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Panerathons Set Pace in Race to Feed Ohio's Hungry Children

Panera-sponsored competitions create awareness for cause in Columbus, Dayton



Participants of all ages begin the Dayton Panerathon 5K race in April.

Whether it's the race held in Dayton or Columbus, the winners of both annual Panerathon 5K races remain the same: children in Ohio threatened by hunger and obesity.

"That's the whole point," said Jim Henry, Senior Vice President of Finance and Development for Children's Hunger Alliance. "The races are a great way to get sponsors, a great partner like Panera Bread and the community involved in fun days of activities. But it's all done with the kids in mind. Childhood hunger remains a serious problem. We need to stop it."

Henry's staff, Panera and Premier Racing are diligently working to put the final preparatory touches on Central Ohio's fifth annual Panerathon 5K race, which will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. More than 700 runners and walkers of all ages are expected to hit the streets of Upper Arlington to benefit Children's Hunger Alliance. The race is part of a morning full of activities that also will include an activity fair beginning at 9 a.m. and a kid's fun run at 9:30. All activities, including the start and completion of the race, will begin behind the Panera location at Kingsdale off of Tremont Road and Northwest Boulevard.

The Columbus race follows the Dayton event held April 25 at Centerville High School. A record 652

runners and walkers participated, much to the delight of Jeff Rains, President of Breads of the World, which operates Panera Bread bakery-cafes in Dayton and Columbus.

"This year's Panerathon was yet again a tremendous success! Every year it's great to see even more runners and walkers out there supporting Children's Hunger Alliance," Rains said. "The community in Dayton has been a key part of Panera Bread's philanthropic efforts, and we are excited to have the opportunity to support such a worthy cause."

Key sponsors of the Dayton event, staged in conjunction with the agency's Dayton staff, included: City of Centerville; Centerville City Schools; Grange Insurance; Limited Brands - Victoria's Secret Direct; Miami Valley South Health Center; Dean Investments; Alley Cat Design; Lion Apparel; Mix 107.7 FM and Lite 99.9 FM. Special thanks to Victoria's Secret Direct and Kohl's Department Stores for supplying volunteers.

Registration for the Columbus Panerathon will begin in June. To register, obtain information about the entry fees, or for more information about the race, please go to www.PremierRaces.com. Information also is available at www.ChildrensHungerAlliance.org.

CHA Pushes Forward in Quest to Aid Ohio Children in Need

New CEO Langenhop takes agency's case for continued support to Ohio legislature

Children's Hunger Alliance has been very fortunate to have received state funding in the last few budgets and has been actively engaged in Ohio's biennial budget process.

Mary Lou Langenhop, Children's Hunger Alliance's CEO, testified before the House Finance and Appropriations Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee, as well as the full committee. Langenhop requested a continuation of \$1.9 million in funding each year to support the agency's work in growing USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

In her testimony, Langenhop detailed the great strides Ohio is making. Ohio has been ranked by USDA as one of the top five states in growth in school breakfast participation for the past four years. The state has seen 38 percent growth since the 2003-2004 school year, and growth has been dramatic in the Appalachian counties where participation has increased by 77 percent. Urban schools have also seen an increase despite enrollment losses.

In addition, Ohio has consistently outpaced the national average with respect to the Summer Food Service Program. From 2006 to 2007, Ohio saw a 7.9 percent increase in the number of sponsors of summer meal programs, while the national average was a meager 0.2 percent. The number of afterschool sites offering snacks and meals and family child care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program has also increased.

These strides would not have been possible without the General Assembly's support. State funds have gone toward sharing best practices with schools on how to increase actual participation in USDA Nutrition Programs and toward efforts to strengthen the network of child care food sponsors. The funds have also brought back more than \$260 million in federal reimbursement dollars to Ohio schools and communities.

Much work remains to be done. Only 40 percent of low-income students participate in the School Breakfast Program and less than 10 percent of students participate in the Summer Food Service Program. Langenhop stated that a continued investment of \$1.9 million each year could allow the agency and partners to reach at least another 50,000 children and help to bring in an additional \$50 million in new dollars to Ohio schools and communities.

Langenhop explained the crucial role Children's Hunger Alliance plays in the Hunger Network. "When a child is fed through one of the child nutrition programs, it is one less meal a family has to buy with their precious Food Assistance dollars," she stated.

With the strong support of members in House leadership and on the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, the House included \$2 million each year in the budget for the agency -- \$500,000 each year through the Ohio Department of Education to expand access to child nutrition programs and \$1.5 million each year through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for Child Nutrition Program outreach efforts.

Despite the success in the House, the state's budget remains a strong concern. Budget experts believe that updated revenue estimates will require significant adjustments to the bill. Legislators are anticipated to cut at least \$1 billion in the Senate and could ultimately cut as much as \$3 billion before the budget is balanced.

This will be a very tight budget and difficult choices will have to be made. The support Children's Hunger Alliance has received from the state has made a significant difference in the lives of thousands of children throughout Ohio. We will continue to advocate on behalf of the many children who still struggle with issues of hunger and work to connect them to resources that will help.

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Langenhop Takes Reins at Children's Hunger Alliance

Feeding Ohio's hungry children requires broad support, vision



CEO Mary Lou Langenhop

Thank you for taking a moment to read this edition of Hungerline, the newsletter of Children's Hunger Alliance. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Mary Lou Langenhop. I took over as chief executive officer and president of this agency in March and I'm excited to be here. I succeeded Bill Dolan, who retired after 14 years at the helm. As Bill's successor, I hope to continue to build

on this organization's legacy of effectiveness.

