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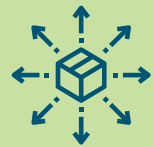
IMPACT REPORT

Recent Outcomes: Your Impact in Action

Thank you for being part of the San Diego Food Bank's mission. Over the past year, your support has fueled record-breaking achievements and expanded essential services.

Increasing Access to Healthy Food

With help from generous supporters like you, the Food Bank distributed over 52 million pounds of food this past fiscal year – including 23.6 million pounds of fresh produce, the largest amount in our 48-year history. By working closely with nonprofit partners, adjusting produce selections based on client feedback, and optimizing cold-storage capacity, we have expanded access to the healthy foods families need to thrive. Every pound matters, and this milestone reflects our deep commitment to putting fresh, nutritious food on tables across the county.



1.3 MILLION

more pounds of fresh produce distributed than previous year



45%

of all food distributed was fresh produce

Supporting Student Success

As the cost of living continues to rise, more college students are turning to the Food Bank to help meet their basic needs. Thanks to your support, we stock pantries at every public college and university in San Diego County, helping students focus on their studies instead of worrying about their next meal. In addition to fresh produce and shelf-stable items, our College Hunger-Relief Program now offers diapers and period supplies. These resources are especially critical for students who are also parents working hard to build a better future. By easing the burden of basic needs, we are helping students stay in school, reach their goals, and create lasting stability for themselves and their families.



14

participating college and university campuses



16%

increase in campus pantry visits year-over-year



43%

more college food distributed than last year



Looking Ahead: Building on Momentum

Thanks to you, we're preparing for the future by investing in operations to help us grow smarter and serve more efficiently.

Expanding Senior Access

We're enhancing our Senior Food Program to better serve older adults facing barriers like limited mobility and lack of transportation. With the help of local partners, including the Chicano Federation, Hope Through Housing, and MAAC, we'll begin delivering food directly to low-income housing communities later this year. This effort ensures more seniors can access nutritious food from the comfort of their homes, removing obstacles and providing a vital lifeline of support.



400+

seniors served through five new housing sites



15,400+

total seniors served monthly through our Senior Food Program

“ This program does so much for my family. I am able to come in and choose things my family is going to use. ”

- Beverly, Client Choice Pantry visitor

Offering Wraparound Support for Families

We are providing more than food at our Client Choice Pantry in Vista. Through new partnerships, neighbors can access wraparound resources like Goodwill's Mobile Employment Center and enrollment in public benefits such as CalFresh and Medi-Cal via the County's Live WoW bus (Live Well on Wheels). Looking ahead, we plan to add health-focused partners to our broader efforts to provide more wraparound services and help move San Diegans beyond chronic hunger.

The market-style Client Choice Pantry continues to grow as we expand access to neighbors. Last fall, we nearly tripled the pantry size, and in May, we added Saturday hours to accommodate working families. Over the past year, appointments grew 51%, and food distributed rose 64% – clear signs that together, we're working to meet North County's needs.

Strengthening Operations in North County

The Food Bank has secured a 60,000-square-foot permanent home in Vista for our North County operations, which will save \$400,000 annually on leasing costs. With a planned 4,150-square-foot freezer and 2,100-square-foot cooler, we are significantly increasing our capacity to store and distribute fresh food. Eliminating most of the need for off-site cold storage allows us to redirect those expenses into direct support. This strategic move lowers costs, saves staff time, and strengthens access to healthy food for North County communities, including many military families.

680%

increase in on-site cold-storage capacity

\$200,000

saved annually thanks to on-site cold storage

\$400,000

saved annually by owning our facility

Meeting Urgent Needs, Together

When the recent federal government shutdown left local families facing missed paychecks, unexpected furloughs, and increased uncertainty, your support ensured we could respond swiftly. The Food Bank worked hand in hand with our nonprofit partners to provide emergency food, diapers, and essential supplies for those most affected. In addition to their normal ongoing service channels and with support from the Food Bank, Jewish Family Service hosted weekly distributions for federal employees and contractors, and the Armed Services YMCA expanded its Emergency Food Assistance Program. Operation Promise also collaborated with the Food Bank to hold targeted relief events across the region.

Your generosity keeps the Food Bank ready to respond during times of critical need. Thank you for being a trusted partner and a steady source of strength for our community when it's needed most.



Supported by the Food Bank and its donors, Armed Services YMCA volunteers distributed Emergency Food Assistance Program bags and fresh produce to help military families weather the federal shutdown.



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