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WIC EMERGENCY! CALL YOUR SENATORS NOW!



WIC ACTION ALERT

Due to higher-than-projected participation and food costs in [WIC](#), previous appropriations bills significantly underfund WIC.

This means hundreds of thousands of eligible low-income young children and parents nationally are in danger of being turned away from WIC, jeopardizing their nutritional security.

Without additional funding, eligible applicants will be put on waiting lists and states will not be able to continue serving some current participants when they reach the end of their eligibility period.

New applicants eligible for this critical program may be turned away because of lack of adequate funding, cutting access to critical support services and outcomes.

Congress needs to fund WIC at appropriate levels so that qualifying families may access the benefits they are eligible for while keeping the program's science-based food benefits intact

Ask Ohio's Senators to act to protect this crucial safety net program here: [WIC CALL TO ACTION](#)

Hunger Doesn't Take a Holiday

VOLUNTEER WITH MID-OHIO
FOOD COLLECTIVE IN 2024

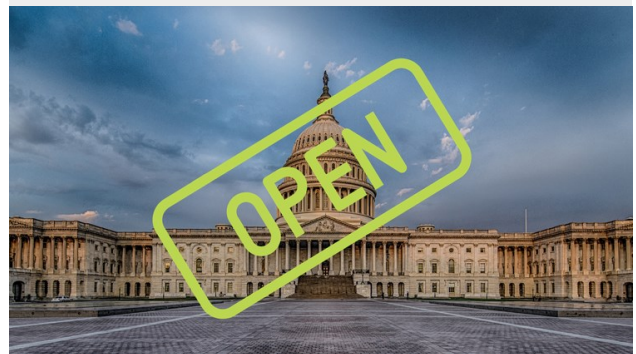
Embrace the power to affect
change in the new year



Before we embark too far into the New Year, your Mid-Ohio Food Collective leadership and staff want to say thank you for your support of our mission to end hunger.

We look forward to continuing our work together to co-create hunger-free and healthier communities!

Federal Shutdown Averted and Ongoing Budget and Farm Bill Talks



A federal government shutdown was again averted late in the process, as the Senate and House passed, and the President signed, a **Continuing Resolution (CR)** **hours before the January 19 deadline.**

The CR follows the same bifurcated path as the previous CR, extending funding for agencies to either **March 1** or **March 8** (the Department of Agriculture is extended to March 1). The CR largely continued funding at current levels.

Encouragingly, Congressional leaders have come to agreement on overall budget figures **to fund federal operations through the September 30 fiscal year end**, raising hopes of moving beyond this current cycle of temporary extensions. Congress still needs to pass full appropriation bills in order to fully fund the government.

Beyond setting spending levels and fiscal policy, passage of a budget bill is critical to action on the Farm Bill. While the Farm Bill sets priorities for federal nutrition programs, actual funding occurs through the federal budget bills, inextricably tying together the separate bills.

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This past year, Mid-Ohio Food Collective and its partner agencies served more than half a million unique individuals - and community need continues at historic levels. Yet the winter months are when our volunteer turnout drops. That's why we need **YOUR** help.

We're asking MOFC supporters to sign up to volunteer – to get started go to <https://mofc.org/volunteer>.

You can also help recruit new volunteers to join our cause by sharing our message on social media, allowing MOFC to reach a wider audience and inspire others to get involved.

We're providing content suggestions that can be posted on social media. We encourage you to add a personal message or anecdote to your post about your unique experience with MOFC.

Please continue to check this [Social Press Kit](#) throughout the coming months to see available new content.

Thank you for supporting Mid-Ohio Food Collective! Your commitment is essential in the fight against hunger in our community.



Advocacy Resources:

Access [advocacy resources and FAN updates](#) here; or, for federal advocacy information, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

Find out how you can become an advocate for MOFC and those we serve at <https://mofc.org/advocacy/>.

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Watch for updates and calls- to-action from MOFC as discussion heats up on getting a federal budget and Farm Bill in place.

Possible Child Tax Credit Expansion

The U.S. House Ways and Means Committee last week passed tax reform legislation that included expansion of the [Child Tax Credit](#) (CTC) modeled after successful pandemic era changes.

The proposal would be phased in and is estimated to eventually lift **400,000 children** out of poverty and provide relief for up to **3 million children**.

The expanded 2021 CTC was a saving grace for families during the pandemic, helping cover household needs such as groceries. This is potentially great news on a long-running priority for anti-poverty advocates – *watch for further updates and action calls*.

Summer EBT Now Permanent

In 2022, Congress made Summer EBT permanent beginning this year. Ohio joined the majority of states in opting into the program.

Families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches (families who are at or under 185% of the federal poverty line) will be eligible for Summer EBT, which will cover about **70% of the eligible population in its first year**. It is estimated that nearly 23 million children will receive food via the program.

"No child in this country should go hungry," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They certainly shouldn't go hungry because they lose access to nutritious school meals during the summer months."

We applaud and echo these comments!

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