

# CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK in Washington, DC





# **HUNGER IS HERE.**

In the District of Columbia, 84,380 residents struggle to get the food they need. Of those, 32% are children.

# HUNGER HURTS.

- 48 percent of households served by the food bank have a family member with high blood pressure, and 22 percent of households served by the food bank have a family member with diabetes (Feeding America, 2014).
- Compared to food secure seniors, food insecure seniors are 53 percent more likely to report a heart attack, 52 percent more likely to develop asthma, and 40 percent more likely to report an experience of congestive heart failure (Feeding America and the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger, 2013).
- Food insecure children are more likely to experience stomachaches, headaches, colds, ear infections, and fatigue. They are sick more often, recover more slowly, and are more likely to be hospitalized (Feeding America, 2014)
- 70 percent of households served by the food bank reported "purchasing inexpensive, unhealthy" food as the common coping strategy to hunger (Feeding America, 2014).

# THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK IS TAKING HUNGER OFF THE MAP



**THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK** is the largest organization in the Washington metro area working to solve hunger

and its companion problems, chronic undernutrition, diabetes, and obesity. By **partnering with over 450 community organizations** in DC, MD, and VA, as well as delivering food directly into hard to reach areas of the community, the food bank is **helping almost half a million residents each year** get access to good, healthy food.



# HOW WE WORK.

9 million meals distributed in DC through Food Assistance Partners and Direct Distribution Programs in fiscal year 2018.\*

# FOOD ASSISTANCE PARTNERS



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Our 143 Food Assistance Partners work on the ground to offer food from the CAFB to neighbors in need; these partners include faith-based organizations, food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, senior programs, and daycare centers.

## FOR KIDS -



#### WEEKEND BAGS

We provide weekly, kid-friendly bags of groceries for children to ensure they have enough to eat when not at school. In FY18, we distributed 75,000 meals to children at seven sites.



#### KIDS SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

We provide healthy meals and snacks in the summer at sites that include faith-based organizations, camps, and recreation centers. In FY18, we distributed 27,000 meals to children at 42 sites.



#### **MOBILE FOOD PROGRAM**

In partnership with Shoppers, we provide healthy lunches during the summer to children in hard to reach neighborhoods via a customized bus.



#### KIDS AFTER SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

We provide free, healthy meals and snacks to students attending after school enrichment programs. In FY18, we distributed 100,000 meals to children at 42 sites.

### FOR SENIORS-



#### **SENIOR BROWN BAG**

We provide income-qualified seniors with a bag of groceries each month, along with recipes and nutrition education materials. We distributed 212,000 meals in FY18, serving 1,300 seniors a month at 27 sites.



#### **GROCERY PLUS**

We provide eligible DC seniors with a bag of healthy groceries each month. In the summer, seniors also receive produce vouchers redeemable at participating farmer's markets. We distributed 1.5 million meals in FY18, serving 5,000 seniors per month at 76 sites.

## FOR FAMILIES



#### FAMILY MARKETS

We provide families with fresh fruits, vegetables and non-perishable healthy groceries each month in their children's schools. Food is offered market-style, and parents can choose the items they want, along with recipes to put ingredients to use. We distributed 257,000 meals in FY18, serving 580 households a month at 12 sites.

# FOR EVERYONE



#### MOBILE MARKETS

We provide fruits, vegetables, bread, and more at no cost to any resident living in a high-need neighborhood, by delivering to safe, public places for pick-up. In FY18, we served more than 1.2 million meals at 21 sites.



#### JOYFUL FOOD MARKET

This monthly, pop-up grocery market takes place at schools in DC's Wards 7 & 8. Each market provides families with healthy, nonperishable groceries and fresh produce. We distributed 650,000 meals in FY18, serving 5,000 children a month at 47 sites.



#### COMMUNITY MARKETPLACES

At this monthly farmer's market-inspired event, we offer fresh, seasonal produce at no cost; cooking demonstrations and on-site resources for health, housing, and other services. In FY18, we served over 2,800 households more than 98,000 meals at our marketplace.