

The Foodbank Impact Statement FY2019

The Foodbank Mission Statement: The Foodbank relieves hunger in the community through a network of partner agencies by acquiring and distributing food.

The Foodbank Vision: No One Should Go Hungry.

The Foodbank Values Statement: The Foodbank Values All People Without Judgement.

Food Insecurity Work in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble Counties of Ohio

The Foodbank works with a network of 110 nonprofit partner agencies, representing 146 programs, across our tri-county service territory to ensure that all residents have the food they need to live active, healthy lives. Together, we work to reduce food insecurity, which is defined as a socioeconomic condition of limited food to support a healthy life.

In fiscal year 2019, The Foodbank distributed 16,129,882 pounds of food to a total of 850,005 clients, which is the equivalent of 13,441,568 meals.

Foodbank Programming

In addition to the daily acquisition and distribution of food to The Foodbank's partnership network, The Foodbank operates six programs to reach residents in our community who are food insecure and unable to reach a local food pantry. These programs include:

1. Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): this program, operated by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services provides 1,406 unduplicated seniors with a monthly supplemental food box of shelf-stable food that is designed to complement the fresh produce and perishable foods seniors are already receiving from a Foodbank partner or program. All food placed in the box is specifically selected to meet nutritional needs of seniors. In 2018, The Foodbank opened a drive-thru pantry on our property in West Dayton to provide seniors in West Dayton and beyond an easier way to receive their CSFP box.
2. Mobile Farmer's Markets: **The Foodbank operates 27 monthly Mobile Farmer's Markets** across our tri-county service territory. **Four of our monthly Mobile Farmer's Markets are located directly in West Dayton.** The location of Mobile Farmer's Markets are specifically targeted to address high need areas with limited ability to reach a local food pantry or with a large population of immobile residents/seniors.

3. Mass Food Distributions and Special Food Drops: Each year, The Foodbank in partnership with CareSource, operates **three Mass Food Distributions**. One Mass Food Distribution is held in each of The Foodbank's three counties. Additionally, **upon the closing of the Aldi's in West Dayton, The Foodbank partnered with the Dakota Center to provide food to meet the needs of residents in West Dayton.**

4. Good-to-Go Backpacks: Recognizing that over 20% of all local children are at risk for food insecurity, **The Foodbank partners with over 30 local school districts and community center in Montgomery and Greene counties to provide a bag of shelf-stable food to over 1,700 children every week throughout the school year.** The bags are designed to pick up where free and reduced lunch programs leave off, providing enough food to sustain a child over the weekend. **In fiscal year 2019, 47,750 Good-to-Go Backpacks were distributed in our community.**

5. SNAP Outreach: The Foodbank is SNAP (food stamp) outreach center. SNAP is vital to providing local families with the support they need to rebuild and sustain their lives. For every meal The Foodbank provides, SNAP provides 12 meals. The Foodbank has one full-time staff member who is dedicated to providing SNAP outreach and application assistance through the Ohio Benefit Bank. Through the Ohio Benefit Bank, individuals can also apply for all other public assistance programs.

6. Food Scripts: The Foodbank, in partnership with Dayton Children's Hospital, is providing a box of shelf stable food, fresh produce, and whole grain bakery to families with children who screen positive for food insecurity by Dayton Children's physicians or community workers. We are currently in the process of talking to other healthcare providers to expand the program.

Commitment to Community Service

In fiscal year 2019, The Foodbank benefited from a total of 8,395 volunteers who provided over 22,000 hours of service. The Foodbank works to provide a volunteer experience unlike any other in the community. We are actively engaged with the STOP program, and provide many engaging opportunities for youth and adults who are required to complete community service hours.

Volunteer tasks include distributing food through our CSFP distributions, Mobile Farmer's Markets, drive-thru, and Mass Food Distributions, harvesting from our 80 raised-bed community garden, sorting food drive donations, repacking fresh produce, packing Good-to-Go Backpacks, CSFP, and food-script boxes.

Economic Impact

The Foodbank is housed in a 31,000 square foot warehouse facility on a previously abandoned property located in West Dayton, which the City of Dayton generously donated to The Foodbank for \$5.00. **The value of The Foodbank's property is \$182,100.00; the value of land improvements made as a result of our garden operations is \$212,050.17. The value of The Foodbank's warehouse and drive-thru produce market is \$2,315,443. The total economic investment in West Dayton, zip code 45417, is \$2,709,593.17.** These investments were made without incurring debt or holding a capital campaign.