First, a bit of background. My entire professional career has been devoted to working on behalf of those in need. As former director of the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, I bring a 30-plus year record of helping those Ohioans most in need. I understand the myriad problems associated with hunger. I have seen first-hand the impact it has had on a child's ability to function and achieve in school, to develop properly. And I know the powerful contributions ongoing nutrition education and physical fitness activities can make in these children's lives.

I arrive at Children's Hunger Alliance in a period of economic uncertainty for our state. Many of our families and their children are facing tough times. Jobs are being lost. Scores of parents and caregivers are struggling to consistently provide nutritious food to the children in their care. As we all know, children threatened by poor nutrition and outright hunger are hurt in their ability to develop into their full potential. Their ability to attend and achieve in school is impaired. Their physical fitness is jeopardized. We do not find this situation acceptable.

As unfortunate as this scenario is, there is reason for hope. Children's Hunger Alliance works daily through proven federal initiatives involving no- and low-cost school breakfast and lunch, afterschool snacks and summer feeding programs to consistently bring healthy food to the children in Ohio who need it. We and others in the fight against childhood hunger are making great inroads. But we have much work to do.

As we head into the summer months, a primary thrust of our work is in enrolling children throughout the state

into summer feeding programs in their neighborhoods. By calling 800-481-6885, parents and caregivers will be able to find enrollment information and locations near them that provide free, nutritious breakfasts and lunches for the children in their care. Our Web site, www.ChildrensHungerAlliance.org, contains similar information.

Our work also includes ongoing conversations with state legislators about the importance of state funding in expanding participation in these federal child nutrition programs. This funding helps us expand the reach of these programs and get nutritious meals to Ohio children.

In 2008, our work helped more children and those who care for them than ever before. This would not have been possible without the gracious committed support of our many partners and friends: schools, policy makers, youth-serving organizations, faith-based groups, child care providers, donors and volunteers. You have generously loaned your time and expertise, you have volunteered and you have financially contributed. For this we thank you.

With sustained support from partners and friends like you, our organization will continue to be a powerful solution, educating, advocating and leading in the fight to end childhood hunger in Ohio. We will work tirelessly on the behalf of every hungry child in Ohio to ensure them having the best possible start in life. It is our passion.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Langenhop
President and Chief Executive Officer

Agency a Critical Voice for Most Basic of Human Needs

Rector views maintaining and expanding funding as a top board priority

Susan Rector, Children's Hunger Alliance board and committee member, is a partner with the law firm Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn based in Columbus.

What inspired you to get involved with Children's Hunger Alliance?

SR: The important task of feeding hungry children and nourishing their minds is a compelling cause. In addition, I look forward to becoming more involved with an agency that maintains strict adherence to its mission and does not get off track.

What would you like to see the board accomplish this year?

SR: First and foremost, we as the board need to maintain, and if possible, expand, funding as part of the State of Ohio budget to be effective July 1, 2009. In this challenging environment, the board is fortunate to have members who are both elected public officials and those adept at advocating in the public arena to help accomplish this ambitious goal.

What is the most satisfying part of your involvement with the board?

SR: I enjoy working with the dedicated, highly-capable staff and exemplary fellow board members to advance an important community cause in our local community and across the State of Ohio.

How do you utilize your expertise to benefit Children's Hunger Alliance?

SR: As Chair of the Development Committee, and by participating in the Executive Committee, I am able to utilize the skills I have gained from working with other community nonprofit organizations. Over the years, I have used my legal training to assist with general corporate and nonprofit law issues and assisted the agency to obtain federal trademark registration when the agency changed its name, logo and branding.

Why is Children's Hunger Alliance important to you?

SR: Simply put, Children's Hunger Alliance is a critical voice for the most basic of needs -- food and educational assistance -- for one in six children at risk of poor nutrition in Ohio.



Susan Rector



Children's Hunger Alliance CEO Mary Lou Langenhop joins U.S. Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy and Chuck Gehring, President and CEO of Lifecare Alliance, for a Kilroy press conference on March 20 at Lifecare's Meals-on-Wheels Distribution Center in Columbus

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Key Newspaper Voices Speak on Behalf of Agency's Work

Agency garners editorial support in its push to promote hunger solutions

Earlier this year, Children's Hunger Alliance officials approached the editorial boards of several influential Ohio newspapers to support the agency's crucial work advocating for federal meal programs fight against childhood hunger.

Particular motivation for the visits centered on the release of the agency's annual Hunger Report in December, which showed that Ohio leaves approximately \$105 million in potential federal meal reimbursement dollars on the table because not all kids who qualify for these meals participate in the programs.

The visits also occurred during the state's biennial budget process for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Children's Hunger Alliance is seeking continued funding in this budget.

The visits proved productive, with three papers penning editorials in support of the agency's effectiveness, including the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Akron Beacon Journal and Youngstown Vindicator newspapers.

The Vindicator

According to the Vindicator: "There's no argument that Ohio is in the midst of one of the most trying times in recent history, and the plan detailed by the governor to balance the budget will require sacrifice by all Ohioans. But the question that must be asked is this: Why is it that one in six children is either hungry or at risk of going hungry?"

"Or more to the point, why is it that 63 percent of the 500,000 low-income students in Ohio do not participate in the school breakfast program; 17 percent do not take part in the National School Lunch Program; and, 90 percent of low-income students do not participate in the Summer Food Service Program?"

The money to pay for breakfast, lunch, after school and summer feeding programs is available from the federal government, but it is up to the state government and local school districts to take the initiative."

"... The data provided by the Children's Hunger Alliance shows that in the past five years there has been tremendous growth in the breakfast and summer meal programs in Ohio.

"The support of past and present governors and legislators has proved to be invaluable in expanding the participation of Ohio's young people, especially those coming from households below the poverty level.

