

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

Founded in 1982, the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama annually distributes over 12 million nutritious meals through a network of 250+ hunger relief agencies in 12 counties.

The Food Bank operates as a central clearinghouse for collecting food that might otherwise be wasted. We receive both new and commercially excess quality food from several food industry sources, and in turn distribute that food to 250+ nonprofits in the community that act as our agency partners. In turn, the agencies that receive food from the food bank must agree to distribute that food to those in need, free of charge.

With the impact of COVID-19, we adapted to fit the community's need. In 2020, we served over 428 thousand unique individuals, a drastic increase over the 189 thousand served in 2019. We shifted to primarily using a "truck to trunk" mobile pantry distribution method that has proven safe and effective, something paramount in importance to our community, staff, and volunteers.



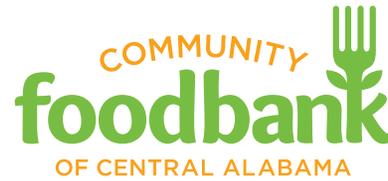
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Community Food Bank has a myriad of volunteer opportunities for corporate groups and individuals alike. We would not be able to accomplish all that we do if it were not for amazing people like you who volunteer their time! It's easy to get started. Just go to feedingal.org/volunteer to sign up!

HOW TO DONATE

We are so thankful for our donors and partners who keep this mission alive. If you want to be involved, you can visit our website and click the "Donate" button to give online, or you can write a check to the Community Food Bank! It's people like you who make a difference in people's lives.

For other giving opportunities, corporate gifts, and planned donations, contact 205-942-8911 ext. 104.



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*Feeding people in need today
and fostering collaborative solutions
to end hunger tomorrow*



**TOGETHER,
WE CAN SOLVE HUNGER**

WHAT WE DO



COLLECT FOOD & DONATIONS Secure food, produce & non-perishable donations from growers, wholesalers, retailers, food drives, & state/ federal governments & monetary donations.



SORT & PACKAGE With the help of many volunteers, items are inspected, sorted, packaged & stored.



DISTRIBUTE TO PARTNERS Those partner agencies include emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs, snack programs, and senior programs.



GIVE TO OUR NEIGHBORS Our partner agencies, in turn, give fresh food & non-perishable items to our neighbors in need.

COVID-19 IMPACT & MOBILE PANTRIES

Due to Covid-19, we shifted to focus on mobile, no-contact, drive-thru distributions called Mobile Pantries. These distributions have been wildly successful, and we gave out over 11.8 million pounds of food in the first 6 months of 2020 alone. That's 9.9 million meals to people in need!

Visit feedingal.org/covid to see a list of Mobile Pantries, volunteer opportunities, and ways to give. This will also show you our "Find Food" feature where you can type in your address or zip code for a list of our partner pantries, their locations, hours of operation, and contact information.

KIDS MEAL CAMPAIGN

Our Kids Meal Campaign provides 3 interconnecting services to children when schools close over the weekends, holidays, and the summer break.

- **WEEKENDERS BACKPACK PROGRAM**
Provides weekend meals to children on Fridays so they arrive to school Monday morning without the distraction of hunger
- **FAMILY MARKETS**
Delivers fresh produce and other healthy foods to families in need when they pick up or drop off their children at school
- **SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM**
Provides free lunch & snacks to kids 5 days per week all summer long. Meals include fresh salads and locally grown berries, tomatoes, and more!

FOOD RECOVERY

Five days per week, our fleet of trucks picks up donations of fresh produce, meats, dairy, and more from grocery stores across the region. This effort prevents over 7 million pounds of wholesome foods from needlessly going to waste in local landfills per year. The food recovery initiative provides meals to our region's most vulnerable residents and advances our environmental sustainability goals.

FOOD INSECURITY

Definition: The state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

1 in 6 adults and 1 in 4 children suffer from hunger and food insecurity throughout our 12-county community. With our community partners, we work to end this suffering by implementing direct-service programs in Central Alabama's areas of greatest need. More than half of food-insecure individuals have had to choose between buying food or paying for medicine.

CHRONIC HUNGER COSTS OUR COMMUNITY: higher rates of diet-related diseases & chronic illnesses, poorer educational outcomes, lost economic productivity, increased health care expenditures

ENDING SENIOR HUNGER

We address this hidden need in our community by delivering fresh produce and other healthy foods to seniors' doorsteps. We also assist seniors with SNAP enrollment, Medicare savings plans, farmers market vouchers, and more through the Benefits Enrollment Center.



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Together, we can solve hunger in Central Alabama, and here are ways how YOU can help!

Hosting a **food drive**, **volunteering** to sort, pack or give out food supplies, **raising awareness** to the issue of hunger, and **donating funds** all have an impact!

Also, **every dollar you give helps us provide 6 meals** to children, seniors, and families in need right here in Central Alabama!