

# how we work: at a glance



**1** Food is donated or purchased at a low cost from suppliers, community partners, and the federal government.



**2** Food is delivered, then sorted and stored at the Community Food Bank warehouse. Volunteers and staff sort food, pack program boxes, and do quality control.



**3** CFB distributes the food to partner agencies, who then give it to those in need in their area, free of charge. Program boxes and fresh produce are also prepared and distributed at Mobile Pantries throughout each month, open to the public.



# COMMUNITY foodbank OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

The Community Food Bank provides service for 12 counties in Central Alabama: **Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Etowah, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Walker, and Winston.**

We operate as a central clearinghouse for collecting food that might otherwise be wasted. We receive products from several food industry sources, as well as excess food reclaimed from local grocery stores. In turn, we distribute that food to over 250 nonprofits in the community who act as our agency partners & distribute through various direct service programs. The agencies receive food from the Community Food Bank and 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 impacted 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.

## Fast Facts

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**PARTNER AGENCIES**  
ie. food pantries, local food banks, and organizations

**FOOD DISTRIBUTED:** **13 MILLION LBS IN 2018**  
**14 MILLION LBS IN 2019**  
**21.9 MILLION LBS IN 2020**

# 1 IN 6

**ADULTS ARE  
FOOD INSECURE**

That's more than **264,000** people in our service area

CFB distributes an average of

# 697,000

**lbs. of produce** each month

# 12,000

Holiday Meal Boxes were distributed in 2020. In 2019 we distributed 2,400.

# 126% INCREASE

in **unique individuals** served in 2020: more than 428k in 2020, over 189k in 2019

# 1 IN 4

**CHILDREN ARE FOOD  
INSECURE IN OUR AREA**

That's more than **85,000** children in our service area. Over **35,000** children do not qualify for federal nutrition aid – those who would fall through the cracks without us.

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