

Press Release: As SNAP Emergency Benefits Expire,
Community Organizations Step Up

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CINCINNATI - The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) emergency allotment will expire in March, resulting in a dramatic decrease in food access for an [estimated 670,000 Ohioans](#). The removal of this extra monthly benefit puts added pressure on people who suffer from food scarcity, along with the community organizations that help with food access.

“This change will adversely impact our clients and community members who rely on us to help them overcome food insecurity and provide other vital support,” said Alida Hart, President and CEO of [IPM Food Pantry](#), which serves eastern Hamilton and Clermont counties and Appalachian communities in southwest Ohio. “This setback to our clients highlights the important role that IPM Food Pantry plays in helping provide our clients with nutritious food,” said Hart.

The SNAP emergency allotment began in March 2020 as part of the federal government’s Families First Coronavirus Response Act, helping families in need maintain food access. Ohio extended SNAP emergency benefits as long as federally allowable, until the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 removed the additional funding. According to the [Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#), individuals could see their monthly benefit drop to \$23 (from \$281) without SNAP emergency funding.

Paired with inflation and rising food costs, the impact on individuals and families could be even more drastic, placing increased pressure on community organizations like [IPM Food Pantry](#), [Freestore Food Bank](#), [Clermont County Family and Children First](#), and [Clermont County Public Assistance](#).

With the elimination of SNAP emergency allotments, food pantries like IPM Food Pantry will depend increasingly on generous donations to maintain their crucial impact in the community.

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“We really need our community to come together,” said Hart. “IPM relies on everyone’s help in building a thriving, food secure community – especially right now.”

About [IPM Food Pantry](#)

IPM Food Pantry provides food, personal care and other communal support to those in need and empowers clients with information, support and services to improve their lives. IPM offers Food Pantries in Newtown and Amelia, Ohio, serving families in eastern Hamilton, Clermont and surrounding Appalachian communities. In 2022, IPM provided groceries for over 70,000 individual pantry visits. For more information, visit ipmfoodpantry.org.