



# FREESTORE FOODBANK



**Who We Are:** Freestore Foodbank’s mission is to improve lives by eliminating hunger in partnership with our community, and our vision is to create a hunger-free, healthy, and thriving community. To achieve this vision, our objectives are to provide nutritious food, connect to support services and offering a pathway from crisis to stability.

**What We Do:** Freestore Foodbank is the largest emergency food and services provider to children and families in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana. The organization distributes 37.7 million meals annually to low-income individuals and families. The Freestore Foodbank supports 540 community partners in 20 counties throughout Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, including food kitchens, homeless shelters, emergency food pantries, social service centers and program sites.

**Why We’re Important:** By providing emergency food distribution, the Freestore Foodbank responds to the issue of poverty and food insecurity in our community and provides an array of services (emergency clothing, housing services, SNAP assistance, Medicaid outreach and others) aimed at creating self-reliance. The Freestore Foodbank is a member of Feeding America.

**How We Serve the Community:**

- Provided 37.7 million meals to our community.
- Provided 8.8 million pounds of produce and 6 million pounds of retail food rescue
- 21,969 volunteers served that gave 86,614 hours to Freestore Foodbank
- COVID-19 Increase: The Ohio National Guard packed 2.9 million pounds of emergency, 63% increase in food distribution, 40% decrease in food donations, 51% increase in online SNAP apps
- COVID-19 Expected Increase: 5% increase in overall hunger expected long-term and a 9% increase in childhood hunger (Feeding America Map the Meal Gap). 35 new partners.

**How You Can Help:** You can join us in helping to make a difference. With your help, Freestore Foodbank is able to help provide three meals to hungry children and families in the tristate area.

- Donate: \$1 could help provide 3 meals to those in need. Your generosity creates stability and hope for our neighbors facing hunger during these unprecedented time.
- Volunteer: Volunteers are a vital part of Freestore Foodbank’s strategic plan to provide meals to hungry children and families in our tristate area. Every time you volunteer, you will leave knowing that you have helped to provide Food, Connection and Hope for our neighbors in need. To volunteer with us, please contact [volunteer@freestorefoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@freestorefoodbank.org) or call 513-482-7550
- Host a Food Drive: Our most efficient, impactful food drive to get your friends, coworkers and family engaged to help fight hunger. Instead of going to the grocery store and buying canned food, especially during this uncertain time, we will help you create a link to encourage people to donate to the Freestore Foodbank to purchase food for our neighbors in need. To host a food drive, please go to [freestorefoodbank.org/host-a-canned-food-drive/](http://freestorefoodbank.org/host-a-canned-food-drive/).

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