



Ohio Association of Foodbanks

Community Services Report: April 2017





Total Members Currently Serving: **28**

Members Working on Capacity Building: **13**

Members Working on Food Security: **11**

Members Working on Financial Literacy/Career Development: **4**

ShareCorps members are part of the AmeriCorps VISTA program. They work on indirect, capacity building initiatives like improving technology at food pantries, developing resources, and coordinating volunteers. They serve full-time for year-long service terms.

“We installed another community garden for 15 new growers to have space to grow. Last month we installed 24 new growing areas for community members and we laid out a growing schedule/plan for our gardeners. The plan outlines the best times to plant different species and the methods that promote the greatest yield for each plant. We made the schedule to ease the burden on new gardeners. Starting as a first-time gardener can be overwhelming and defeating if it doesn’t grow well. The best story from this month was the Farm House Sabbath event we hosted to help fund our Water Project. We were able to raise over \$600.”

Danny Wilson (The University Church)

Renee was a critical part of the record-breaking Market at the Food Bank fundraising event this month.

“I managed the silent auction and raffle items, which generated more than \$33,000 in donations. I researched other possible donors and sponsors, organized meetings for planning of the silent auction and raffle, and more.”

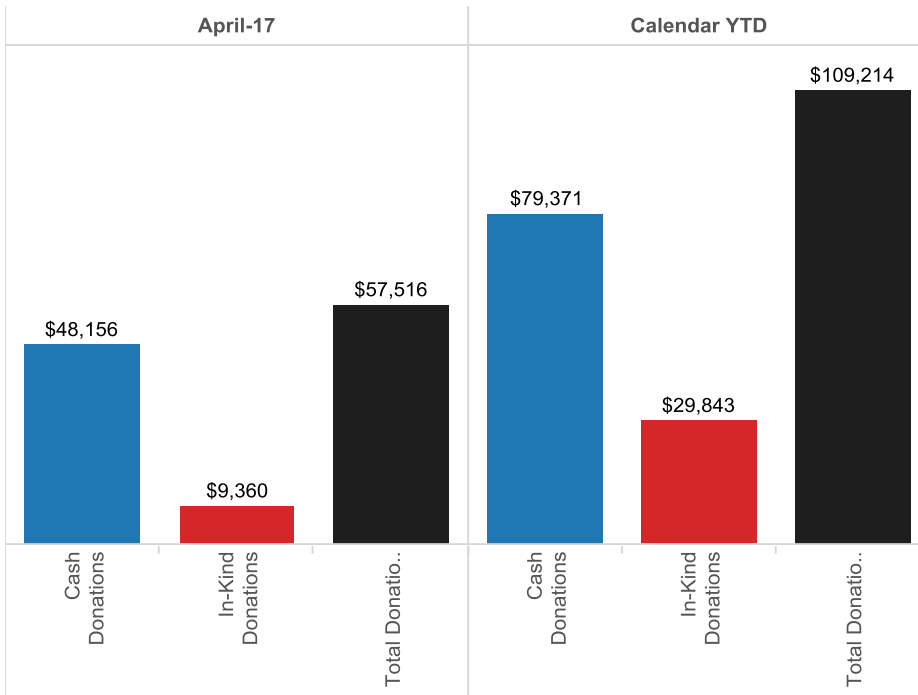
Renee Hess (Greater Cleveland Food Bank)

“Tessa, one of our student workers, provided a cooking demonstration with food you can find in our pantry: oatmeal bars, coleslaw, and corn and bean salsa were demonstrated. Our pantry guests were thrilled with the demo and are excited for our future programs.”