"But it is also clear that much more needs to be done.

"Indeed, with Gov. Strickland's emphasis on education, especially in the early years when the learning is most critical, ensuring that hunger is not an impediment must be a priority."

The sentiment was echoed by the Beacon Journal and the Plain Dealer

wants to direct to cash assistance, child care and other direct services, he said.

"The governor's argument is understandable -- until you hear the other side.

"That \$2 million used to spread the word about good nutrition, and about food programs available during the school year and the summertime.

"Perhaps more important, it helped bring back \$267 million in federal reimbursement money to food providers.

"If poor youngsters are expected to go to school for 200 days instead of 180, and attend full-day kindergarten, some toast in the morning at school and a turkey sandwich at lunch might help them crack the books more effectively."

AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

The Beacon-Journal: "Children's Hunger Alliance fared much better in the House budget. The group receives \$1.9 million a year in state funds to work with schools, child-care and youth organizations to expand participation in the national meal programs -- school breakfasts, lunches, after-school snacks and summer meals. In the 2007-2008 school year, the programs leveraged \$400 million in federal funds for Ohio.

"The group's funding vanished in the governor's plan. The House, wisely, restored the funding and bumped it up to \$2 million a year. The alliance expects to draw an extra \$50 million in federal money and reach an additional 50,000 children.

"Considering the effects of hunger and poor nutrition on the health and development of children, the budget requests of hunger groups are a pittance. The House performed better in recognizing as much."

THE PLAIN DEALER

According to the Plain Dealer: "Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland's school budget, which is now under repair, called for more registered nurses, counselors and family coordinators.

"Somehow, though, it failed to call for nearly \$2 million for an organization that makes it easier for youngsters to get breakfast or lunch at school.

"The nonprofit Children's Hunger Alliance based in Columbus has had two strikes against it during this tough budgeting season, said Keith Dailey, the governor's spokesman.

"First, it's an earmark, which the governor doesn't support. Second, it uses welfare money that the governor

Menu of Hope Speaker Young Delivers Message of Optimism

Investing in nation's children key to country's recovery, future prosperity

Andrew Young told stories and delivered several messages to the crowd of nearly 1,000 guests attending the 14th Annual Menu of Hope Luncheon in February. For one, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations believes our system of government works. For another, the former mayor of Atlanta is convinced that we'll pull ourselves out of these difficult economic times because we always come together as a nation in times of crisis.

But his belief is predicated on a significant caveat: that as a nation we invest in and take care of our children, including getting them the sound nutrition they need to develop properly and lead our nation.

"If Duke (Energy) and Fifth Third (Bank) and Time Warner (Cable) want someone to be able to run them, they better make sure our youth are well fed and educated," Young, co-founding Principal and Chairman of GoodWorks International, said. "This generation will have to build up the banks and businesses later on."

"I was successful because I had good food and a good education."

This year's Menu of Hope Luncheon, sponsored by Duke Energy Corp. and co-chaired by Tom Hoaglin, retired President, Chairman and CEO of Huntington National Bank; Rhonda Fraas, President, Time Warner Cable Mid-Ohio Division; and the Honorable Mark Mallory, Mayor of Cincinnati, was held Feb. 11 in

Columbus. It again benefitted the nonprofit's endowment fund. It also marked the final Menu of Hope luncheon for former agency CEO Bill Dolan, who retired March 8.

Young, who also served as a top aide during the Civil Rights Movement to Dr. Martin Luther King, noted that he originally supported Hilary Clinton in the Democratic presidential campaign and did not think Barack Obama had a chance to grab the nomination for office. While the nation's challenges remain significant, he believes we will persevere.

"We are the kind of country that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. And the going is pretty tough (now)," he said.

Young believes the burden of the payback costs associated with the current deficit and bailout programs make it imperative that the nation properly prepare and care for its youth today.

"The challenge of the 21st century is to find ways to make society work for the poor -- or it will break down on us," Young said, noting that the federal school feeding programs are a way to give money to those at the bottom in order for them to "find their way to the top."

"These kids that you're feeding are the answer to the recession," he said. "They are our future leaders. Our nation will rely on them."



Andrew Young delivers the keynote address at the 2009 Menu of Hope Luncheon.

Agency Teams with NBC4 to Push Summer Feeding Enrollment

Site information available at 800-481-6885 or www.ChildrensHungerAlliance.org

Thanks to the support of NBC 4, Children's Hunger Alliance was able to use the station's airwaves May 20 to get the word out about summer feeding programs.

In a segment known as "Call 4," news anchors during the station's 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. news block discussed the plight of hungry children in Central Ohio and promoted the availability of more than 250 sites in the region that will serve no-cost nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks to kids enrolled in the USDA Summer Food Service Program. In addition, a panel of six experts were on hand throughout the newscasts to answer viewer questions about enrollment requirements, feeding site locations and general nutrition questions.

This marks the second consecutive year NBC 4 has assisted Children's Hunger Alliance with a Call 4 segment.

"As we all know, a child's need for nutritious food does not end when the school year

ends," said Charlie Kozlesky, Senior Vice President School and Summer Nutrition for Children's Hunger Alliance. "Nutritious food is available throughout the state in the summer for children. We are grateful that NBC 4 provided this great service through its Call 4, helping us get the word out. These kind of partnerships allow us to reach more children, which is what this is all about."

The agency would like to thank the following panelists for their service during the Call 4 segment: Greg Landsman, Director of the Ohio Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives; Michelle Mills, President of St. Stephen's Community House; Patti Harris, Columbus Recreation and Parks; Steve Garland, Grace Apostolic Church; and Todd Barnhouse, Ohio Department of Education.