The Foodbank employs 33 individuals. **Our current economic contribution of payroll is \$1.4 million. The organization is committed to shortening the line through re-entry work. Currently, 11 of our 33 employees were previously incarcerated and are now employed full-time at The Foodbank. The average salary at The Foodbank is \$35,000.** Additionally, as a commitment to our team's well-being and health, The Foodbank pays 100% of employee insurance and the first \$2,500 of our insurance deductible.

The Foodbank team also benefit from many training opportunities and receive tuition assistance to take college level classes at any of our local colleges. Furthermore, our team has been trained in Collective Impact, Narcan administration, food safety, forklift operations, and participate in local organizations including Toastmasters, Miami Valley Association of Volunteer Administrators, the Art of Hosting, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Women's Leadership Collaborative of Dayton, Parity, and Leadership Dayton among others. Members of the team were also trained in Toyota production, Kaizen, in Georgetown Kentucky.

In an effort to be as fiscally responsible as possible, we routinely accept interns, externs, and AmeriCorps VISTAS on The Foodbank team.

Commitment to Community Development

Through a collaboration between The Foodbank and Montgomery County, The Foodbank has redeveloped an acre and a half of dilapidated blacktop property that was once a parking lot into an active community garden with 80 raised beds. The County gifted in kind work to build the raised bed gardens, this totals \$122,846. **During the 2018 growing season, over three-tons of locally grown fresh produce was harvested on-site or gleaned from local farms.** Our on-site raised bed gardens also include an edible forest with apple, pear, cherry trees, and blueberry bushes, an aquaponics system that is vital to our lettuce production, a pollinator garden and three productive bee hives.

The Foodbank's garden also provides ample educational opportunities for underserved youth in our community. Preschool-aged children enrolled at MVCDC regularly attend free field trips at The Foodbank garden where children are engaged in hands-on garden and pollinator lessons provided by The Foodbank's Master Gardener.

Dedication to Food Safety and Meeting the Highest of Standards

The Foodbank undergoes various audits, to ensure the highest level of transparency. Through good fiscal financial reporting, as determined by a yearly audit, The Foodbank is a Platinum Guidestar organization, scoring in the top 1% of all Guidestar rated nonprofit organizations. We have also received a five-star rating from Charity Navigator four years in a row. In 2018, The Foodbank was named the second best foodbank in the nation by 24/7 Wall Street.

Food safety and warehousing gold standard lies with the American Institute of Baker's (AIB). The Foodbank has held the highest food safety award in the United States in foodbanking. Currently, we hold a 940/1000, which is considered an A rating.

In the past seven years, The Foodbank decided to make a commitment to our partner agencies to not hold fundraising events. All funds for our fiscal year 2019 operational budget of \$3.1 million were raised through individual donors, corporations, contracts, foundations, and grants. This commitment was made to ensure that we are not negatively impacting the fundraising work already being done by our member agencies.

Collaborative Work

The Foodbank recognizes the many talents of nonprofits across the Miami Valley. In addition to partnerships with 110 nonprofit hunger relief organizations across Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties, The Foodbank also actively works with many local businesses and organizations to better serve our community. Below is a brief list of some of our collaborative partners:

- Dayton VA: in November 2018, The Foodbank opened a pantry on-site at the Dayton VA. This partnership has been critical in meeting the unmet nutritional needs of local veterans.
- Disaster Relief Partnerships: The Foodbank has one staff member who is actively involved in Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster and Community Organizations Active in Disaster, both organizations provide local and nation-wide disaster relief efforts. As such, The Foodbank is contracted to keep 12 skids of bottled water on hand at all times for local disaster relief response. Our building is also designed to withstand any local natural disaster. In the case of a region-wide power outage, The Foodbank can be powered by a natural gas generator, is housed with two showers and a washer and dryer, and can also store perishable and non-perishable food from local grocers as needed.
- Other Local Colleges: The Foodbank is active in all of our major colleges and universities. A Mobile Farmer's Market is held each month at Central State University, Clark State, and Sinclair Community College. Wright State University has an on-site food pantry that is a partner agency of The Foodbank, and University of Dayton students are frequently working in collaboration with The Foodbank on various high-level service projects including our truck routes and food waste reduction efforts.

