

The Basic Human Needs Pledge



The current state budget crisis is an opportunity for the people of Summit County to urge the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to protect Ohioans who are adversely impacted by the economic recession. Of particular concern to us are low income and vulnerable populations who have little or no voice in the discussions regarding the FY 2010-2011 budget. **As health and human service providers, advocates, community leaders, public officials and citizens, we urge the following:**

- ❖ \$34 million be allocated over the biennium for the **Ohio Association of Second Harvest foodbanks, pantries and hunger centers.**



- ❖ Support for the expansion, proposed by the Governor, in the **State Children's Health Insurance Program.**

- ❖ **Support for Elder Care.** The House passed budget expands PASSPORT and Assisted Living Programs for Seniors.

- ❖ **Maintenance of Medicaid services for disabled Ohioans**, such as, dental and podiatry care, prescription drugs, hospice care and community based drug and alcohol treatment.



- ❖ Adequate funding for **family support services**, especially the \$193 million loss to County Jobs and Family Services Departments. These funds provide support for child protective services, adoption, kinship care programs, and help for the working poor.

- ❖ Support for **fair, affordable and accessible health care.** In addition, we advocate parental health coverage for the poor, working families up to 100% of poverty.

Furthermore, **I pledge to contact the Governor and members of the Summit County Delegation of the Ohio General Assembly** to inform them of my pledge and my willingness to assist them to promoting the common good for all Ohioans.

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