Anyone interested in getting more information about the Summer Food Service Program should call 1-800-481-6885 or go to www.ChildrensHungerAlliance.org.



Spotlight: Northeast Region/Cleveland

Active office making a difference in lives of children

In an effort to establish an even greater foothold in northeast Ohio, Debra Parmer and the Northeast Ohio Regional Advisory Board of Children's Hunger Alliance have been aggressive in their outreach to establish new partnerships and friendships and to call attention to the plight of childhood hunger. The strategy appears to be paying off.

"We're fortunate in that we have a great board and a great staff committed to helping children, even in this difficult economy. We're grateful for the support we're receiving," said Debra Parmer, Regional Director of the agency's Northeast Ohio Office.

"We've got a lot on our plate, which is a very good thing. Our work is needed more than ever," Parmer added. Highlights include:

School and Summer Nutrition

- Planning for the 2009 Summer Food Service Program kick-off is underway. The event will be held at Luke Easter Park in Cleveland on June 12. Guests to be featured in the broadcast include legislators, city and school officials, summer feeding sponsors and sites.

- Board member Sandra Saltzman of Dave's Supermarket is listing the agency's 1-800-481-6885 telephone number for meal sites in its weekly circulator the last week of May. Dave's commitment is no surprise.

"With 13 locations, Dave's is the only retail food store to invest significantly in Cleveland during recent times. We are proud of our tradition of supporting numerous charities and civic causes which address food related needs and the well being of residents in local neighborhoods," she said. "As a natural extension of this commitment, Dave's has partnered with the Children's Hunger Alliance in hopes of breaking the cycle of childhood hunger.

The work done by the CHA touches the lives of our many of our customers and by working together, we are confident we can reach out to meet the needs of many more," said Saltzman.

- Board member Paula Shaw has arranged for the Cleveland office of Baker Hostetler to underwrite the cost of printing 55,000 copies of Cleveland's Summer Food Service Program site information for distribution.



Debra Parmer, CHA Regional Director, participates at the Passover Seder.

Care for Kids

- This year's annual Care for Kids Provider Recognition Event took place on May 2. The keynote speaker was Akil Marshall the founder and executive director of Dance Afrika Dance, a performing arts and education company that uses drum, dance, theatre and history to inform, entertain and educate audiences. Mr. Marshall shared relevant information which our Care for Kids providers have incorporated into learning experiences in their homes.

- This year's Care for Kids Annual Family Festival has

been scheduled July 10. The Northeast Ohio Regional Advisory Board has agreed to support this event by providing volunteers to help with set-up, games and craft-related activities as well as preparing and serving food to participants.

Dave's Supermarket has graciously agreed to underwrite all food costs. In addition, more new and fun activities and experiences for the children including the ability to experience nature and learn more about animals are being added to the agenda.

New Partnerships

- Junior League of Cleveland, Inc.: Has selected our Building Blocks program as its 2009-2010 Immediate Impact program partner. Several provider homes will be selected with the goal of renovating space where young children play and learn.

- Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland: Parmer was recently invited by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland to share information about the agency's work during the federation's Passover Seder. The Passover Seder is a ritualized Passover meal which is dedicated to increasing awareness and advocacy around child hunger through the teachings of Passover. A series of follow up meetings have been planned to determine ways in which our two organizations may work together.

- Cleveland Botanical Gardens: The Green Corps program of the Cleveland Botanical Garden has entered into a new partnership with Children's Hunger Alliance. Green Corps currently employs and works with students from Cleveland Metropolitan School District high schools.

Through this new partnership the students will be trained to install food gardens at Care for Kids provider homes and will work with the children on informal science education in healthy eating, gardening and ecology.

The Northeast Ohio Office of Children's Hunger Alliance is located at 3634 Euclid Ave., Suite 200, Cleveland, OH 44115. To learn more about Northeast Ohio/Cleveland activities and other partnering opportunities, please contact Debra Parmer, Regional Director, at 216-541-5915 ext. 202 or DParmer@ChildrensHungerAlliance.org.

Adidas, Agency Bring Athletic Shoes to 160 Cleveland Kids

Kaiser Permanente grant helps fund 'Footing for Fitness' initiative that encourages physical activity



"Now I have to tie them!" A STAIRS kid tries on his new shoes.

In an effort to promote physical fitness and help teach a group of Cleveland children ages 5-12 some important life skills, Children's Hunger Alliance, Kaiser Permanente and the Adidas Outlet Mall in Burbank have teamed on a powerful project.

Dubbed 'Footing for Fitness,' the initiative will deliver 160 pairs of properly fitted Adidas athletic shoes to Cleveland children in great need of the footwear. The shoes are being distributed in three batches.

"Physical activity is critical to good health yet many children are not active for the recommended amount of time each day," said Shannon Amos, a Children's Hunger Alliance Director. "One barrier to physical activity is not having proper footwear. Shoes that are too small or large or inappropriate for play discourage children from being physically active. Thanks to the generosity of Kaiser Permanente and the Adidas outlet store, 160 Cleveland children will be able to be more active."

The Footing for Fitness initiative was the brainchild of Children's Hunger Alliance staff. Many of the children in their care couldn't fully participate because of inadequate shoes. After a \$3,000 shoe voucher grant was secured from Kaiser Permanente, the members contacted the Adidas store in Lodi to see if it could help in the fitting, selection and purchase of shoes.

"The store selected five pairs of shoes from which the children could choose. We took pictures of the shoe styles and the kids got to

take ownership and pick their own style. We took measures to make sure we had the proper sizing for each child. The store then placed the order," said Shannon Yencha, a Children's Hunger Alliance AmeriCorps Member in Cleveland. Though the shoes retailed for amounts far greater, the Kaiser grant allowed the agency to purchase each pair for no more than \$18.

