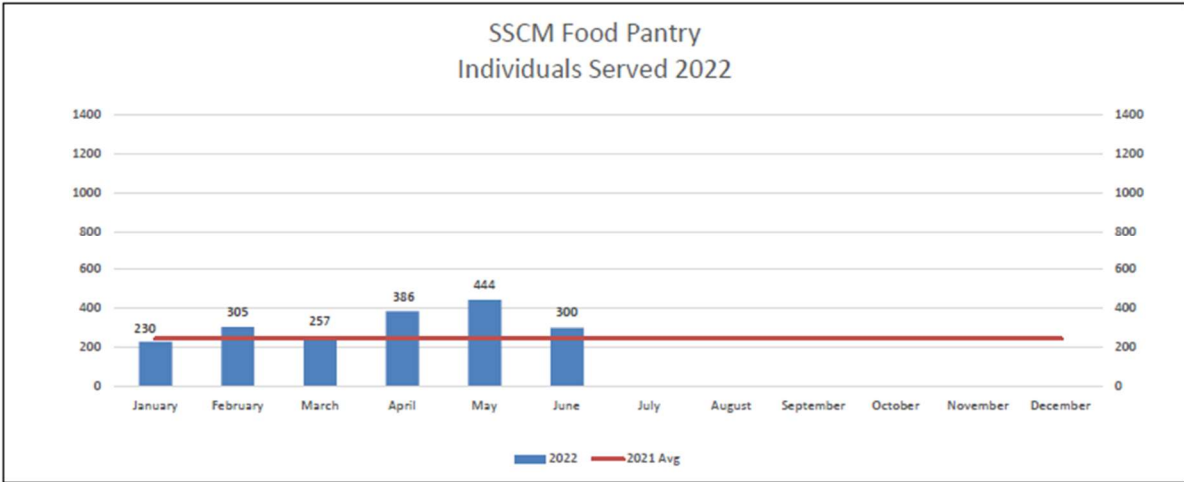
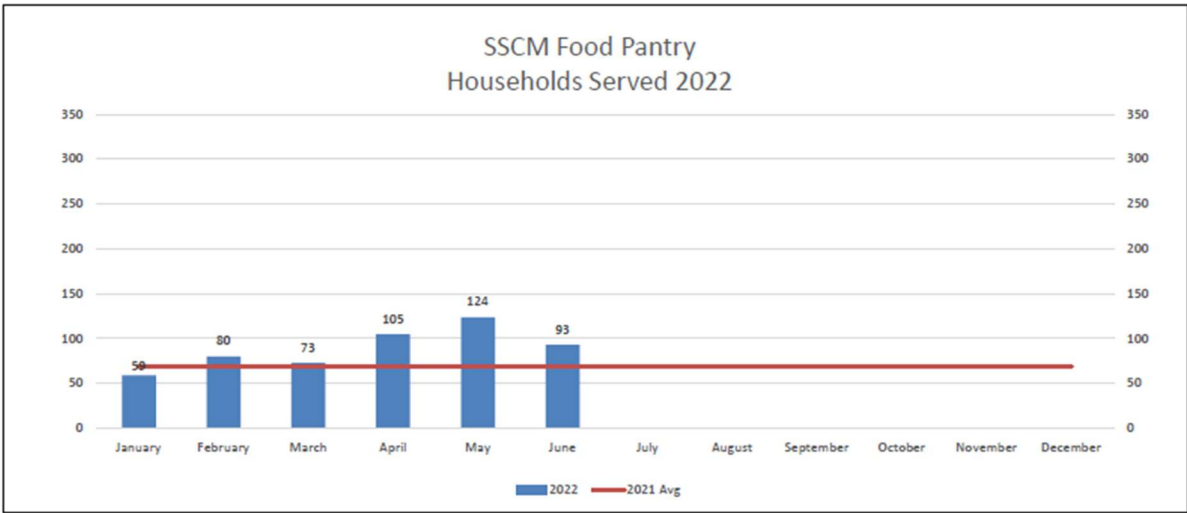
**Unloading MOFB Food Order August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at the Pantry - Extra Hands ALWAYS Welcome!!**

Contact Bob Robenalt at (614) 561-5003 for more information on unloading.

**Next Pantry Open Weeks**  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

**Next Produce Market**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>  
2935 Bulen Avenue

# Service Statistics – January to June 2022



More than 23,000 meals distributed through June 30<sup>th</sup>!



## Dollars & Cents at the Pantry

Near the end of each calendar year, the Board of SSCM Food Pantry creates an operational budget for both the anticipated donations and anticipated expenses during the coming year. At the July Board meeting each year, the half year totals (January through June) of donations and expenses are compared to our prior estimates. This allows us the opportunity to determine if we need to make budget adjustments to avoid a shortfall at the end of the year. Options the Board considers include the quantity of food (or number of meals) distributed to each family during the second half of the year, delaying replacement of budgeted critical equipment (like coolers and freezers) and reallocating those budgeted funds to purchasing food. In addition, if donations are down or below budgeted targets, extra emphasis is placed on fundraising during the last six months of the year. The Board's comparison of the budgeted allocations to actual expenses through June 2022, revealed that 69% of the total dollars in the food category had been spent halfway through the year. The revenue side was within expectations overall, but the donations from Fundraising was down by nearly 74%, and donations from individuals was 50% below anticipated levels. During the second half of 2022, emphasis will be placed on fundraising, and distributing a higher percentage of fresh produce available during open week Shop-Thru at the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. Whatever it takes, the Board will always strive to maintain distribution of at least a 3-day supply of food to each family, so we fulfill our Mission to feed the hungry in Columbus and beyond.



Pictured above is daily Shop-Thru produce gathered by our volunteers from Mid-Ohio Food Collective on a day during our June open week. This produce will become even more important as we work to stretch our budget food dollars in the coming months.

*A Special THANK YOU to  
All our Shop-Thru  
VOLUNTEERS! We couldn't  
fulfill the mission of the  
pantry without the fresh  
produce YOU deliver!*



*St. Mary's Young Adult Group*



*Wednesday Crew Members: Bonnie, Mary & Jan*



*June Truck Unloading Crew*

*A Heartfelt Thank You*  
**TO ALL OF OUR  
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**  
We couldn't do it without you!

*Crew Members unloading June food order*



*George & Bob unloading Shop-Thru*