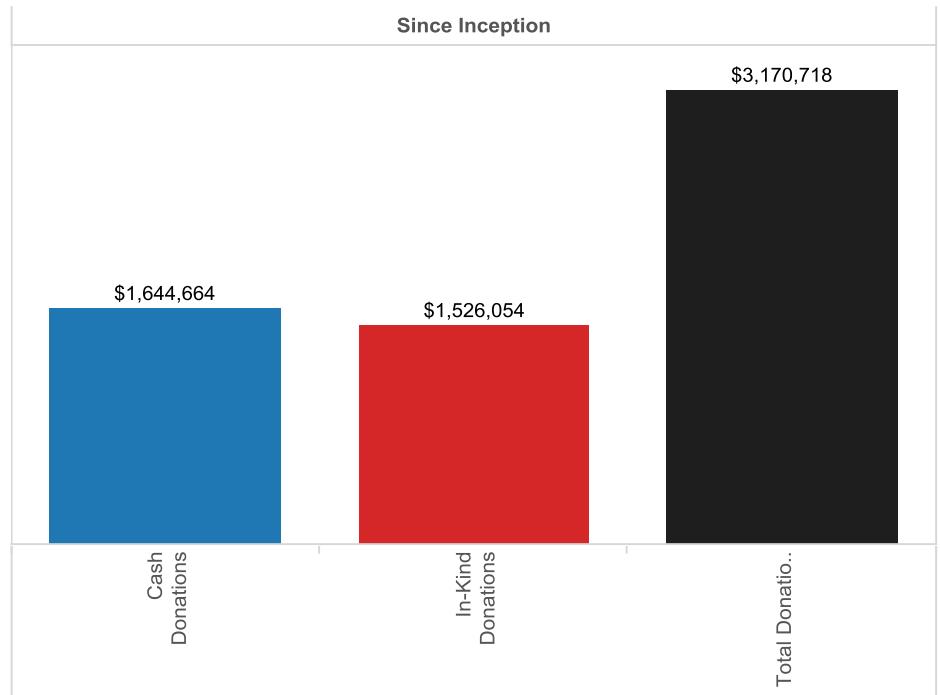
Kristina Jakubec (Lift Up! Vikes at Cleveland State University)

