



# Your Help Is Needed More Than Ever

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment remains high. Research shows that families are behind on rent. Remote learning can make it more difficult to receive services provided in schools. Compared to 2019, food hardship is several times higher than before the pandemic.

**It's hitting families with children the hardest.**

**It's tough enough being a kid. Let's take away the anxiety and other effects of food hardship.**

## Give

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# She can't focus on school







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## Your Support Helps Fight Food Insecurity

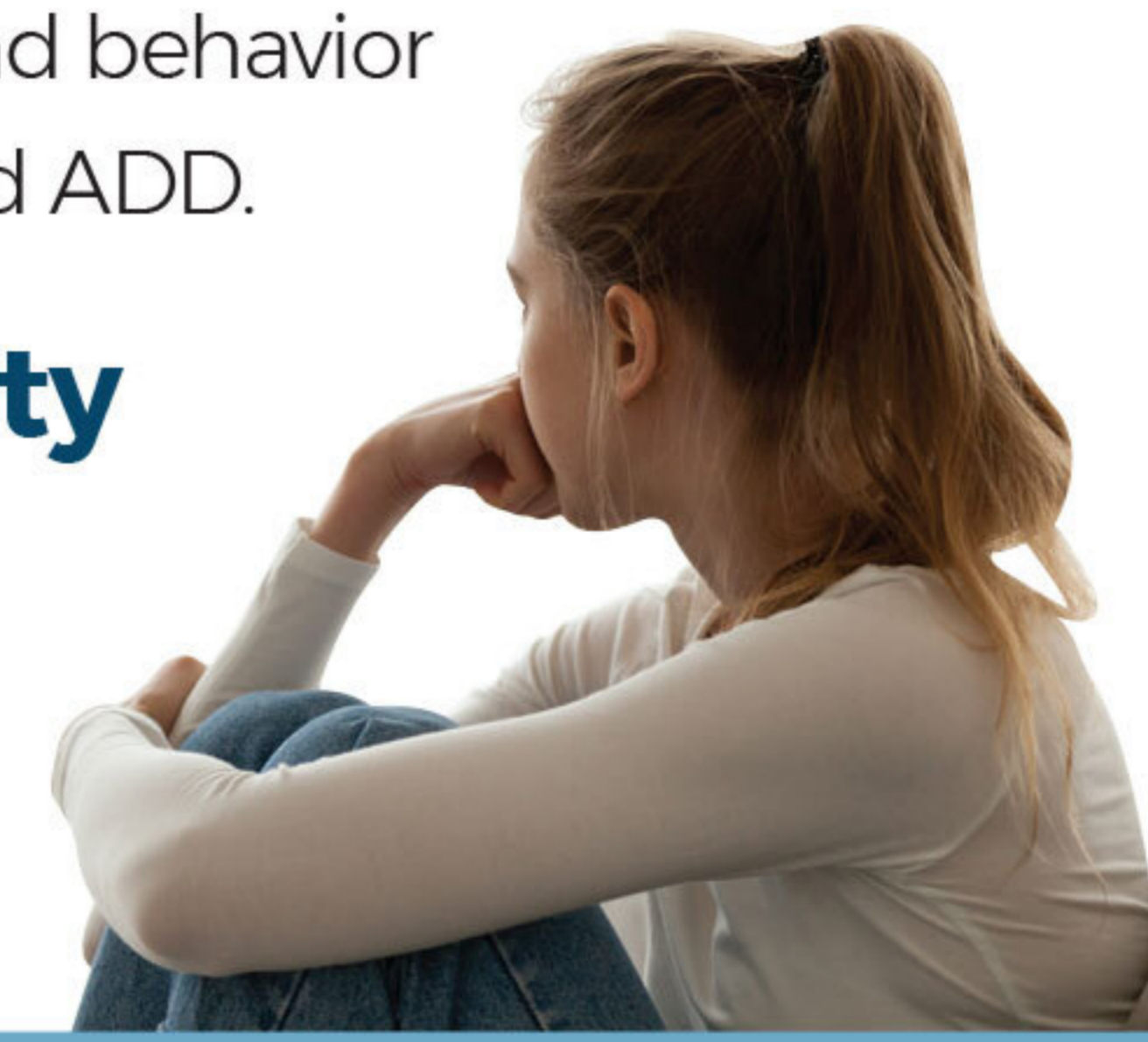
The USDA defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life for socio-economic reasons.

Food insecurity impacts young children in many ways: Poor health, iron deficiency, developmental risk and behavior problems, aggression, anxiety, depression and ADD.

### Why We Fight Food Insecurity

Approximately 83,000 NEO Ohio children live in food insecure households. **That's a 33% increase** in household food insecurity **since COVID-19 hit.**

The Ben Curtis Family Foundation is the only group to give food and supplies as the first step to empower students to have the food and support that **inspires them to succeed.**



**How can children focus on becoming their own best champions when they are worried that there might not be food tonight?**

## We Believe Every Child Can Be a Champion

Kent, Ohio native Ben Curtis knows the feeling of overcoming the odds. In 2003, he rose from obscurity (ranked 396th) to become the first pro golfer since 1913 to win a major championship the first time out.

Today, the Ben Curtis Family Foundation wants to help every child beat the odds and compete in the game of life.

Help us help northeast Ohio children beat the odds and compete in the game of life.



### What Each Child Receives All Year Round

(1-2 Times Month)

With your support, children in school districts with a large percentage of economically-challenged families receive a **Birdie Bag:**

Each Birdie Bag distributed contains

- **9 meals + 6 Snacks**
- **Toiletry Kit**

This bag isn't just filled with food.

It's a message of care and reassurance to children who worry that **there may not be something to eat tonight.**



**25,200+**  
Birdie Bags distributed in 2019.

### Helping For the Holidays

Your support also helps "A Very Merry Dinner" continue. Our annual holiday gathering for local food-insecure children and their families has been **adapted to a safe-distanced drive through distribution** of boxed dinners and gifts.