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Athens County Prosecutors Office Fights Hunger

The Athens County Prosecutors Office is always fighting for justice and this week the office staff added hunger to their list. Many people in the Prosecutor's office brought in canned goods to be donated to the Southeast Ohio Foodbank.

County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn said, "Through the years I have participated in many food drives and found it rewarding. One of the first food drives I was involved in was the Ohio State versus Michigan ***War Against Hunger*** and it was a great experience. I thought with it being Thanksgiving week it would be a great cause for the Prosecutor's office and it would give us an opportunity to reflect on our blessings by giving to others. I am grateful that my wonderful office staff reached into their pantries or bought food and donated it."

Administrative Assistant, Kim Withem coordinated the food drive and she says, "This is the first year the Prosecutor's office has collected food for the Foodbank and we had a great turn out. We plan to continue this tradition."

Jay Barrett, Felony Investigator, Victim Advocate, and Diversion Director says, "We plan to expand the food collection next year and get the Diversion Program involved. We would like to have Diversioners go out into the community and help collect food at designated collection sights, have them help load the food into trucks, and man the sights."

With the food going to the Southeast Ohio Foodbank it will help more than just Athens County it will serve people in the counties of Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Vinton, and Washington.

The Southeast Ohio Foodbank channels the food to those who do not have enough, with the goal of making a positive difference in their lives.

