

Global Pandemic, Local Impact

Even before the pandemic, nearly 400,000 people in our area struggled with food insecurity. Today, that number has risen to nearly 600,000 people as the economic impacts of COVID-19 affect people around the world and in our own backyards. A snapshot of what's happening—and how you can help—is below.

IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON

Hunger in Our Region



856,280

unemployment claims have been filed in our service area since March 2020. The latest data shows the unemployment rate has increased 107% since 2019.



30 – 400%

increases in numbers of people coming through our nonprofit partners' doors.



200%

more people calling our Hunger Lifeline to get help finding food.

IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON

CAFB Operations



227,000

ft² of warehouse space across four buildings are in use for food storage, staging, and distribution. The CAFB has leased two additional locations to enable its expanded operations, nearly doubling its storage space.



399,827

emergency boxes have been distributed by the CAFB since March 2020. Each box provides the food needed to feed a family of four with meals for up to five days.



779

truckloads of food purchased since April 2020—almost 26x what we purchased all of 2019—to keep inventory level with demand.

How We're Helping Communities Recover



62 Million

meals distributed since mid-March of 2020, a 104% total increase over the same time period the previous year.



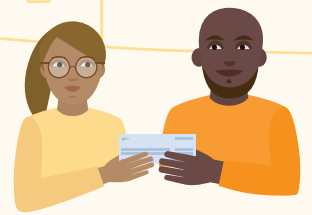
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CAFB nonprofit partners are open, including some that have re-opened after temporary closure due to the pandemic. The food bank normally serves over 450 partner organizations.



181

direct distribution locations are providing emergency boxes of shelf-stable food, meals, and/or produce to children and families across the region through 5 active direct distribution programs.



\$3.5 Million

in CAFB partner grants have been provided, allowing partners to re-open safely, source additional food, and acquire PPE for staff and volunteers.

No one should go hungry during a pandemic. Together, we can make sure no one has to.



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