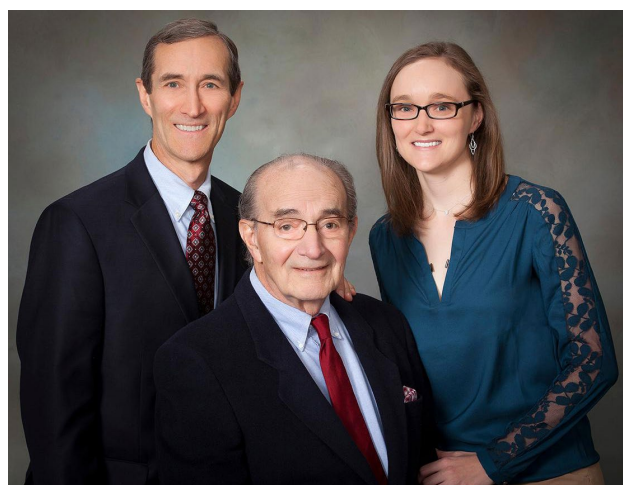




## 2019 Stark County Job Fair

Mark your calendar for the 2019 Stark County Job Fair on **October 23** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Massillon Recreation Center as part of Strengthening Stark Week. Hosted by the City of Massillon, the job fair is co-sponsored by a number of community partners.

[Learn more](#)



## My Stark Story: Robert Gessner

Giving back to the community is in Bob Gessner's blood, it's part of his DNA. With roots dating back to the mid-1850's in Massillon, find out how Bob's family has been involved with cast iron furnaces, cable and philanthropy in Stark County.

[Learn more](#)

## Local Colleges Enhance Stark

In a series of articles in The Canton Repository, local colleges and universities partnering with Strengthening Stark are sharing how they are educating and training students for jobs of today and tomorrow.



- [June: Kent State University at Stark](#)
- [July: Walsh University](#)
- [August: Northeast Ohio Medical University](#)



## Stark County Impact Program

Entrepreneurs in the Stark County Impact Program, a 12-week business assistance program provided by JumpStart, recently pitched their business to an expert panel. Neil Weakland of Canton Work Space delivered the winning pitch – taking home the top prize of \$10,000.

[Learn more](#)



## Commissioners Approve Funding

Stark County Commissioners recently approved an agreement where the county will contribute \$673,900 over three years to fund Strengthening Stark initiatives.

[Learn more](#)



## Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Hosts Community Picnic on Site of Future Canton Location

In late July, the [Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank](#) welcomed more than 350 individuals to a community picnic on the property the Foodbank purchased on the corner of Cherry Avenue and 14th Street in Canton. Guests enjoyed a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by Skyland Pines while learning more about future plans for the site.

Foodbank staff members were excited to share the Foodbank's vision for a new facility with nearby neighbors, and were appreciative of Canton City Council Woman Brenda Kimbrough, State Representative Thomas West and Canton City Health Commissioner Jim Adams who also came to show their support.

Leading up to the event, Foodbank staff members canvassed the neighborhood inviting people to the picnic and conducted surveys with local residents to gather their opinions on what could be included in the Foodbank's plans. Residents seemed enthusiastic about the Foodbank's impending arrival and were eager to offer more ideas while mingling with staff at the picnic.

In addition to sharing their vision of closing the Meal Gap in their service area, nearly 200 families took home groceries through the food distribution made available.

### Want to get involved? Let us know!

Contact us at (330) 453-562 8 or [info@strengtheningstark.com](mailto:info@strengtheningstark.com) if you want to get involved. We would love to chat about how you can play a role in Strengthening Stark County.

Contact us

Do you know others who would be interested in learning about Strengthening Stark? Encourage them to [sign up](#) to receive our monthly email updates!

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