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# IMPACT REPORT

THE JACOBS & CUSHMAN

San Diego  
Food Bank



# More Food More Variety More Impact

When federal program cuts reduced food availability for San Diego's neighbors facing hunger, supporters of the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank stepped in. Thanks to your extraordinary generosity this year, more food, more variety, and more nutritious options are reaching the families, seniors, and rural communities who need them most, and we are deeply grateful for every bit of support that made it possible.

## Meeting a Higher Goal Together

As significant reductions in federal food support became clear, the San Diego Food Bank prepared for a difficult year ahead. The loss of nearly \$2 million in federally provided food—representing more than 25 truckloads—meant anticipating the distribution of 5 million fewer pounds. Thanks to the generosity of our donor community and support from select California programs, we closed much of that gap and ultimately distributed more than 50 million pounds of food this year. Nearly half was fresh produce, helping provide nutritious options across San Diego County.

Every carton of eggs, every pound of fresh produce, and every box of food distributed reflects a community that refused to let federal cuts define what was possible.



**50 million**  
pounds of food  
distributed

**That's 5 million more than anticipated**  
thanks to donor support



**over  
42  
million**  
meals distributed  
this year

## Keeping Seniors and Families Supported

As federal food support scaled back this year, families enrolled in the Emergency Food Assistance Program saw their monthly packages shrink from 16 items to just 9. The Food Bank responded by using donor dollars and state resources to supplement distributions with ground chicken, fresh produce, grains, dairy, and other proteins. Seniors enrolled in the Senior Food Program received that same care, with fresh produce and proteins added to their monthly boxes to ensure older adults on fixed incomes had access to a balanced food supply.

**“Our community members were very grateful to receive [supplemental] items in addition to their regular food supply. Several recipients noted that receiving eggs and ground beef helps them significantly save on their personal grocery costs.”**

– Francisco S.  
Sherman Heights  
Community Center





## Fresh Food with Purpose

Not all produce boxes are sourced the same way. This year, the San Diego Food Bank intentionally invested in three different produce box programs, each balancing cost, nutrition, and community impact. From produce sourced from across the state to local and hyper-local farms, these investments help provide fresh food to neighbors facing hunger while supporting the agricultural partners who help feed our region.

- **California-grown produce boxes**, stocked with staples like citrus, cabbage, and leafy greens, provide consistent support for seniors through the Senior Food Program.
- **A new mid-tier box**, sourced approximately half from San Diego County and half from across California, brings greater nutritional variety — including broccoli, avocados, and red leaf lettuce — for shared distribution across our network of more than 450 nonprofit partners.
- **Hyper-local produce boxes**, grown by small farms through the Foodshed Cooperative right here in San Diego, are prioritized for rural Mobile Pantry communities, where access to fresh food and nearby grocery stores is limited.



Beyond produce, donor support and state resources have allowed the Food Bank to bring locally sourced eggs, fresh milk, and fish into regular distribution. These investments with San Diego farmers, dairies, and fishing families strengthen the region's food economy while putting more nutritious food on the tables of neighbors we serve.



**15**  
truckloads  
of fresh produce  
arriving weekly



**50,000**  
local eggs  
distributed  
monthly



**over  
800 lbs**  
of San Diego  
seafood  
distributed monthly



“The food that we get from the San Diego Food Bank helps us so much. We love fresh fruit and vegetables. Fresh produce is so expensive at the supermarket. I just can’t afford it.”

– Michelle  
Food Bank Neighbor

## Settled in and Serving More in North County

Since relocating to our permanent home in Vista, every part of our new facility is serving the mission you've helped make possible. With the cooler and freezer now fully functional and the need for costly off-site storage eliminated, the difference is showing up directly on pantry shelves. The Client Choice Pantry has been able to offer more of a variety of protein options, such as beef and fish, in addition to the more frequent chicken and pork. For the diverse communities we serve throughout North County, that means more choices that reflect their cultural preferences, dietary needs, and personal priorities.

Senior Food Program participation reached 620 neighbors in May, the highest single month since offering the program at the Vista location. New households continue to discover the pantry each month, with more than 3,000 new families enrolled in the past year.

Your investment in this facility has also strengthened our relationships with the broader nonprofit community. More than a dozen partners attended a listening session this year, sharing feedback with us on food needs and practical insights, and touring the pantry firsthand — a natural exchange, given that many of our partners run pantries of their own. Wrap-around service providers, including health clinics, employment resources, benefits enrollment support, and more, regularly offer outreach at the facility, connecting pantry visitors with services beyond food.



### 10 DAYS A MONTH

wraparound providers  
offering services in Vista



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