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MAP Furniture Bank Receives “Excellence” Award

Creativity, execution and achievement helped MAP Furniture Bank nab one of six Excellence Awards during the Third Annual Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Award luncheon presented by the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO) on May 8, 2008.

The award recognizes overall excellence of a specific project completed by a nonprofit. MAP Furniture Bank submitted its 2007 “Tables for Thanksgiving” event, an effort that provided nearly 100 local families with kitchen tables and chairs in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. MAP Furniture Bank received the Excellence Award for the central Ohio, small budget category.

“Many, many organizations from around the state submitted applications for the award. Determining the finalists was a difficult decision for the selection committee,” said Jennifer Williams, executive director for OANO.

MAP Furniture Bank adds the Nonprofit Excellence Award to its growing number of accolades, including a SWACO Emerald Award for recycling furniture. As a community project, MAP credits its board, staff, volunteers and financial donors for these achievements.

MAP Furniture Bank provides free furniture to central Ohio residents who are dealing with severe life challenges ranging from previous homelessness to mental disability. Nearly 80 percent of client families earn less than \$10,000 annually, leaving them unable to properly furnish their homes.

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