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Ohio's Pig Farmers Donate Pork to The Salvation Army in Bucyrus

Effort highlights producers' ethic to serve their communities.

NEW ALBANY, Ohio – On behalf of all the state's pork producers, the Ohio Pork Council (OPC) is again partnering with a community-based nonprofit to further demonstrate how much its members are dedicated to bringing high-quality, nutrient-dense protein to those in need. OPC is donating \$2,500 to the Salvation Army location based in Bucyrus, Ohio, to be used to purchase pork, allowing those in Crawford County who rely on the organization's services to receive much-needed nutrition.

"The Salvation Army of Bucyrus is committed to meeting human needs in Bucyrus and all of Crawford County," said Major Debbra Grace, The Salvation Army, Bucyrus Corps. "We have been serving this area for 130 years and will continue to do so with the support of the community, business, and organizations such as the Ohio Pork Council and our neighbors, Hord Family Farms. We are privileged to work alongside such caring and giving people to feed those who are struggling with food insecurity."

While giving back to the state's rural and urban communities is a regular part of the OPC's Pork Power initiative, it's even more critical during uncertain economic times that are affecting so many Ohioans.

"It's just part of our nature as farmers to give back," said Nick Seger, president of the Ohio Pork Council and a producer from Minster, Ohio. "Right now, we know that the need is even greater and we're so pleased to partner with organizations like this that really make a difference by providing high-quality protein to those who would otherwise not have it."

Under the umbrella of the We Care ethical principles, Ohio pork producers are focusing their efforts on producing wholesome, nutritious, and affordable pork for consumers every day in a way that is highly sustainable. These core values are highlighted and explained much more at <u>www.ohpork.org</u>.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its goal is to "do the most good" with the resources entrusted to their care, in service to those of all ages, races, creeds and lifestyles. Their service to the poor and needy has been handed down by Christ, and they strive each day to be present to those in our community that need physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual support. For more information, visit https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/southwest-ohio/bucyrus/



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About the Ohio Pork Council

The Ohio Pork Council was established in 1968, beginning with nearly 800 pig farmers dedicated to the task of promoting their own product. Currently, OPC has approximately 2,500 members. Their mission is to serve and benefit all Ohio pork producers. To learn more about the Ohio Pork Council, visit <u>www.OhioPork.org</u> or call 614-882-5887.

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On behalf of all Ohio pork producers, Janel Hord, from Hord Family Farms (far right), presented a check for \$2,500 to Major Tom Grace and Major Debbra Grace at The Salvation Army in Bucyrus, Ohio. The organization will use the funds to purchase pork to help supply high-quality protein to those in need in Crawford County.