



# ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**ENDING  
HUNGER**  
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Together with our partners, we provide healthy solutions to end hunger in our community.

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## What a momentous year for All Faiths Food Bank!

We served at least twice as many people in 2018 than in 2012 and distributed almost three times as much food. And the amount of produce increased by 70%. With your support, we provided over 10.5 million pounds of food to 82,000 people through a network of 203 partners! Clearly, the need for more fresh produce, increased distribution channels and stronger partnerships has grown and continues to rapidly evolve.

In 2018, All Faith Food Bank began its own evolution to meet the growing need, starting with an ambitious, cost-effective renovation to expand the warehouse, increase cold storage, install loading docks, enlarge the volunteer space, and more. These improvements enable the Food Bank to distribute more fresh produce, operate with greater efficiency, engage more volunteers and, most important, provide more healthy, nutritious food for even more of our neighbors.





We also launched a new brand with a new look and feel for All Faiths Food Bank! Through the creation of a new visual identity, we are strengthening our awareness and connecting all our programs under one simplified brand. Our message has been streamlined – we are Ending Hunger - while infusing warmth, energy and empathy into our brand. Moving forward, our renewed brand will be woven into everything we do.

Our Board of Directors took the lead in reviewing our Strategic Framework, reaffirming our mission to provide nutritious food and strengthening our Hunger to Health efforts. In addition, three new initiatives were endorsed:

- Map our service area to identify areas of highest need
- Vigorously address rural hunger
- Track nutritional value of the food we distribute

We strongly believe that hunger is a health issue and has an impact on the economy and well-being of our entire community. Our hunger to health efforts include strategies to source and distribute more nutritious foods across our network. Equally important, we are forming partnerships with healthcare providers to screen children for hunger and to improve their family's access to the food and services they need. Innovation is the key to ending hunger and our new community outreach workers and SNAP assistance programs are helping make sure more people have the food they need succeed.

Your support and belief in our mission made it all possible. With your generosity, we have been able to multiply the abundance of our caring community in measurable, effective ways. As we look to the future and with your encouragement, we remain committed innovation and excellence in fulfilling our mission - providing healthy solutions ending hunger in our community.

With gratitude,



## WE LOVE OUR HUNGER HEROES



### 48,678 VOLUNTEER HOURS

We are grateful for the hunger heroes that bring our mission to life and help to end hunger in our community. In 2018, thousands of generous individuals, corporate groups, clubs, students, and faith-based organizations helped us sort and distribute more than 10.5 million pounds of food.



We count on the generosity of our community volunteers who host food and fund drives, and help sort and distribute food.

