

Meijer Donations Support Key Northeast Ohio Community Initiatives

Retailer announces \$750,000 donation to two prominent Cleveland non-profit organizations focused on bringing healthy, accessible food for all

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich — As part of its continued efforts to serve the Northeast Ohio community, Meijer announced today a \$750,000 donation to two major organizations, Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

“We are proud to support these two organizations’ efforts to strengthen the health and wellbeing of our neighbors,” said Rick Keyes, President and CEO of Meijer. “Their commitment to Northeast Ohio community members mirrors our purpose to enriching lives in the communities we serve.”

The donation to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation will help the health system stand up its new community teaching kitchen at its Langston Hughes Community Health and Education Center. The teaching kitchen, located within Cleveland’s Fairfax neighborhood, will provide cooking classes and programs for community members and patients with distinct dietary needs, including older adults, children and families. Grounded in evidence-based programs, the classes aim to assist with cooking skills, nutritional literacy and budgeting to ensure families can prepare healthy and affordable meals.

“Proper nutrition is essential to preventing chronic conditions and helping patients maintain a healthy lifestyle,” said Tom Mihaljevic, M.D., Cleveland Clinic President and CEO and holder of the Morton L. Mandel CEO Chair at Cleveland Clinic. “With Meijer’s generous support, our new teaching kitchen will serve as an accessible place for patients and community members to learn and practice making healthy meals together.”

The retailer’s donation to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank supports the food bank’s 2024 Harvest for Hunger campaign, which provides meals for communities, especially to children and families who face high rates of food insecurity when school is not in session during the summer months. For more than 30 years, Harvest for Hunger has been one of the largest annual, community-wide food and funds drives in the nation, serving 21 counties and raising millions of dollars each year to help feed the hungry in Northeast Ohio.

“We are thrilled to receive this generous gift from Meijer as this contribution will help four Northeast Ohio Food Banks provide 750,000 meals to our hungry neighbors right here in our area,” said Kristin Warzocha, President and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. “We look forward to continuing to build our relationship with Meijer and the Cleveland Clinic and address the issue of food insecurity head on in our community.

With more than 1,400 community partners throughout Northeast Ohio, Meijer has donated tens of millions of dollars to area organizations since 2020.

Earlier this year, the Midwest retailer also opened its [first Ohio neighborhood market](#), Fairfax Market, in the heart of the historic Cleveland Innovation District and [two new supercenters](#) in North Canton and Alliance, focused on supporting more communities in its ongoing expansion in the region. By the end of 2025, Meijer will have invested nearly half a billion dollars into the area by opening and remodeling nearly 20 stores, creating nearly 4,000 jobs, and contributing to the missions of local nonprofits.

To learn more about how Meijer has recently supported its communities, visit newsroom.meijer.com.

About Meijer: Meijer is a privately owned, family-operated retailer that serves customers at more than 500 supercenters, grocery stores, neighborhood markets, and express locations throughout the Midwest. As the pioneer of the one-stop shopping concept, more than 70,000 Meijer team members work hard to deliver a friendly, seamless in-store and online shopping experience featuring an assortment of fresh foods, high-quality apparel, household essentials, and health and wellness products and services. Meijer is consistently recognized as a Great Place to Work and annually donates at least 6 percent of its profit to strengthen its communities. Additional information on the company can be found by visiting newsroom.meijer.com.

About Cleveland Clinic: [Cleveland Clinic](#) is a nonprofit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Located in Cleveland, Ohio, it was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. Cleveland Clinic has pioneered many [medical breakthroughs](#), including coronary artery bypass surgery and the first face transplant in the United States. Cleveland Clinic is consistently recognized in the U.S. and throughout the world for its expertise and care. Among Cleveland Clinic's 77,000 employees worldwide are more than 5,658 salaried physicians and researchers, and 19,000 registered nurses and advanced practice providers, representing 140 medical specialties and subspecialties. Cleveland Clinic is a 6,699-bed health system that includes a 173-acre main campus near downtown Cleveland, 23 hospitals, more than 275 outpatient facilities, including locations in northeast Ohio; southeast Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; Toronto, Canada; Abu Dhabi, UAE; and London, England. In 2022, there were 12.8 million outpatient encounters, 303,000 hospital admissions and observations, and 270,000 surgeries and procedures throughout Cleveland Clinic's health system. Patients came for treatment from every state and 185 countries. Visit us at [clevelandclinic.org](#). Follow us at [twitter.com/ClevelandClinic](#). News and resources available at [newsroom.clevelandclinic.org](#).

About the Greater Cleveland Food Bank: The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio having distributed more than 51 million pounds in FY2023 to just over 400,000 hungry people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland and Richland counties. Our mission is working together to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. We do this through both food distribution and SNAP outreach efforts. The Food Bank continues to provide nutritious food to those in need while working to end hunger tomorrow through connecting clients to resources. For more information go to [www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org](#).

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