Capacity Building Achievements by ShareCorps Members

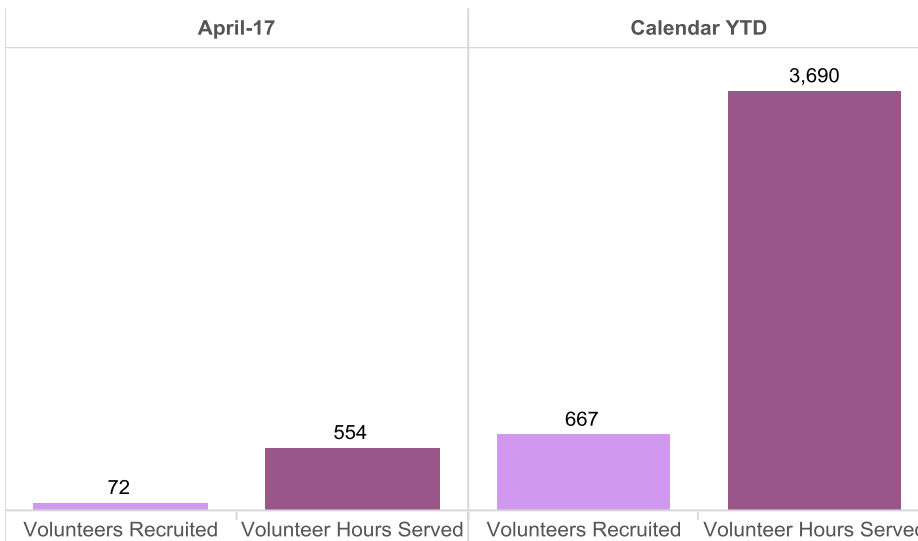
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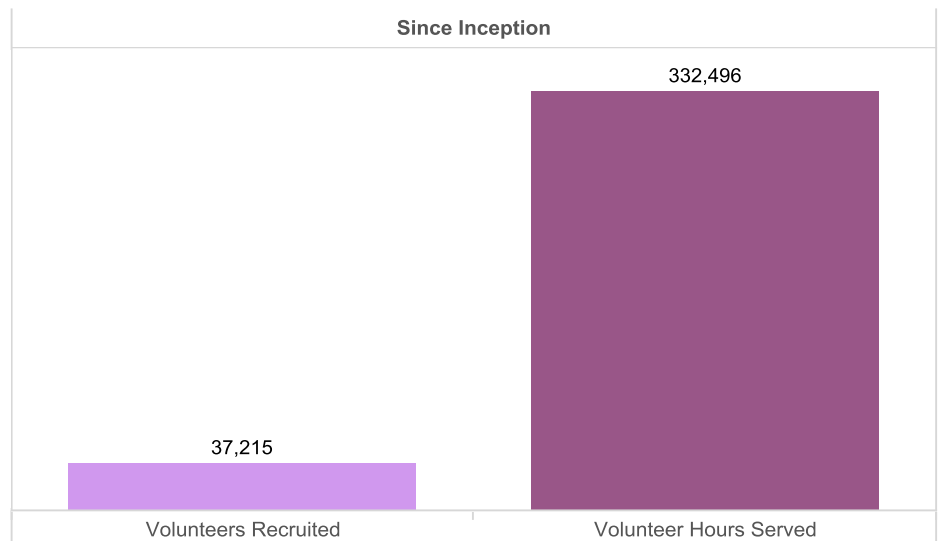
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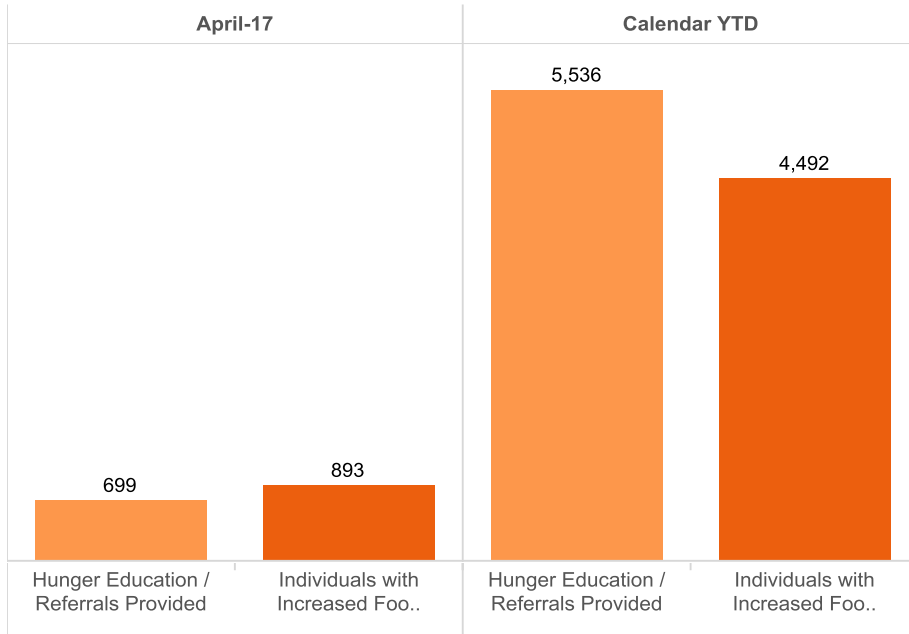


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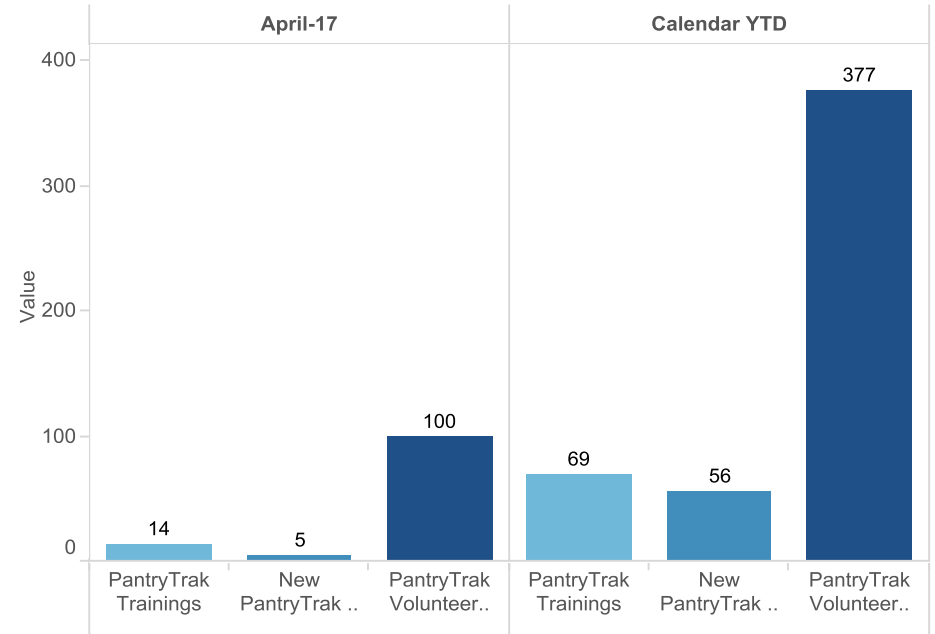