Jeri Kurjian, Adidas Team Leader who brokered the arrangement, said the

partnership provided a natural fit for her outlet store.

"We just really like helping out in the community, especially when it comes to children. This has been a great experience for us," she said.

The first distribution of the shoes occurred in March. A second took place May 1st at the The Michael J. Zone Recreation Center in Cleveland. The kids at that site participate in a program hosted at STAIRS (Steps Toward Advancing In Resettlement Skills). STAIRS, which works with both children and adults from Afghanistan, Burundi, Liberia, Russia and

Somalia, is located at 2001 W. 65th St. in Cleveland. Additional distributions will follow in the months ahead.

For more information about the 'Footing for Fitness' initiative or other AmeriCorps projects on behalf of Children's Hunger Alliance, please contact Shannon Yencha, AmeriCorps Member in the Northeast Ohio Office, at 216-541-5915.

For more information about Children's Hunger Alliance activities in Northeast Ohio, contact Debra Parmer at 216-541-5915, ext. 202.



Happy faces, happy feet. The kids took great pride in ordering their pairs.

Cleveland Members Take on Good Earth Community Garden

Joint project commemorates national AmeriCorps Week, shows value of community service

May 9-16 was AmeriCorps Week throughout the nation, and several program participants from local agencies came together to commemorate their public service in a significant way for the Cleveland community.

On May 15, these AmeriCorps members converged on the Good Earth Community Garden, at the corner of W. 96th and Madison Avenue along the Cleveland-Lakewood border to prepare the garden for the upcoming growing season. Work included planting, wall construction and the building of a compost area and fish pond. This garden is a critical community resource for the Cleveland community, particularly with relocated immigrants who rely on its food to sustain them and their families throughout the year.

"We view this joint service initiative as a real opportunity to make a dramatic difference in our community," said Debra Parmer, Regional Director of Children's Hunger Alliance's Northeast Ohio Office in Cleveland, which is organizing the joint service project. "This also was an opportunity to show our community the important role the AmeriCorps program and its volunteers play in improving the lives of people in need."

AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. AmeriCorps members devote a year of their lives to this service,

which addresses critical needs in communities all across America. Last month, President Barack Obama signed into law a dramatic expansion of national service programs called the Serve America Act. The programs, administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, currently engage four million Americans in annual service each year, including 75,000 AmeriCorps members, who serve domestically.

Currently, Children's Hunger Alliance has three AmeriCorps members serving in its Northeast Ohio Office.

Along with Children's Hunger Alliance, AmeriCorps members from the following Cleveland organizations were invited to the Good Earth Community Garden joint service project: Ohio College Access Network; Cleveland Department of Parks and Recreation; L^AArche; City of Cleveland Reentry Initiative; Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc.; Mt. Pleasant NOW Development; Cleveland Food Bank/Second Harvest; CMHA/HIPPY; CDC Famicos; Habitat For Humanity; Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity; Cleveland UMADOP Mate Masie Project; Mt. Pleasant Business Association; Northern Ohio Coalition for the Homeless; America Scores, Cleveland; Academic Success Corps, Cleveland; Academic Success Corps Boys Hope Girls Hope; Amachi Nationwide (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland); Big Brothers Big Sisters-Lorain.

Inside the Agency:

Dayton Office

- On April 16, Dayton and Columbus-area Panera locations held a "Share the Warmth" event providing free coffee throughout the day to patrons. Donations were taken at the register for Operation Dough-Nation, which benefitted the agency. Thanks Panera!

- On June 5, Children's Hunger Alliance will be holding a Walk in My Shoes simulation in partnership with the Montgomery County Commissioners, Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services and the Food Assistance Program Outreach Coalition. The event will be hosted by Catholic Social Services and attendees will include elected officials and media. The intent of this event

is to raise awareness about the important roles USDA Child Nutrition Programs and the Food Assistance Program play in an individual or family's food security. The Summer Food Service Program sites for 2009 will be announced at this time.

- On July 31, the Southwest Ohio Regional Board will be hosting the third annual Dayton Summer Field Day at McCabe Park. The event will bring together approximately 350 children and 100 volunteers from our Board companies for a morning of physical activities, nutrition education and arts and crafts. At the event, children will receive lunch and a goodie bag filled with items donated and/or purchased by our Board companies.

Adult Nutrition & Education

- The agency continues to reach many adults with nutrition education classes in Franklin County and Dayton. Through March, the agency reached a total of 269 adults with nutrition education with 66 percent of whom increased their nutrition knowledge.

The class series follows the USDA's 'Eating Right is Basic' curriculum. It includes four to six one-hour lessons covering topics such as: My Pyramid, Making the Most of your Food Dollar, Food Labels, Food Safety, Fast Food Alternatives, Importance of Breakfast and Healthy Snacking handouts and samples of healthy snacks often are provided.

The program, operating under a USDA Food Stamp Nutrition Education Grant, started in 2007. It's based on the need to educate the parents of the children the agency reaches. These parents and caregivers ultimately are responsible for purchasing food and preparing meals for their families.

Last year, 545 adults were reached through this program, which is held in diverse community settings including churches, schools, community centers, food banks, family shelters, public housing and other locations.

The goal is to reach adults where they already congregate.

School & Summer Nutrition

- The Summer Food Service Program reimburses nonprofit organizations for meals and snacks they serve at community sites throughout the summer months. Children's Hunger Alliance partners with the Ohio Department of Education, the USDA and the Appalachian Nutrition Network to locate and engage sponsors, and boost nutrition program enrollment.

