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Laketrans and Partner Agencies Continue Lake County Mobile Food Pantry for Another Year at Locations Countywide

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, August 25, 2022– The Lake County Mobile Food Pantry will continue to provide free, fresh produce to Lake County seniors with weekly distributions at locations across Lake County.

The Lake County Mobile Food Pantry is a retrofitted 12-passenger Dial-a-Ride bus operated by Laketrans. With its traditional passenger seating replaced with shelving, the retired bus is now providing fresh produce to thousands of Lake County seniors on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

“We are fortunate to have the resources to assist the seniors in our community,” said Commissioner John Hamercheck. “Thank you to all those involved in executing this wonderful service.”

Laketrans announced distribution dates through March 2023 with the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry alternating locations between Lake Erie Church in Madison, New Hope Baptist Church in Painesville, Wickliffe Senior Center and the Laketrans Mentor Park-n-Ride.

“It is truly a great blessing to see just how hard our community works to ensure every resident of the county is supported. Our Volunteers are doing God’s work,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

Lake County seniors, 60 years and older, may register for one pick-up per month. Participants must certify annual gross household income is at or below \$25,759 for a household of one and \$34,839 for a household of two. Pre-registration is required for the 100 spots available each week.

New distribution dates/locations are:

Lake Erie Church, 2300 Hubbard Road: September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7

New Hope Baptist Church, 428 Jackson Street: September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14

Wickliffe Senior Center, 900 Worden Road: September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21

Laketrans Mentor Park-n-Ride, 8650 Market St: September 27, October 25, November 22, December 27, January 24, February 28, March 28

The program is a collaboration between Laketrans, Lake County Commissioners Senior Services, Lake County Council on Aging, Lifeline and the Greater Cleveland Foodbank. The agencies work together to secure food donations and each play a role in taking reservations, managing volunteers and distributing the food.

“It takes collaboration and teamwork to put together something as great as the Mobile Food Pantry,” said Commissioner Mark Tyler. “All of the agencies involved have done a wonderful job.”

In 2021, the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry served 8,618 total individuals and distributed 388,440 pounds of food to residents in need. Lifeline and Council on Aging fielded 3,000 phone calls for program reservations and the Lake County Volunteer Network donated over 3,100 volunteer hours to keep the program operating smoothly.

To register for a pick-up, call Lifeline at 2-1-1 or the Council on Aging at 440-205-8111. Participants can call Laketrans at 440-354-6100 to arrange a ride to pick up your produce.

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