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Museum to Host Series of Drives to Benefit Local Organizations

Food Drive, Garden Tool Drive, Pots & Pans Drive

Canton, OH... In conjunction with the new Keller Gallery exhibition *Stark County Food: From Early Farming to Modern Meals*, the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum is hosting a series of drives to benefit local charities. Visitors will receive \$1 off admission for each item donated during the drives.

The drives will take place on the following dates:

June 14-23 FOOD DRIVE

Visitors to the Museum will receive \$1 off admission with the donation of a non-perishable food item for local food pantries.

June 24 - 30 GARDEN TOOLS DRIVE

Visitors to the Museum will receive \$1 off admission with the donation of a gently used or new garden tool for Stark Fresh, an organization in our community that innovates and educates to combat systematic poverty and provide equitable food access throughout Stark County. The tools are loaned out for community projects and given to those in need.

September 30 – Oct 6 POTS & PANS DRIVE

Visitors to the Museum will receive \$1 off admission with the donation of a gently used or new pots & pans for Stark Fresh, an organization in our community that innovates and educates to combat systematic poverty and provide equitable food access throughout Stark County. All items donated are used in Stark Fresh programs and given to those in need.

December 26 – Jan 5 FOOD DRIVE

Visitors to the Museum will receive \$1 off admission with the donation of a non-perishable food item for local food pantries.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Sponsored by the Stark County Farm Bureau, *Stark County Food: From Early Farming to Modern Meals* explores 200 years of food history in the Museum's Keller Gallery. The exhibition begins with a look at farming in our region, which includes a large cash register that was used at Harry Ink's

Aplink Orchard in the early 20th century. Other sections include grocery stores, wholesale food companies, restaurants, cookbooks, rationing, ethnic influences, bakeries, dairies, legacy families, community organizations, and culinary tourism. A special section will feature the evolution of kitchen appliances over time, including an early refrigerator, an apartment-sized electric stove, and a microwave with so much chrome, it rivals a 1950s automobile.

ABOUT "PROJECT EAT!"

Stark County has a rich food history starting with our agricultural roots and continuing into the present with urban and rural farming, field-to-fork restaurants and many other food-focused agencies. Project Eat! highlights the many great existing programs doing work in our community, while showcasing exciting new food-related events created throughout the Stark County area in 2019. Partners include the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, Canton Museum of Art, Massillon Museum, First Ladies National Historic Site, Stark Fresh, Canton Food Tours, Palace Theater, Carpe Diem, Kent State Stark, Walsh University Food Design Institute, Visit Canton, and Arts in Stark. For a complete list of programs, visit www.ProjectEatStark.org.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The McKinley Presidential Library & Museum is located at 800 McKinley Monument Dr. NW in Canton. The Keller Gallery is the Museum's temporary exhibition space and features a variety of topics each year. The Museum also includes the McKinley National Memorial, McKinley Gallery, Street of Shops, The Stark County Story, Discover World, and the Hoover-Price Planetarium. The Museum is open Monday – Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

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