- The School and Summer Nutrition team has been recognizing model school breakfast programs at local school board

meetings throughout the state. Enrollment in many of these districts has increased because the programs have been aggressively promoted through the media.

- Statewide participation in school breakfast and school lunch programs continues to increase. In February, USDA figures showed a significant increase in the number of Ohio children participating in breakfast, from the same month the previous year. School lunch also increased over the same comparative period.

Marketing

- The agency congratulates longtime friend and supporter Limited Brands for a Corporate Caring Award from Business First newspaper. Limited Brands was honored with an award in the 'Arts' category for large companies. The award reflects the organization's philanthropic and volunteer support for area nonprofits including Children's Hunger Alliance.

- In the weeks ahead, Children's Hunger Alliance will be developing a significant presence on Facebook. More to come.

- Look for new billboards as part of our Eat Better Do Better social marketing campaign, which has entered its second year. These new boards, created by Northlich and disbursed throughout the state, will promote enrollment in the federal Summer Food Service Program. New radio public service announcements also are being developed. Special thanks to Clear Channel Radio Outdoor and other partners like the Ohio Department of Education for their continued support.

Strategic Alliances

- In April, Ohio Action for Healthy Kids (OAFHK) was a key partner with the Ohio Business Roundtable with its childhood obesity symposium. Distinguished and nationally-known researchers and practitioners highlighted national initiatives and programs, with a focus on what can be scaled to work in Ohio, including how to engage parents and families, optimize home nutrition, mobilize communities, bridge cultural gaps, and scale successful

public health, employer, and industry initiatives. The importance of "Coordinated School Health," quality school wellness policies and, effective nutrition also were topics.

- The agency continued work with its Southside community project in Columbus, recruiting five adult health ambassadors and training them to deliver pertinent health messages to their community to effect changes on a grass roots level.



From left: CHA's Latisha McDougald, ANE Partner of the Year Amanda Adams, Robyn Watkins at 2009 Menu of Hope.

Early Childhood Nutrition & Education

- The agency is grateful it again has been named a recipient for the Dayton Barnes and Noble Booksellers book drive. These age-appropriate books will be put to good use and are appreciated.

- The agency is partnering with Ohio Children's Foundation to distribute a curriculum book entitled, "You, Me and

the ABC's" to improve the literacy skills of Ohio children. This is also being supported by JPMorgan Chase.

- ECNE distributed its second quarter CARES kit, "The Busy Buzzy Bee."

- The 2009 ECNE calendars, generously printed by Grange Insurance, have been distributed to agency providers.

Development

- The Grants Department recently received positive award notification from Jami & Robert DeWolf. The funds from the DeWolfs will assist with both the Holiday Party and Summer Field Day. Department officials also received notification from Duke Energy, Nationwide, and the United Health Foundation that grant requests have been approved. The funds from the United Health Foundation will assist with the Southside Youth Initiative, while the funds from Nationwide will go toward meal expansion in Franklin County.

- Currently, the Grants Department is monitoring all activity regarding the federal stimulus funding opportunities, and is poised to move on any federal requests for proposals that apply to our work at Children's Hunger Alliance. In

conjunction with the Public Policy Department, the grants team has participated in teleconferences and will participate in webcasts and a Governor's meeting regarding the federal stimulus plan.

- Children's Hunger Alliance continues to rely on the help of volunteers to stage events and conduct its business. If you have an interest in volunteering to help the agency, please contact Elise Burgess at EBurgess@ChildrensHungerAlliance.org for more information.

- Wendy's Chili Open -- On Feb. 7, the Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise hosted its annual Wendy's Chili Open winter party on the grounds of the Anheuser-Busch Headquarters parking lot.

As a beneficiary, the agency wants to thank everyone who volunteered and helped to make this annual event a success.

Seventh Annual 'Taste to Remember' Quite the Social Affair

Outstanding cuisine, live chef auction highlight fun-filled benefit

Take an outstanding venue, add a pinch of fetching auction items and throw in some of the best cuisine in Columbus and you have the recipe for one tasty evening out. And that's what attendees of the seventh annual 'Taste to Remember' fundraiser got May 20.

"Taste to Remember has become a signature event on the local calendar, and for good reason," said Jim Henry, Senior Vice President of Children's Hunger Alliance. "Everyone knows that when they come they are going to have a great time sampling some of the finest fare in Columbus." This year's Taste attracted more than 400 guests.

As always, Taste to Remember was sponsored by the American Culinary Federation – Columbus Chapter housed at Columbus State Community College. That organization recruits some of the finest chefs in Columbus to present their offerings to event patrons.

"For us, this is a labor of love," said the federation's Jim Taylor. "This is a way for us to showcase the wonderful (cooking) talent that's here, give people an enjoyable evening and do what we can to fight childhood hunger in Ohio." The American Culinary Federation is the lead supporter of culinary education in Ohio.

This year's roster of participating restaurants included: Cotter's, The Morgan House, China Bell, Columbus Culinary Institute, The Inn at Honey Run and the Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls. Many of the participating chefs auctioned off their services to come to the venue of choice for the winning



bidders and prepare multiple-course meals paired with wine. A silent auction featuring a broad array of goods and services ranging from hotel and spa packages to Blue Jackets and Clippers tickets and entertainment memorabilia also was held.

This year's Taste included a first: the auction of an original Thomas Henry oil painting commissioned for the event. The painting, with its vivid array of orange and green, included a red apple that is the signature logo of Children's Hunger Alliance. A commemorative poster of the event was distributed to attendees and is available for sale at www.ChildrensHungerAlliance.org.

