

## Where Will My Produce Donation Go?

The Toledo Seagate Food Bank distributes food to approved, non-profit agencies that serve those in need. Agencies may not sell the food or charge for meals. Some of the organizations helping to feed the hungry of Northwestern Ohio include:

- Food pantries
- Hot meal programs
- Elderly housing projects
- After-school programs
- Emergency shelters
- Community Outreach Centers

Your donation will ensure that those who are hungry will continue to receive the most basic of needs – food.



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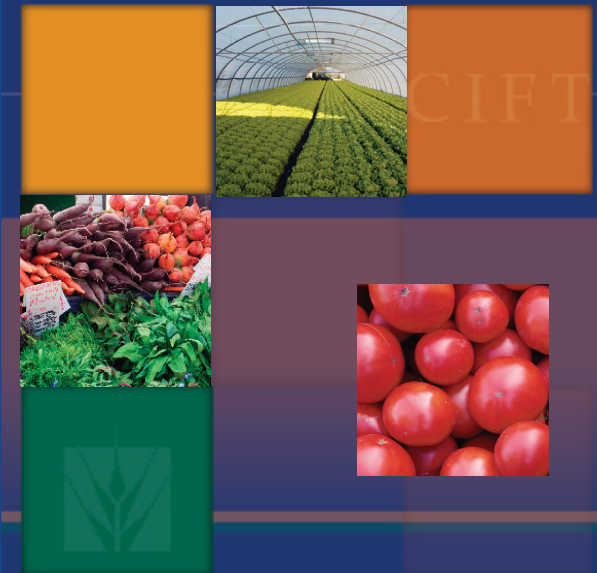
## About Toledo Seagate Food Bank

The Food Bank is a 501c 3 non-profit organization that was established in 1982 as a regional food clearing house serving 18 Northwestern Ohio counties. The Food Bank collects donated food from manufacturers, processors, wholesale and retail grocers, and individuals as it becomes available. Annually the Food Bank distributes up to 15 million pounds of food to over 500 organizational programs. Fresh local foods are always in great demand, especially during the summer months when they are plentiful. But hunger knows no season. The Food Bank has served over two million individuals year round since its humble beginning.

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## Grow a Row for the Hungry Project

Make a difference in the fight  
against hunger.

A joint venture of:  
Toledo Seagate Food Bank and  
the Center for Innovative Food Technology

## Grow a Row Registration

**Sign me up!**  
**I'm ready to help feed the hungry**  
**in Northwest Ohio.**  
**Please send me an information**  
**packet.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not able to grow for the hungry but would love to donate my time to help where needed.



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## Farmers and Gardeners Can Make A Difference

With the start of the growing season, we're looking for farmers and gardeners like you to help feed the hungry in Northwest Ohio by planting an extra row in your garden. By signing up for the "Grow A Row" program, you agree to bring the excess to our site, or a non-profit in your county that will make sure it is distributed to help feed those in need. If you do not have room to plant an extra row, sign up to donate the excess produce nearly all gardens produce. We do ask that the produce be free of spoilage and without heavy bruising.

Produce donations can be dropped off at a site in your county. You will be notified of the site when you register along with a map to the site and the days and times of operation. Those with large loads can call the Toledo Seagate Food Bank and make arrangements for pickup in the field, in totes or boxes on the farm, or even work with gleaners to pick excess from the fields. Our volunteers are courteous and registered with our office. The Toledo Seagate Food Bank also insures volunteers who help with gleaning and pickup.

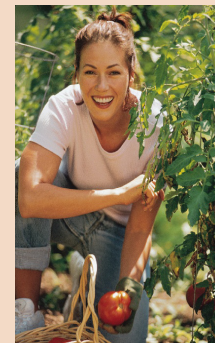
Donations are recorded by pounds and receipts will be available to donors who wish to claim a deduction on their taxes. It all adds up: a bushel of sweet corn can feed

36 people, a bushel of tomatoes can feed 15 families, a bushel of peaches can feed 18 and a bushel of zucchini can feed over 20 people.

### What you Get for Joining:

- A packet of information with suggestions on what to grow.
- "Grow A Row" Marker for your garden/farm.
- A listing of all organizations that will benefit from your grown donation.
- The knowledge that you helped the hungry in Northwest Ohio.

No donation is too small or too large. Even if you have a bushel of tomatoes, your donation is needed!



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