For native Northeast Ohioans Samantha Pringle and David Gottesman, Sunday family dinner has always been sacred. Long before the couple met, family mealtimes came to embody their most cherished childhood memories. “Food bonds us, and it creates special moments,” says Samantha, who works for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. “Everyone deserves to have the opportunity to connect with friends and family over meals, as we did growing up.”

In the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Samantha and David saw an opportunity to spread the profound joy of those enduring experiences. “We happened to be distributing raspberries that day,” David says. “I was urging two boys, maybe 6 and 8 years old, to try one. It was special to see their eyes light up at trying a delicious food for the very first time.”

Taking the Next Step
Recently, Samantha and David chose to include the Greater Cleveland Food Bank in their estate plans. “For us, planned giving is about continuing to help people, even after we’re gone,” Samantha explains. “At the Food Bank, we know all these people—from seniors right down to young children—will be helped in a meaningful way. It’s more than handing out food. It’s connecting them with medical care, employment, housing and more. That’s a cause well worth contributing to.”

Join Tomorrow’s Harvest Today
Interested in leaving a legacy of compassion—just as Samantha and David have done? Contact our Senior Manager of Donor Relations, Kristen Glazer, at kglazer@clevelandfoodbank.org or 216.738.2056 to learn more about the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s planned giving society.

3 Ways to Plan Your Legacy
1. Bequests
Leave the Greater Cleveland Food Bank a gift of cash, securities or another specified asset in your will.

2. Life Insurance
You can donate a paid-up, or new, life insurance policy by designating the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as a beneficiary.

3. Retirement Assets
Retirement assets, a profit-sharing plan, a 401(k) or 403(b), or IRA retirement assets are not only great gifts, they also routinely help lower taxes for your other beneficiaries.

If you have any questions, you and/or your attorney and financial advisors are invited to contact our Senior Manager of Donor Relations, please see below for more information.
**Milestones You’ve Made Possible**

**2003**
By the end of 2003, the Northeast Ohio community had contributed more than $8.2 million to make our dream a reality—the construction of a new facility to house the Food Bank in the Collinwood neighborhood. These contributions allowed for an official groundbreaking in September.

**The Children’s Nutrition Initiative launches**
This initiative was designed to serve at-risk children at times when they are most vulnerable to hunger; after school, on weekends and during summer break.

**The Food Bank creates the Mobile Food Pantries program**
This program brings healthy, perishable foods directly to Northeast Ohioans in underserved communities.

**The Cargill Cold Storage Center opens**
This new space more than doubled our cold storage capacity to 22,000 square feet to store fresh fruits, vegetables and other perishable foods.

2018 marks the end of our three-year strategic plan focused on expanding services for children, seniors and those with health challenges.

2019 Stay tuned for a new strategic plan and other exciting work ahead, along with the celebration of our 40th Anniversary!

**2004**
Completed funding for the project. Distributed 19 million pounds of food.

**2005**
The Big Move!
In 2005, we moved into our new 128,000-square-foot facility, complete with a kitchen, warehouse space, cooling facilities and repack area. We distributed 20.2 million pounds of food in its first year of operation.

**2008**
An economic recession hits America, which leads to more families in need of help. Due to the generous support of donors like you, we were able to step up to meet the emergency food needs in our community. Over 21.6 million pounds of food distributed.

**2009**
The Food Bank’s Help Center opens to assist clients over the phone with filling out SNAP applications, as well as referring them to emergency food sites in their neighborhood.

**2011**
The Food Bank organizes its first Summer Feeding sites. More than 128,000 meals were served at 32 locations to school-age children in low-income areas, when school was out and children needed nutritious food most.

2012 The Food Bank’s Help Center opens to assist clients over the phone with filling out SNAP applications, as well as referring them to emergency food sites in their neighborhood.

2013 The Cleveland Foodbank became the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to better reflect the work we continue to do as the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio, serving six counties.

2014 This initiative was designed to serve at-risk children at times when they are most vulnerable to hunger; after school, on weekends and during summer break.

2015 The Food Bank celebrated 10 years in its South Waterloo Road location.

2016 The Food Bank launched Senior Markets, designed specifically for low-income seniors, providing delivery of fresh and nutritious food to senior-specific locations, such as a senior housing complex, and incorporated nutrition tips, health benefits outreach, health care information and screenings and more.

2017 The Food Bank provided 37.8 million pounds of food and helped more than 22,000 clients apply for SNAP, making 55.3 million meals available.

2018 Completed funding for the project. Distributed 19 million pounds of food.

**Our Mission:** Working together to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day.