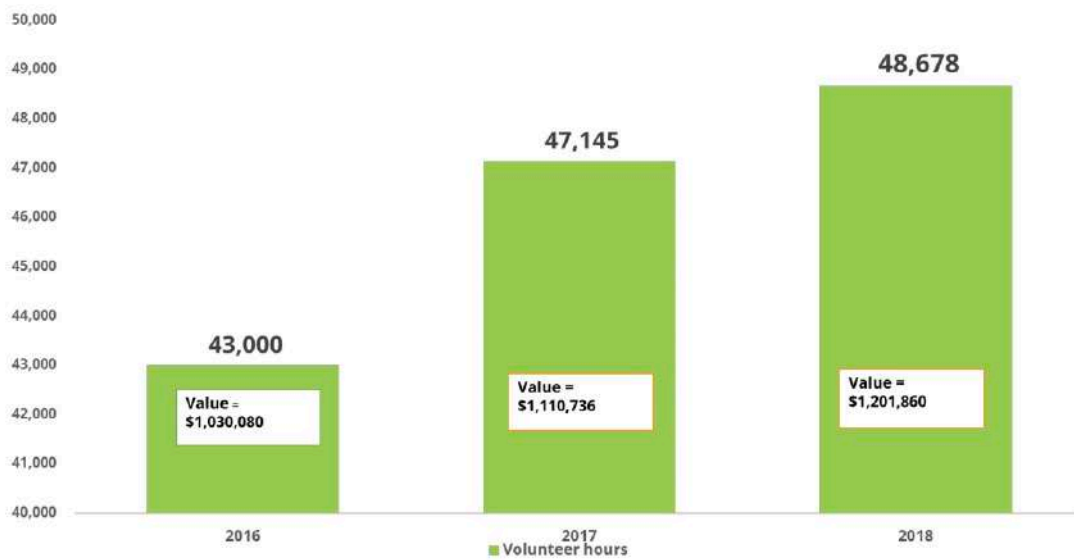


Thanks to our volunteers who help at distributions, we feed as many as 300 families at each Mobile Pantry program site.





## Volunteer Hours - Year over Year Trend



# CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER

For many, the sounds of the last school bell represent months of carefree outdoor activities and time with family. But for kids who depend on school meal programs, that last school bell could signal the start of three long, hungry months at home with a bare pantry.

In Sarasota County, nearly 50 % of children participate in the free and reduced meal programs at school, and in DeSoto County, 100% of children rely on these meals during the school year. When you include younger siblings, who are not yet in the school system this equates to 40,000 children at risk of hunger.

All Faiths Food Bank's Campaign Against Summer Hunger has become our community's strongest line of defense against child hunger.

In 2018, 203 partners and programs worked together to provide 2.7 million meals to almost 36,000 children.

## Key summer programs include:

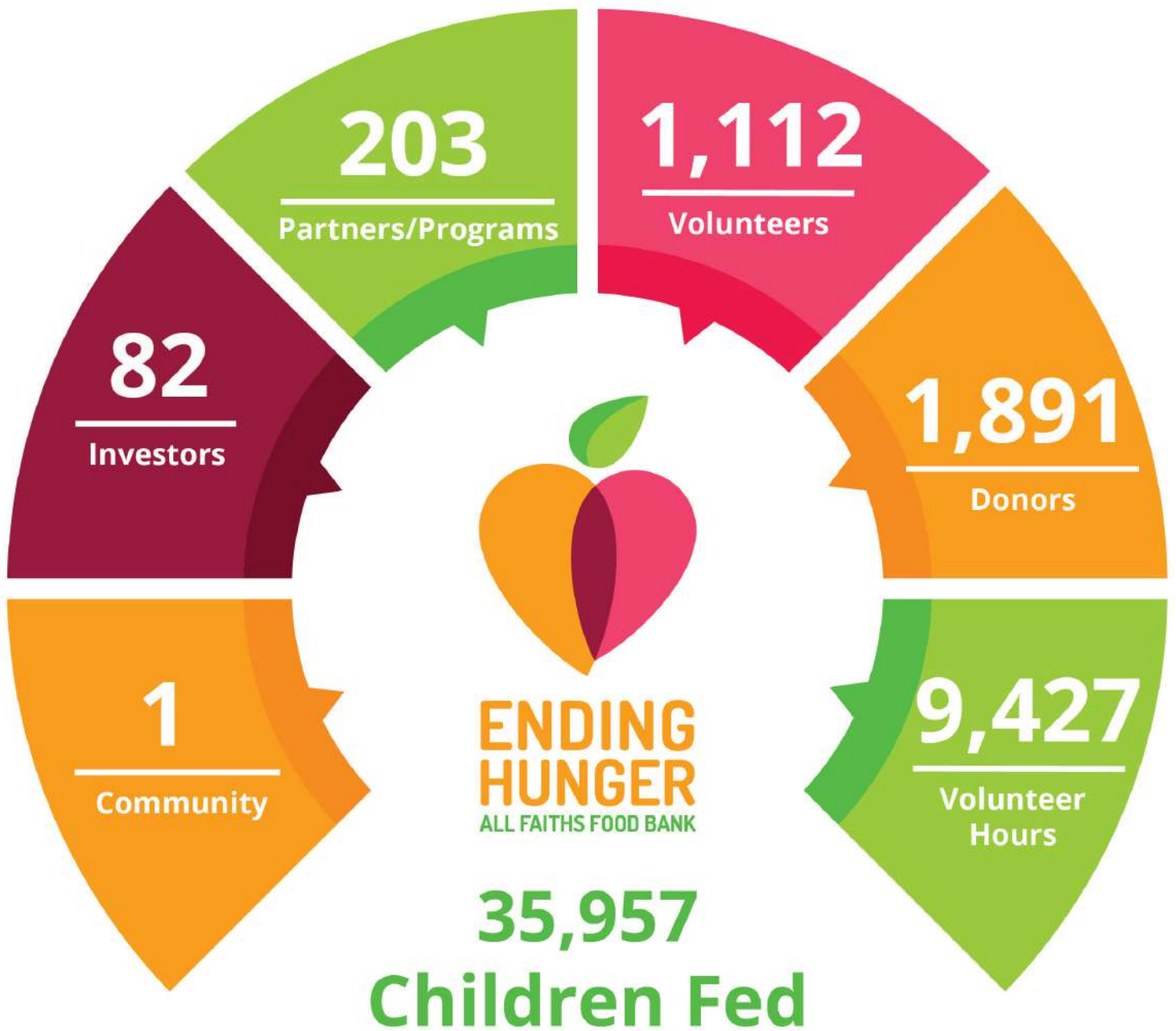
- Providing free backpacks with meals and snacks for kids 18 and under at different sites, including libraries, summer camps and early learning child centers.
- Providing fresh produce, meats and groceries for children and families at mobile pantries.
- Providing food and nutrition education at 11 learning academies, which teach families how to shop for and prepare healthy, low-cost meals.
- Operating school pantries, which provide families with fresh produce, meat and groceries at schools throughout the summer.
- Partnering with Sarasota and DeSoto County School District Food and Nutrition Services to enhance the meal services they provide through the summer schools and other community sites where children attend.