Disaster Relief Work

In May 2019, in response to 15 Memorial Day tornadoes that ripped through the Miami Valley, The Foodbank provided immediate food and water relief across the community. A total of nine pop-up Mobile Farmer's Markets distributed food directly in hard hit areas including, Trotwood, Old North Dayton, Brookville, and East Dayton. Through partnerships with Montgomery County and the City of Dayton, The Foodbank distributed well over one-million bottles of water while public water service was shut off across Montgomery County. In an effort to continue to sustain lives, while our community rebuilds, The Foodbank's drive-thru

was open for extended hours throughout the months of June and July. The Foodbank is dedicated to continuing to support our community with ongoing food and water relief as we shift into long-term recovery and rebuilding work.

Advocacy Work

The Foodbank is fortunate to have one staff member who is responsible for advocating on behalf of the hungry in our community. Her work locally leads advocacy efforts related to the Farm Bill, SNAP, and other hunger-related policy work. This staff member was trained through Feeding America's Advocacy Academy in Washington, which was led by the Congressional Management Foundation. Regularly, The Foodbank receives visits from local politicians who are passionate about hunger and can drive real change. Our advocacy work is driven by metrics as outlined in our strategic plan.

Food Rescue Work

Five days a week, The Foodbank picks up donated food product from 60 local retail stores. This product, which is largely comprised of food that retail stores deem "unsellable" is often undersized produce, seasonal food that is unsold, and excess bakery product. All food picked up at the back docks of our retail store donors is perfectly edible, yet without The Foodbank picking up the product, it would end up in the landfill. **In fiscal year 2019, 3,511,335 pounds of food was rescued by The Foodbank, and put directly into the hands of the hungry.**

The Foodbank also works to empower our network of partner agencies to pick up processed (hot) food directly. Currently, three Foodbank partner agencies are picking up processed food from four restaurant locations, including Pizza Hut, City BBQ, and Panera Bread. Additionally, 16 of our partner agencies regularly pick up from local retail store donors on the weekends or other times that The Foodbank is unable to pick up food rescue.

Shelf stable packaged canned and boxed foods also represent a key opportunity for The Foodbank. In fiscal year 2019, over 780,000 pounds of canned food drive product was donated by local companies and organizations who are passionate about The Foodbank.

Commitment to Communicating the Need

The Foodbank keeps all local hunger data and service statics for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services through an electronic client tracking system called PantryTrak. We are the first local organization to receive hunger statistics and data from Feeding America, FRAC, Ohio Association of Foodbanks, and USDA hunger studies. The Foodbank routinely shares this information among our network of partner agencies and others in our community working to end food insecurity. Our PantryTrak service statistic numbers are also

reported to United Way and Montgomery County for their use in reporting food insecurity numbers and the total impact of food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters in Montgomery County. This collaborative spirit helps to ensure our community is presenting work driven by metrics, holding us all fiscally accountable. This same data drives The Foodbank's strategic initiatives as outlined in our strategic plan, including 18 pages of metrics with attached tangible outcomes. The Foodbank and our 110 member agencies lead the local charge in ending food insecurity in our community.

The information gleaned from PantryTrak is routinely used to identify service gaps in our community. When those gaps are identified we deploy our Mobile Farmer's Markets as a temporary resource until stable food distribution can be established.

The Foodbank Overarching Goals As Driven by Our Strategic Plan

- To lead hunger relief in this community
- To adopt a state of the art technology system for the acquisition and distribution of food
- Continue to maximize food acquisition and distribution through our network of partner agencies
- Work with members and partners to community, education, and advocate on hunger relief
- To foster mission-driven teams through our human resources

Foodbank Awards and Recognition

- Winner of the Toyota Grant for Nonprofits in 2013
- Winner of the Better Business Bureau Eclipse Integrity Award in 2016
- Held one of ten positions with Feeding America to write the National Contract and assign metrics, led The Foodbank to be the winner of Feeding America's Foodbank Network Leader of the Year in 2016
- 2014-2016 held the highest AIB food safety award in the United States
- Named #2 foodbank in the nation in 2018