HandsOn Central Ohio

Purpose
HandsOn Central Ohio inspires, equips and mobilizes people to create meaningful change in their lives and in their community.

As the central Ohio affiliate of the HandsOn Network, HandsOn Central Ohio connects individuals and organizations with civic engagement opportunities and also empowers people in need to make change in their lives by connecting them with critical community resources.

Impact
Our organization is the region’s premiere information, resource referral, and volunteer mobilization organization, serving Greater Columbus for nearly 30 years.

HandsOn Central Ohio serves more than 500,000 people across 29 Ohio counties each year, providing access to critical needs, safe and warm housing, and nutritious meals; contributing to better public health for all and improved academic, social and emotional outcomes for young people; and providing key community insights and volunteer support to strengthen Central Ohio’s neighborhoods.

In FY 2013, our organization linked over 118,353 unique Franklin County residents with emergency food; made 78,966 referrals to critical community resources, such as rental and utility payment assistance; answered 70,599 calls on our Coordinated Point of Access line, connecting 6,102 residents to emergency shelter; arranged over 30,000 taxi trips for clients of Franklin County Children Services; and scheduled 5,016 appointments for free tax preparation assistance.

Finally, in calendar year 2013 for all agency programs, our organization mobilized 5,457 volunteers for a total of 202,940 hours, contributing $3,902,536 to our local community.

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