Summer hunger is a problem that we can solve together.





# 2018 CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER



# MOBILE PANTRIES

Mobile pantries are refrigerated trucks that deliver food directly to areas with the highest needs. At these sites, teams of volunteers assist with serving as many as 300 households in approximately two hours, making it one of the most effective and efficient programs at All Faiths Food Bank.

Our 17 Mobile Pantries travel to specific communities on a regular schedule. Food is distributed through a farmer's market-style where clients choose what they need.

The Mobile Pantry Program expands our capacity by giving clients in underserved areas access to meat, produce, baked goods, and dairy products in addition to the traditional nonperishable food products. In 2018, our mobile pantries distributed 2.6 million pounds of food, 34% of which was fresh produce.

**2,600,000** Total delivered pounds

**889,000** Total delivered pounds of produce

**246** Total number of Mobile Pantry stops at 17 locations

**36,767** Total number of client visits

**More than 300 families** can be served in less than 2 hours at our Mobile Pantries.



# PARTNER AGENCIES & PROGRAMS NETWORK

All Faiths works with a network of 203 agencies and programs network in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties to help distribute 10.5 million pounds of food in 2018. Our agency partners - soup kitchens, pantries, churches and community centers are on the front line every day. Collaborating with our long-term agencies was paramount in reaching more children, families, senior citizens and disabled veterans this year. By working together, we were able to provide enough food for 8.75 million meals in 2018.



# COOKING MATTERS

All Faiths Food Bank is an implementation partner for Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters classes, a course offered three times per year. We also offer one-time presentations, which are customized for specific groups with special dietary needs such as children, young mothers, and those with specific health concerns, where good nutrition plays a vital role.



This six-week series of hands-on cooking and nutrition education classes is offered to all members of low-income families.

Each class focuses on learning how to shop, prepare and cook meals with optimal nutritional value while managing budgetary constraints.



Participants are able to take food and recipes home to share with their families.

In 2018, we facilitated 30 Cooking Matters classes, reaching 300 people from children to seniors.



