

POWERLine

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Toledo Northwestern Ohio
FOOD BANK

Congratulations and thank you to all of the team members who made donations to the 2nd Annual GSC Team Building Activity / Toledo Food Bank Volunteer on October 12, 2018.

This year we donated more than 100 pounds of food to be distributed to our hungry neighbors across Ohio.

Angela Talley
Global Supply Chain Director TTO

Numbers at a Glance

- 1 in 6 people (overall) and 1 in 4 children are at risk of hunger in Northwest Ohio
- 8,514,840 meals were provided in 2016
- 149,591 children served in 2016
- 100 million pounds of food has been distributed by the Food Bank since our creation in 1984
- 68 percent of client households fall at or below 100 percent of the poverty level
- 32 percent of households report choosing between paying for food and paying for school loans, tuition, or other educational expenses at least once in the past 12 months
- 76 percent of all clients have attained a high school degree or General Equivalency Diploma (GED), or more
- 63 percent of households report choosing between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care at least once in the past 12 months
- 56 percent of households report choosing between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage at least once in the past 12 months
- 68 percent of households report choosing between paying for food and paying for transportation or gas for a car at least once in the past 12 months
- 71 percent of households report choosing between paying for food and paying for utilities at least once in the past 12 months

What is a Defibrillator?

A defibrillator delivers a dose of electric current (often called a countershock) to the heart when an individual is in cardiac arrest. The shock would depolarize a large amount of the heart muscle. Subsequently, allowing the heart to re-establish a normal rhythm.



Only trained individuals at TTO are authorized to use defibrillators. Those individuals are the Medical Department, TTO Security and Emergency Response Team members (ERTs).

Left: photo of one of the defibrillators mounted to a column near the GF6 Assembly Team Center.



Ohio's Little Brown Bat

Bat Week 2018

Bat Week is an annual celebration of bats that takes place October 24 – 31, 2018. This is a week for people to show their support for bats, and to raise awareness about their importance and the need to protect them. There are plenty of events that will be taking place, but one of the biggest ways you can help is by getting the word out there.

No matter where you live, chances are there are bats nearby. These unique mammals are vital to the health of our planet through pest control and seed dispersal. Next time you see one flying by you at night, be thankful to have
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them around. #BatWeek

In honor of celebrating and raising awareness of bats during #BatWeek (Oct. 24–31), here are a few facts to share with friends. **Did you know...?**

- Worldwide, there are more than 1,300 species of bats, which make up almost 20 percent of all mammal species..

- Insectivorous bats likely save the United States agricultural industry at least \$3 billion dollars each year on pest control, or approximately \$74 per acre for the average farmer.

- Beyond pest control, bats are valuable pollinators and seed dispersers. Some bats pollinate flowering plants, ensuring the production of fruits that support local economies, as well as diverse wildlife populations. Lack of pollination and seed dispersal could adversely affect food security.

- Bats are exceptionally vulnerable to extinction, in part because they are among the slowest reproducing mammals on Earth for their size. Most bat species only give birth to one pup.

- A big threat to bats is White-nose Syndrome (WNS), which has killed millions of bats since it was discovered in 2007, decimating populations. WNS is a fungal disease that invades the skin of hibernating bats and disrupts both their hibernation cycles and their hydration. The fungus is transmitted primarily from bat to bat.

- Today, WNS is found in 31 US states and 5 Canadian provinces. *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, the fungus that causes WNS, has been found in 33 US states.

How can you help bats during Bat Week? Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Install bat houses in gardens and public spaces.
- Help protect and conserve bats' natural habitats.
- Garden organically to reduce pesticide and herbicide use. Bats are helpful in controlling pests, fertilizing and keeping a healthy and beautiful garden.
- When exploring caves, follow the proper decontamination protocols and use caution. Try not to disturb bats.
- Support research on white-nose syndrome.
- Turn out the lights! Light pollution affects insect populations, disrupts bats as they migrate, and deters sensitive bat species.

- Reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot (compost)! The overwhelming amount of garbage produced each year is one of the biggest hurdles to a healthy environment for bats and humans.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT TICKETS TO

HALLOWEENS
\$39 ...save \$33 off gate price!
Cedar Point

DATES: October 6th, 13th or 20th

ONLY 125 tickets available! get them NOW!
 ALL SALES FINAL

**Halloween
 Fun Fest**
SUN OCT 21, 2018
2 PM - 4:30 PM wear your costume
FREE at the Family Park
 TRICK OR TREATING / GAMES FOR KIDS / PUMPKIN DECORATING

Trunk or Treat at the Halloween Fun Fest!

Decorate your trunk - Prizes for the most creative!
 Come out and support your community and have a
 Scary Good Time!

Contact the Hall 419-473-2854 for details or see Tom Ruddy!

"There is no need to be
 perfect to inspire others..."

Let people get inspired
 by how you deal with your
 imperfections."

— Robert Tew

How to contact us...

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Deadline for POWERLine is 3:00 p.m. Tuesday.

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