Achievements in Improving Food Access and Economic Opportunity by ShareCorps Members

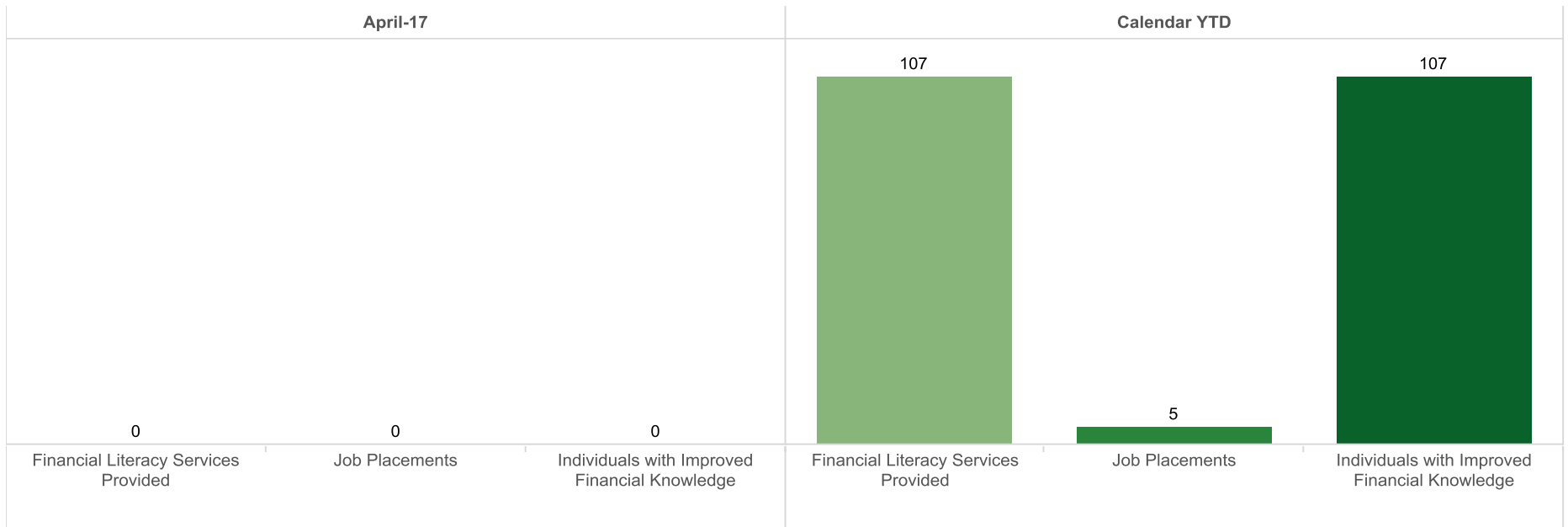
Hunger Relief Metrics



PantryTrak Metrics



Economic Opportunity Metrics





Lift Up! Vikes and their AmeriCorps VISTA member, Kristina Jakubec, worked with Cleveland State University student Tessa (pictured above) to host a cooking demonstration for their pantry guests. They shared recipe books for the four recipes they demonstrated and sent attendees home with spices to help supplement the ingredients from their pantry at CSU.



The Ohio Association of Foodbanks conducts poverty simulations at the request of local community organizations, schools, places of worship, businesses, and more. These workshops are designed to immerse participants in a simulated “month” living in poverty, and end with a debriefing session where participants share what they have learned about living in poverty.

This month, the association conducted **two** poverty simulations with **111** participants. The simulations took place at the Community Action Organization of Scioto County and Marion Matters, Inc.

So far in 2017, the association has conducted **four** poverty simulations with **271** total participants.