# BACKPACK 2017-2018

All Faiths Food Bank's BackPack Program provides bags of kid-friendly, healthy food to students on Fridays in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. Children at the highest risk of going hungry are identified by parents or school administrators and receive food to take home to eat over weekends and holidays. BackPack food provides child-friendly, nutritious, ready-to-eat food for one child for two days and adheres to U.S.D.A. guidelines. The items change throughout the year based on direct feedback and targeted taste-test groups with the children who participate in the program. During the 2017-2018 school year, 38 schools and 8 child centered programs reached an average of 3,331 students each week. The total number of backpacks distributed during the school year was 109,278. This was made possible by generous donors, volunteers, sponsors and community partners.

## Parent/Guardian Surveys:

- 98% were happy with the BackPack Kids program.
- 92% reported that thanks to the BackPack Program they always have healthy snacks available and their children won't go hungry over the weekend

## Principal/Teacher Surveys:

- 98% noticed a positive impact on the children participating in the program
- 99% felt the program was satisfactory or very satisfactory for the children that participated



I like the backpack program because it helps me and my family have snacks for school  
- 3rd grade student

If we don't got a lot of things and we get low on food, we've got some food!  
- 4th grade student



I feel happy about getting a bag because my family likes it and it makes me feel good to help my family with the food.  
-5th grade student

I like the snacks because I can eat them whenever I want.  
-2nd grade student

## Parent Comment:

"This is an excellent program, my son comes home very excited and willing to share the things that are provided by the program."



Escribe o haz un dibujo sobre como te sientes de llevar una mochila de comida ala casa ayuda a su familia:



Nombre de escuela: Tuttle Elementary

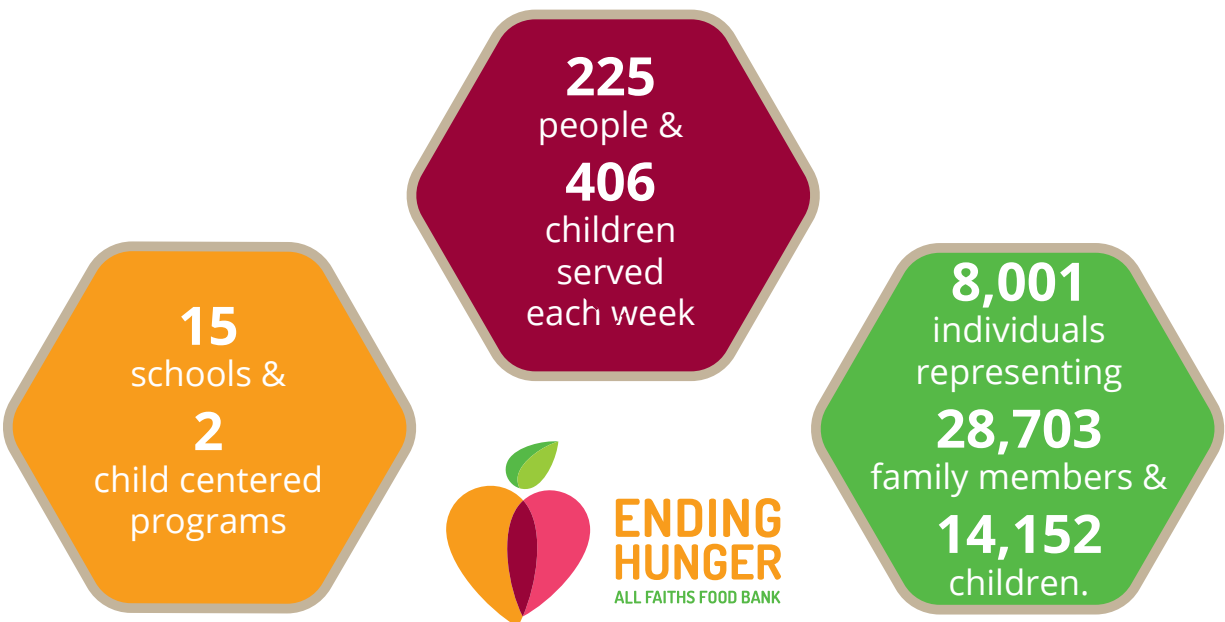
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# SCHOOL PANTRY 2017-2018

