

Contact: Angela Terez**Phone: (614) 466-6650****Email: angela.terez@jfs.ohio.gov****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****December 20, 2012****\$1 Million to be Distributed to Ohio Foodbanks before the Holidays**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Today Gov. John R. Kasich and Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Michael B. Colbert authorized the release of \$1 million in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, for distribution to Ohio's foodbanks before the holidays.

“They say the Great Recession is over, but we all know that many Ohioans are still struggling to find jobs, feed their families, and simply get back on their feet,” said Director Colbert, whose agency will distribute the funding. “I’m grateful to Governor Kasich for taking this action to help Ohio’s families in their time of need.”

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks (formerly the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks) represents Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,300 member charities, including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. Through its buying power, the association estimates that it can turn every dollar it receives into four meals for hungry Ohioans.

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