"Everyone knows times are tough, especially for children who don't know where their next meal is coming from," Jim Henry added. "We're grateful for the support this event continues to receive, and to our partners for making it happen."

One of those new partners, Loth Office Solutions at 855 Grandview Ave., hosted Taste to Remember for the first time, making it an easy drive for downtown commuters wanting to attend the event on their way home.



JPMorgan Chase Foundation Cares About Kids, Community

Ongoing partnerships with agency make a difference

When it comes to helping prepare children for kindergarten in Ohio, it's hard to find a more important force than the JPMorgan Chase Foundation.

For the last six years, the organization has supported the CARES (Children Are Ready for Education and Success) program in Ohio, contributing an impressive \$550,000 over that time.

"The CARES program reaches a segment of the childcare provider population that has historically been elusive - the private, home child care provider," said Jeffrey R. Lyttle, region vice president of corporate responsibility, JPMorgan Chase & Co. "These critically important grandparents, neighbors and friends who care for children in our communities provide a vital link to tens of thousands of children who will be entering kindergarten in Ohio next year and in the years to come."

Lyttle believes the program merits such support because:

- CARES statewide reach. The program has grown to reach all 88 Ohio counties

over the time of our investment.

- The program's unique reach into an otherwise "outside the mainstream" infrastructure of private, home-based care giving.
- Its focus toward preparing more kindergarten-ready children

JPMorgan Chase's support level allows Children's Hunger

Alliance, through leverage, to access other (federal) sources of funding to advance the program's work. Children's Hunger Alliance is a promoter of the CARES program. It's one of many reasons Chase and its affiliates have partnered with the agency over the years. Those partnerships have ranged from CARES support and volunteering to Menu of Hope Luncheon sponsorship.

"We appreciate Children's Hunger Alliance's focus on both efficiency and scale. The organization retains a disciplined focus upon the programs it knows it can deliver with quality, and that reach the broadest population of hungry kids and families in need," Lyttle said.

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Congratulations!

- Mary Lou Langenhop has joined the agency as President and Chief Executive Officer.
- Rebecca Roush has been promoted to Manager, Grants.
- Andrea Hafley has joined the agency as School & Summer Nutrition Manager.
- Julia Hansel has been promoted to Senior Manager of Education and Training.
- Karen Dorman has been promoted to Senior Manager of Provider Services and Quality Assurance.
- Afonda Johnson has been promoted to Quality Assurance Specialist.
- Terri Scholl has been promoted to Data Specialist II and On-line Training Specialist.
- Mary Lanz has joined the agency as Nutrition Specialist.
- Linda Shatteen has joined the agency as Family Child Care Technical Advisor and Training Coordinator (Northeast Ohio Office).

Agency Wish List

Small conference table and four chairs

12 conference room chairs (to match our current conference room table) or table and chairs to seat 12

Donated meeting space for agency's statewide staff meetings in June and September. Seating for approximately 60 or more attendees

Letter folding machine

On the Calendar

Save these dates, support the agency

1. Lunch Money for a Day

Children's Hunger Alliance's popular Lunch Money for a Day campaign celebrates its 11th year. Ohio businesses will encourage their employees to help the agency break the cycle of childhood hunger by donating their lunch money. This month-long campaign is the perfect opportunity for organizations to join the fight to end childhood hunger in the convenience of their own offices. Participation is simple: Just call 614-341-7700, ext. 283 to register your organization and we'll send you all the materials and information needed to run a smooth, successful campaign.

2. Panerathon

Each year, the agency partners with Panera Bread to hold 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) run/

walk races in Dayton and Columbus. The Panerathon 5K has grown to become a family-friendly event, beginning with a free kids' fun run and ending with an activity fair. The 5th Annual Columbus Panerathon 5K to Fight Hunger will take place Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Panera Bread Bakery and Café in Upper Arlington. Please join us in this growing community effort to end childhood hunger in Ohio! Registration begins in June at www.PremierRaces.com.

3. Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational

In just its second season, The Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational is already a premier stop on the Nationwide Tour combining a unique blend of the top

up-and-coming professional players in the world with some of the best collegiate amateurs in the country. The Ohio State University Golf Club, Scarlet Course, redesigned in 2006 by golfing legend Jack Nicklaus, is one of the most demanding courses in the country. It serves as the only collegiate venue in America to host a professional golf tournament.

You are invited to experience scenic views, refreshments in the 19th Hole Tent including free Jeni's Ice Cream and a free pancake breakfast. Also enjoy half price beers for 15 minutes each time a Nationwide Tour pro birdies the 13th hole. Don't miss your chance to have fun and support an important event benefiting many central Ohio charities including Children's Hunger Alliance.

Menu of the Month

The Columbus office of Children's Hunger Alliance partners with different area restaurant organizations each month to help raise money and awareness. Visit participating eateries and purchase featured items. A portion of the proceeds will aid in the fight against childhood hunger.

June: Panera

July: McCormick & Schmick's at Easton

August: White Castle

September: Gordon Biersch in the Arena District

For more information on these events, please contact Amy Pritchard at 614-341-7700 ext. 283.

Children's Hunger Alliance a Natural Fit for His Talents

Battelle's Graham sees growing need for agency's services, leadership



Brian Graham

Brian Graham, Children's Hunger Alliance board and committee member, is Vice President/International Finance for Battelle Memorial Institute based in Columbus.

What are your responsibilities as a board member?

BG: I am a member of the Children's Hunger Alliance Finance Committee.

What inspired you to get involved with Children's Hunger Alliance?

