



## Van Wert County Council on Aging

DEAR MIRIAM -

REACHING TO THANK YOU, RICK & THE  
REST OF THE STAFF FOR ALL YOU  
DO FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING &  
THE SENIORS WE SERVE. YOUR  
GENEROSITY REALLY MADE A  
DIFFERENCE FOR OUR FUNDRAISER  
IN HELPING OUR FUNDING FOR  
OUR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM. WE CAN NOW DO MORE &  
SERVE MORE SENIORS WHO LIVE  
INDEPENDENTLY IN THEIR LATER YEARS!  
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Vantage Career Center  
818 N Franklin St  
Van Wert, OH 45891

June 13, 2022

Dear Vantage Career Center,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000.00 on 05/18/2022 to The Van Wert County Foundation to the Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Fund.

Every contribution to The Foundation helps to ensure there are resources available to support purpose, inspire growth, and build the future of Van Wert County and our region.

We truly appreciate your generosity and thank you for your investment in our community.

Sincerely,

Seth A. Baker  
Chief Executive Officer

Please retain this receipt for your records. **DONATION ID:** 15890

**DONATION DATE:** 05/18/2022

**DESCRIPTION:** Donation for Leadership Class 2022 Humane Society Project

*Interact Club*

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000.00

**FUND:** Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Fund

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Vantage Staff,

Thank you for the prayers + support you've shown to us since we lost Caden. Caden is an amazing kid + the impact he's made on us + others will always be remembered. Thank you for the gift given in memory of Caden.

Dave + Mandi Meyer  
+ family

During a time  
like this  
we realize how much  
our friends and relatives  
really mean  
to us....

Your expression  
of sympathy will always  
be remembered

## Cafeteria 2021-2022 yearly report

It was a great school year but one of the most challenging ones yet since Covid. Weekly outages for food/non food items were a bit hard to come by, but thankfully we were able to get what we needed to get our students fed.

We were able to offer every student free breakfast and lunch every day through the USDA again this year. This brought our counts up and I know some records of high meal counts were made.

This was our first year of serving our Vantage preschoolers lunch which were free to them as well. Things seemed to go well and it was such a joy to interact with the little ones.

This was our second year using a scanner that we purchased for each lunch line for the point of sale that reads a UPC barcode from our Vantage app. Students without a smartphone were given an ID card. This helped limit the contact of using the pin pad for our students.

With the shortage of food supplies, we were not able to do some of the things that we have in the past for fun giveaways. We did our best to give some fun food snacks away when we could during the school year.

We passed all of our surprise visits from our local Health Department again this year. I am proud of my staff for always doing such a great job in that area and for always passing each year.

Being part of the HPS commodity co-op, ODE gives us our entitlement money based on taking our total meals sold the previous year and they multiply it by the meal rate that they have developed. This year I spent over our entitlement with the total percentage being 101.41%. The goal is always to spend all 100%. This year food shortages affected our availability of commodity food. We would have to purchase outside of the co-op to purchase regular market items and not be able to use it like in the past.

I am keeping all my staff and subs up to date on the required professional hours per ODE for everyone who needs to have them this year.

I want to thank you for allowing us to be able to hire some students to help us serve meals and work in our dish room this year. With shortage of

staff and many times subs, this helped us out greatly. Being able to come and work together with other areas to do early placement was a great experience.

The Vantage Cafeteria is in compliance with the Ohio Department of Education meal regulations on what we serve for breakfast, lunch and our snacks.

### What to expect in 2022-2023

I am hoping that the food chain will become stronger when we start back up so we will not have as many challenges we faced this past year with getting the supplies that we needed to feed our students. It will be interesting with the cost of everything rising. I have submitted the list of ala carte items that I felt needed some price adjustment due to the current market pricing.

This year students will go back to purchasing their Breakfast and Lunch per USDA/ODE. With that, every year the USDA requires that we review our lunch prices annually for our students. In doing this, we are right where we should be. At this time we will not be raising our prices this year for students.

This year we are going to continue providing the Vantage preschool children with a hot lunch. We will follow the guidelines set by ODE. This is a work in progress to finalize everything since we will be going back to lunches being purchased this year.

Each year ODE gives us an adult lunch pricing tool that we are to use to put in our prices to see if we are charging appropriately for our adult meals. At this time we will be keeping our adult meal prices the same.

I will continue to train my staff with Professional standard hours for all Cafeteria personnel as required by ODE as I have in the past.

I will be asking if we can purchase a couple of new Rational combi ovens for our area for this year. With student numbers going up, we need to make sure we are equipped to keep up with the cooking. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

We will remain in the same co-op for our commodities that we were in

during the school year of 2021-22. It works well with having a wide variety to choose from and being able to get what we need with our weekly GFS delivery. We were also given additional money to spend during the past year. I know that they have been working hard to get everything needed to help us out to succeed.

We will also stay in the EPC group purchasing organization. As a group, we vote to pass on the bids that they had gathered on our part or voted to have them get more bids in. This makes the process of getting bids easier and gets the best price for our school. I have attached both the EPC bid presentation and the final bid prices that we ended up with after the process. This year the only bread and milk companies that will service our area is Nickles and Schenkels.

Thank you for everything that you do to help our Cafeteria thrive. I say it every year.....Vantage is a great place to work!