

About StarkFresh...

We are a small, but mighty 501(c)3 non-profit based out of Canton, OH. Our organization has been serving Stark County in various capacities since 1983 and began focusing on fighting hunger and poverty in 2012.

OTHER PROGRAMS:



Learn more at www.starkfresh.org

OUR MISSION

Tackling the causes of hunger by creating realistic pathways out of poverty.

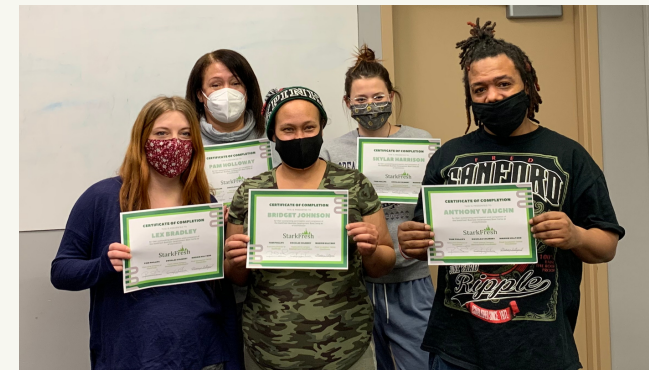


OUR VISION

We envision a Stark County where a culture of good nutrition creates a better quality of life as well as a community that is rejuvenated and empowered, free from the restraints of systematic poverty.



The Food Incubation Center believes in taking a nurturing, comprehensive approach to educating a potential business owner or employee.



Business classes

The Business Development Boot Camp (BDBC) is a plain-language business development course, designed as the most accessible business class offered in the County and for those with no prior business background or schooling.



Class takes place for 6 weeks, with two classes a week, in the evening to give budding entrepreneurs the ability to come learn outside of standard work hours.



Topics covered:

- Identifying your market and customer
- Competitive advantage and elevator pitch
- Business plan creation
- Business structure and financial checklists
- Financial literacy
- Employees
- Marketing and branding
- Insurance
- and more...



Food Safety Training

In all aspects of food-related commerce, food safety is a top priority.

To meet the educational needs of our community, staff members at our Food Justice Campus teach ServSafe Food Safety courses on a regular basis.



We currently offer several levels of training and proctoring at our Food Justice Campus:

- ServSafe Food Manager - *online test proctoring only*
 - Cost: \$75
 - Held by appointment only
 - Does not include the cost of the exam
- ServSafe Food Manager - *in-person class training and online test proctoring*
 - Cost: \$150
 - Held quarterly
- ServSafe Food Handler/State of Ohio PIC (Person In Charge) - *in-person class training and online test proctoring*
 - Cost: \$49
 - Held quarterly

Kitchen/Office Rental



Kitchen:

- The shared-use commercial kitchen is an affordable, fully licensed kitchen, available for hourly rental 365 days per year, 24 hours a day, for food-related businesses.
- Our shared kitchen is registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and is certified by Canton Public Health.
- StarkFresh's shared kitchen is perfect for a home-based food business or food truck looking to expand its operations into a more formal setting.

Office:

- Offering low-cost office space to individuals who are trying to start or build a business breaks down a barrier and provides another pathway out of poverty.
- Our office space features fully equipped individual workspaces available for monthly rental, allowing affordable access to a professional office setting.
- Other benefits listed on website