



Food (in)Security: Combating Hunger and Increasing Local Food Access

Breakout Summary:

While Cleveland is known for its strong food culture, unfortunately, many local families face challenges in accessing fresh, nutritious food. During a pandemic, these challenges are only intensified. In Cleveland, we are fortunate to have a number of dedicated local leaders working to reduce hunger, support our local food system, and increase opportunities for vulnerable residents. We joined representatives from Food Access Raises Everyone (FARE), Garden Valley Neighborhood House, and Refugee Response to learn more about their amazing work to increase access to healthy, local food—before, during, and after the pandemic.

Presenters:

- Patrick Kearns, Executive Director, Refugee Response
- Wyndi Moore, Food Access Raises Everyone
- Jan Ridgeway, Founder, Garden Valley Neighborhood House
- Morgan Taggart, Director, Food Access Raises Everyone

Watch a recording of the session here:

<https://vimeo.com/472324180>

Approximate times:

0:22 Wyndi Moore and introduction of panelists
2:00 Patrick Kearns
3:55 Morgan Taggart
7:47 Jan Ridgeway
11:13 How has your work been impacted by COVID?
11:25 Patrick Kearns
17:40 Morgan Taggart
24:00 Jan Ridgeway
33:30 Continue with Q2
33:35 Jan and Patrick answer
40:25 Q&A

Information and Resources Shared during Breakout:

Patrick Kearns, Executive Director, Refugee Response

- Refugee Response: <https://www.refugeeresponse.org/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/RefugeeResponse>

Wyndi Moore, Food Access Raises Everyone

- <https://thefareproject.org/>

Jan Ridgeway, Founder, Garden Valley Neighborhood House

- Garden Valley Neighborhood House: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Public-Service/Gardenvalley-Neighborhoodhouse-1675607982751487/>

Morgan Taggart, Director, Food Access Raises Everyone

- <https://thefareproject.org/>

MetroHealth I4HOPE just created a pilot food producing garden for cancer patients on our main campus, a small start! <https://www.metrohealth.org/institute-for-hope>

Feed the Soul: <https://www.cleveland19.com/2020/06/22/feed-soul-organization-provides-free-food-hundreds-families-cleveland/>

Stone Soup CLE, a non-profit in Cleveland, takes food surplus from major vendors, restaurants, Food Bank, and Universities and turns them into balanced, nutritious meals for those in need. Distributing through churches and other organizations. They take pallets of food from the CLE Food Bank- such as a pallet of cabbage. They pick it up, chop, cook, and prep it and combine it with other foods to create a healthy meal to go out to the community. Otherwise, people may often not use that food if left in bulk and unprepared or still have a food deficit.

<https://www.stonesoupcle.org/>

Neighborhood Connections: <http://neighborupcle.org/>

NeighborUP COVID Rapid Response Grants: <http://neighborupcle.org/covid19grants/>

Ohio City Farm: <https://www.ohiocityfarm.com/>