The School Pantry provides easy access to fresh and nutritious foods to children and families. School pantries are found on elementary, middle and high school campuses as well as child-centered aftercare programs in a designated room furnished with shelving, a refrigerator and freezer. Nutritious food is delivered on a regular basis including lean frozen meat, baked goods, fresh produce and staples like rice, cereal and peanut butter. Volunteers and school staff open it for regularly scheduled times twice a month for students and their families to select food to take home. Having a pantry on campus also provides an ongoing resource to school and program administrators who can open the pantry on an as needed basis for emergencies and families in crisis.

99% of parents and participants said they were satisfied with the services provided at the School Pantry.  
99% of parents and participants said the pantry helped them feel less stressed about feeding their family.



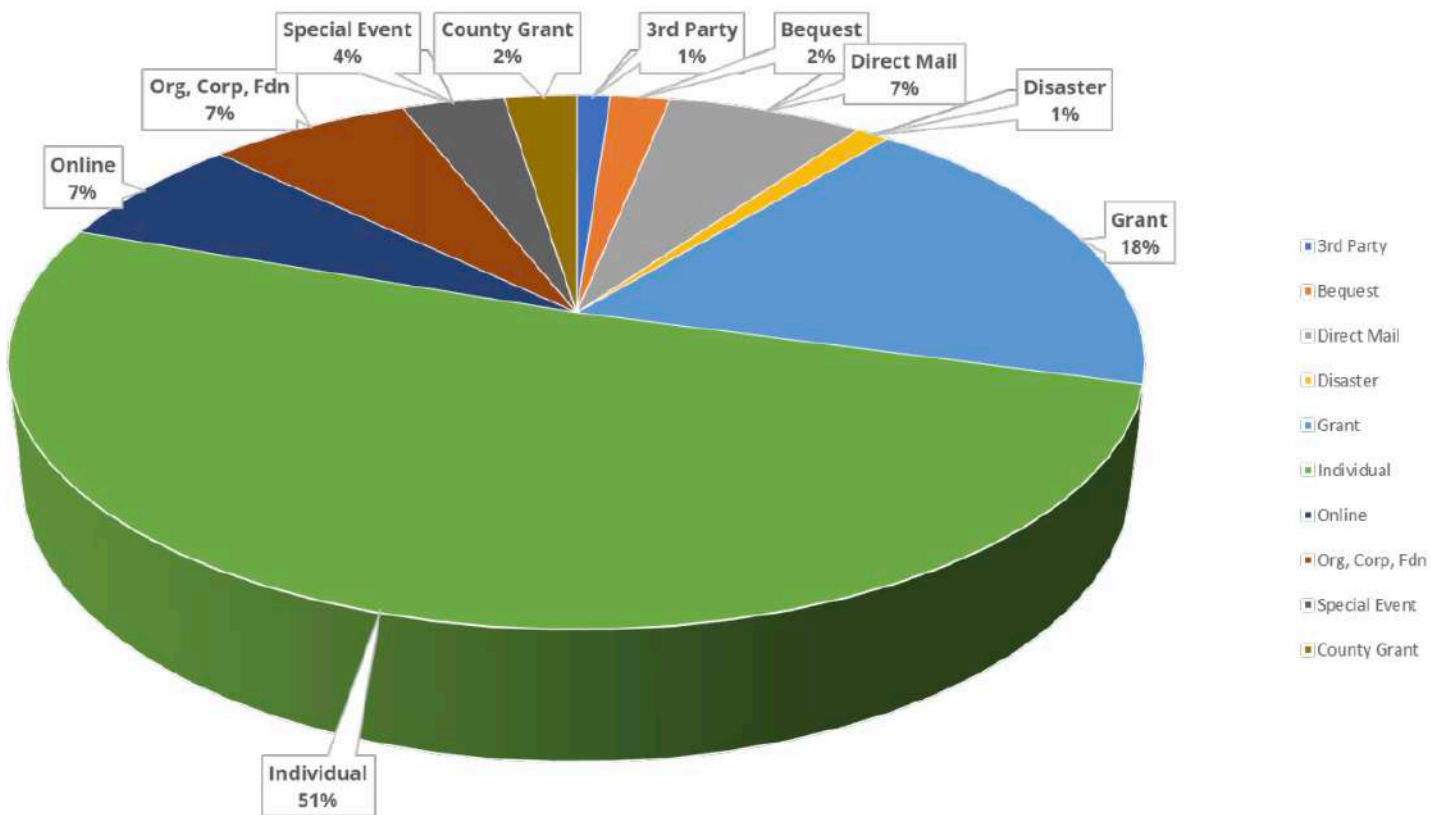
For Danielle, things got tough when she got pregnant with her second child. There were complications with her pregnancy that made it impossible for her to keep working and since the birth, her son was diagnosed with a congenital heart condition. Between the Dr.'s visits and caring for their daughter Danielle has not been able to return to work. That means they rely only on her husband's income to make ends meet. Thankfully Lamarque Elementary, where her daughter attends 2nd grade, has a School Pantry right on campus twice a month. It helps us out when money is tight and gives them the support they need to get through. The food they pick-up at the pantry provides needed support for healthy meal creation at home. What they like best about the pantry though, is that they are treated with respect. The pantry volunteers and school staff are there to support. Danielle commented **"When we need help, we know we have it."** And that makes all the difference when trying to navigate all that is in front of the family. Having food security helps Danielle and her husband focus on what is the most important thing of all, helping both their children grow up happy, healthy and strong.

# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND GOOD STEWARDSHIP

All Faiths Food Bank's administrative and fundraising costs are 8% – and at least 92 cents of every dollar is allocated for programs to feed the hungry and educate the community.

In 2018, we received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, for the 4th consecutive year.

## 2018 Development Revenue by Source



Please visit [www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials/](http://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials/) for our 990s and audited financials.



# HOW IT WORKS

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11 trucks | 9 drivers | 550 miles

## FOOD IS DONATED:



Food is donated from the food and grocery industries, government agencies, food drives, local growers, individuals and other organizations.

## FOOD IS INSPECTED & DISTRIBUTED:



All Faiths Food Bank inspects donated food, ensures safe storage and reliable distribution to where it is needed most. More than 10.5 million pounds of food moved through our warehouse last year.

## FOOD REACHES THOSE IN NEED:



Food is provided to people in need at food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, youth organizations, senior centers, and emergency shelters. Our network of 203 partner agencies and programs help us feed hungry children, families, seniors and veterans in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.



## 2018 BY-THE-NUMBERS

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| 1            | Food Bank  |
| 2            | Counties   |
| 203          | Agencies & Programs are a part of our network.                       |
| 48,678       | Volunteer Hours helped us carry out our mission.                     |
| 82,000       | People received food.  |
| 172,035      | Backpacks of Food were distributed to children.                      |
| 8.75 million | Meals were distributed last year.                                    |
| 10.5 million | Pounds was distributed to children, families, seniors, and veterans. |
| 3.6 million  | Pounds of that food was fresh produce.                               |

All Faiths Food Bank is fully committed to attracting and retaining diverse talent in order to better reflect the wide variety of experiences and views of the many different stakeholders with whom we are connected. We will invest in actively recruiting, engaging and fostering diversity in our board, volunteers and workforce while providing a work environment that promotes equity and inclusion. We commit to providing policies, systems and a culture where our board, volunteers, staff and those we serve will be afforded equitable access and opportunities to reach their full potential and feel valued, respected and supported.



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