



Union County Foundation

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2nd Chances Thrift Store Launch Community Challenge to Combat Food Insecurity

MARYSVILLE, OHIO – In response to the recent interruption of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits affecting local families, **2nd Chances Thrift Store** partnered with the **Union County Foundation** to launch the **2nd Chances Community Challenge**. This initiative aimed to raise critical funds for local food pantries and provide immediate relief to neighbors facing uncertainty.

The interruption of SNAP benefits placed a significant strain on households that rely on assistance for monthly nutrition. In Union County alone, statistics show that **3,303 individuals**—including **511 children**—and roughly **1,500 households** depend on SNAP to stretch their grocery budgets. When these funds are disrupted, local food pantries become the first line of defense, creating an urgent need for community support.

To help bridge this gap, 2nd Chances Thrift Store pledged to **match every dollar raised, up to \$5,000**. "We live in a truly unique and inspiring community. When times get tough, Union County steps up," said Adam Hodnichak, Executive Director at the Union County Foundation. "The recent interruption of SNAP benefits has left many families facing uncertainty about how to put food on the table—and we're answering that call together."

The community quickly blew past the initial match amount and in two weeks **raised a total of \$24,025.71**. This includes donations from various community members, the match from 2nd Chances, and funds raised at the Mainstreet Marysville's Uptown Christmas walk.

How the Funds Will Be Used Donations to the Community Challenge will be facilitated by the Union County Foundation's **Emergency Needs Fund**, which is designed to disburse resources efficiently during times of crisis. 100% of the contributions will go directly toward supplying food for families in Union County through the various food pantries located throughout the county.

About Union County Foundation The Union County Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Union County by connecting donors with causes they care about. The Foundation manages the Emergency Needs Fund to facilitate rapid giving and support during local crises.

About 2nd Chances Thrift Store Located in downtown Marysville, 2nd Chances Thrift Store is a non-profit, Christian social enterprise dedicated to giving both people and goods a second chance. Specializing in high-quality, clothing, furniture, and home goods, the store operates with a mission to serve the local community. As a "100% For Union County" organization, every dollar of profit generated is reinvested back into Union County to support local ministries and community programs.

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