

Global Pandemic, Local Impact

Even before the pandemic, nearly 400,000 people in our area struggled with food insecurity. Today, that number is rising rapidly 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



505,000

unemployment claims have been filed in our service area since March.



30–400%

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



3x

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

IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON CAFB Operations



50%

of our nonprofit partners are closed because many are run by older volunteers or those with underlying health concerns. We ordinarily have 450 network partners.



75%

decrease in retail donations due to supply chain disruptions—a lost in-kind value of \$2 million per month.



350

truckloads of food purchased since April—more than 11x what we purchased all of last year—to keep inventory level with demand.

How We're Responding



20

Community Hubs have been set up. Hubs are large nonprofit partners that are distributing extra food to account for the closure of other locations.



71,250

emergency boxes of shelf stable food have been packed by our volunteers. Each feeds a family of 4 for 4–5 days.



35

meal sites for kids are still open, providing a daily grab-and-go dinner instead of a sit-down meal.



10,000

seniors are still receiving boxes of supplementary shelf-stable groceries every month.

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



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