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New Program to Help Fight Senior Hunger in Delaware County

The Council for Older Adults has announced that it will be acting as the local administrator and distribution point for a new program in Delaware County which will enable qualifying older adults to receive monthly boxes of shelf stable food. This program, known as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, is a cooperative effort between the Council for Older Adults and the Mid-Ohio FoodBank and is administered in Ohio through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Funding is provided through a federal USDA food and nutritional program serving lower income individuals.

Qualifying individuals must be age 60 or older, be a Delaware county resident and have an income of no more than \$14,079 per year. Income limit will increase based on household size. Income proof is not required. Participants must be recertified after 6 months and a new application taken each year. Proof of age and residency will be requested at sign up.

Clients will pick up special grocery boxes on a designated day or they may send a pre-determined authorized person. Typical contents of the grocery box, which weight 30 to 35 pounds, include items such as cereal, fruit juice, canned meat or fish, peanut butter or beans, canned fruit or vegetables, rice or potatoes, and American cheese. The food is shelf stable, nutritious and is intended to supplement food budgets for lower income older adults.

Sign ups will run February 8 through February 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Rd. Delaware, Ohio 43015. This program is limited on how many people can be served. For more information, call Toni Dodge - Food and Nutritional Services Program Supervisor at 740-363-6677 or visit www.growingolder.org.