BG: Prior to being directly involved with the agency, my wife Lynn and I would include CHA as part of our annual giving to various Columbus charities. As I learned more about the agency I was increasingly impressed with the work and services that CHA

provides as well as the strong leadership from the now retired CEO Bill Dolan. Providing my services and capabilities to a nonprofit charitable institution is one small way that I am able to give back to my community. Children's Hunger Alliance was a natural fit for me when looking at the many charitable institutions looking for assistance.

What would you like to see the board accomplish this year?

BG: This year will be a difficult year for almost everyone in our community, likely more so for the beneficiaries of the meals and services provided by CHA. Simultaneously private grants and state and federal funds for CHA will be under ever-increasing pressure

in the foreseeable future. I believe that the issues, policies and financial pressures this increased "demand" and reduced "supply" will create is the primary challenge currently facing the CHA management team. I would like to see the board provide strong leadership and guidance assisting agency management to successfully navigate through these difficult next few months, possibly years. In addition the board should be able to help CHA leverage limited available funds through facilitating new collaborations between the agency and other like-minded organizations.

What is the most satisfying part of your involvement with the board?

BG: Seeing the results of the efforts and good work by Children's Hunger Alliance and its staff, whether it is first-hand witnessing a breakfast being served at a local elementary school or the kids enjoying the annual party on the ice at Nationwide Arena, and being a part of that, albeit in a very small way, is extremely satisfying.

How do you utilize your expertise to benefit Children's Hunger Alliance?

BG: Having 15-plus years of experience in finance and business I am hopefully able to provide valuable input as both a member of the finance committee and the board. My employer, Battelle Memorial Institute is a 501(c)3 entity so, where possible, I also attempt to bring some of the best practices and experiences of a large nonprofit organization to CHA.

Why is Children's Hunger Alliance important to you?

BG: Children are the future of our community and this country; and their health, safety, education and well being are our collective responsibility. I was born in South Africa and growing up witnessed poverty and hunger first hand, but having lived in the USA for a decade now and I am still astounded that the wealthiest and most powerful nation in the world still has so many children going hungry on a daily basis. CHA is helping our community look after those children in so many different ways by addressing their daily hunger; general well being and health so that they can consequently learn better at school and ultimately become successful citizens and leaders in the future.

The AmeriCorner

Insight from a Children's Hunger Alliance AmeriCorps Member

Moving from sunny Myrtle Beach, S. C. to Columbus hasn't been easy. I came here specifically to become an AmeriCorps member. I was really interested in the program Children's Hunger Alliance offered called, 'Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities.' I have a Bachelor's degree in Health Promotion, so I love anything that allows me to help others live a healthier lifestyle.

I especially love working with kids. The nutrition and physical activity lessons I would be teaching to kids in afterschool programs were a perfect fit. I thought everything was going to be great and I'd fit right in and do what I came here to do for a year of service. This was not the case.

I had a difficult time transitioning from the independent life I had in South Carolina to living under my parents' roof, again. I felt like I was taking a step backward. I let everything negative in my life take over. I was having probably one of the most difficult times in my life. I loved my job as an AmeriCorps member and everything I was asked to do, all the service projects and especially working with the kids, but I couldn't pull it all together and get the best out of this experience.

One day at my afterschool site changed all that. On this particular day I was teaching the Food Folks nutrition education curriculum at 5:30 p.m. Most days I teach the CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) physical fitness curriculum at 4:30 p.m., but this day was different. I stayed a little late at the office to finish planning for my lesson and headed over to my afterschool site at about 5:00 p.m. I walked into my site and the first thing my site director said was, "Well, we thought you weren't coming." I immediately felt terrible for the misunderstanding, but explained to her that we had planned earlier in the month for this day to be a Food

Folks lesson day.

As I am explaining this, the kids came running up to me and attacked me with hugs. They were so excited to see me! I had just seen them yesterday, but they were acting as if they hadn't seen me for months! I almost dropped all the food I was holding for my lesson. All I could hear was, "Miss Stacey! Miss Stacey! We missed you! We thought you weren't coming today! We thought you were sick or hurt, but were glad you're here."

It was so cute and so thoughtful. It made me feel really good. I decided to take the kids down to the gym for a quick CATCH game, even though I was only teaching Food Folks that day. While all the kids were playing in the gym, one girl in particular came up to me and gave me the biggest hug. She said, "Miss Stacey! Miss Stacey! Guess what?" She had the happiest look on her face, wide-eyed and smiling ear-to-ear. She had her hands folded together and was holding them out in front of her in excitement. I asked her what it was that she couldn't wait to tell me. The little girl said, "My mom got a car yesterday and now we can go visit my daddy!" She couldn't stop jumping up and down from the excitement.

At that very moment, I had the strangest feeling. I felt so happy for her, but so sad at the same time. I started thinking about how many of these kids' parents don't have jobs, cars, clean clothes or even a roof over their heads that they can call their own. And I am sitting here complaining about every trivial thing in my life that is going "wrong?" I have it good. God has blessed me with so many things and I really shouldn't complain. It makes me feel so good that I am that bright spot in these kids' lives. They get so excited over a simple thing like a CATCH game or a new snack in the Food Folks lesson.

I am a role model to these kids. I am there for them -

someone they can look up to or talk to. They look forward to seeing me every day. (I probably get at least 30 hugs a day). And they are there for me. Those hugs make my day.

Something about that day at my site changed my whole attitude. I want to take advantage of this great AmeriCorps experience and not dwell on the silly things that I might feel aren't going well in my life. I don't know when I will ever have the chance to dedicate so much of my time to kids. I really do love my job and I want to get the most out of this experience. I feel great about what I am doing to give back to my community and helping the kids that need it most. I am very grateful and blessed for this experience and for the memories I will never forget.

Stacey Glenn is currently an AmeriCorps member for the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities program at Children's Hunger Alliance.



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