

Common VIEW's School Based Mobile Pantry Pilot Program

Common VIEW is one of the 11 Community Collaborative powered by United Way of Greater Lorain County that are working to improve the health, education, and financial stability of all residents in our community. The Common VIEW Collaborative, led by Lorain County Public Health is a middle school child focused collaborative in the Midview, Clearview, and Firelands School Districts that works to ensure healthier and safer schools that improve both educational and social outcomes for students. The need for proper and adequate nutrition of Midview and Clearview Middle School students and their families was identified through the schools' involvement in the Common VIEW Collaborative. By working together with Second Harvest Foodbank the idea of a School Based Mobile Pantry Pilot Program at Midview Middle School and Durling Middle School buildings was born.

The Pantry Pilot competed against two other nominated Lorain County nonprofit organizations and was selected to receive funding of over \$10,000 from 100 Women. The donation goes directly to Second Harvest to fund food and delivery to Midview Middle and Durling Middle School. The pilot is intended to begin September 2018.

School Based Mobile Pantries will serve entire families and increase the amount of fresh food entering homes. The pilot will begin with serving 100 families per month, 50 Midview and 50 Clearview, with the intention to grow.

The pilot is designed to not only alleviate child hunger and improve nutrition, but also create a sense of community and trust within the school district. As part of the program, Second Harvest will bring a truck full of food directly to both Midview Middle and Durling Middle once a month where it will be distributed to students, their families, and others in the community. Families will receive in season produce, along with various shelf stable items such as beans, peanut butter, and pasta. These distributions will include health and wellness activities, food demonstrations, and nutrition education.