



Gahanna
Proclamation

Gahanna Residents in Need
50th Anniversary
September 19, 2022

WHEREAS: Addressing the food insecurity needs of children, youth, men, women, seniors, active military and veterans today is critical to the future of Gahanna; and

WHEREAS: Food insecurity and lack of access to healthy foods contribute to the development of various nutrition-related illnesses, and children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delay, need to repeat school years, and even experience an increase in social and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS: Households with children are more likely to experience food insecurity, and visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support; and

WHEREAS: Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN) was launched in 1972 by the Rotary Club of Gahanna, the Gahanna Ministerial Association, and Rev. Donald Swift, in an effort to address food insecurity within our community and to provide food resources to local citizens in need; and

WHEREAS: Over the last 50 years, GRIN has grown from a small group of volunteers operating in the basement of Mifflin Presbyterian Church, to a registered non-profit with an established Board of Directors and staff, operating in a dedicated pantry space and mobile food unit, and providing resources through multiple programs that include holiday meals, summer lunches, weekend snack packs, financial assistance, and a Back-to-School Fair, to meet the growing needs of the community; and

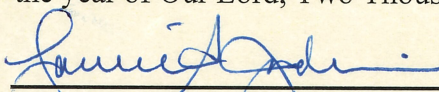
WHEREAS: GRIN's critical role within the Gahanna community was highlighted during the global pandemic, when the need for assistance grew among many residents, with GRIN experiencing a 15.2% increase in the total number of meals provided to residents from 2019 to 2021; and

WHEREAS: The work of GRIN to provide nutritious food to those experiencing food insecurity is made possible in large part by the generous contributions of individuals, civic organizations, and businesses within our community, and the City of Gahanna is grateful to the staff, directors, volunteers and donors of GRIN for their dedication in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote attention to hunger issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, honor and thank Gahanna Residents in Need for their continued support of our community and call upon Gahanna citizens to pledge to take action against hunger in our community, whether it be by fund or food donations, volunteering or advocacy.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio to be affixed on this 19th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.


Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor