SERVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 1973
FOOD BANK MISSION

To mobilize resources to fight hunger in our community.

• Source and acquire nutritious food and other products and distribute them to people experiencing nutrition insecurity through our partner agency network and directly through programs;

• Energize the community to get involved and support hunger relief;

• Conduct hunger and nutrition education and awareness campaigns and advocate for public policies that benefit the people we serve.
Reducing Food Waste

Much of the food collected and distributed by the Food Bank every year would otherwise go to waste:

- Our fresh produce program sources millions of pounds of surplus and undersized fruits and vegetables for distribution annually.
- Our food rescue operation utilizes thousands of volunteers to sort and salvage millions of pounds of food collected from food retailers.
- The Extra Helpings Program also results in millions of pounds of perishable food being distributed to those in need instead of going to waste.
OUR FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Thousands of Food Sources to the Food Bank

- Private Donations: Farmers, retailers, manufacturers, processors and food distributors
- USDA commodities
- Purchased food

More than 2 million pounds of food per week

Extra Helpings Program

Distribution to 600+ Agencies & Food Bank Programs

- Food pantries
- Soup kitchens & shelters
- Senior programs
- Children’s programs and schools
- Mobile Distributions
- Other Agencies - Veterans, Targeted Populations
2021 HIGHLIGHTS

• In 2021, the Food Bank distributed 131 million lbs. of food and product, the equivalent of 107 million meals (valued at $200 million) through our partner agency network and Food Bank programs reaching an average of 900,000 people monthly
• Volunteers contributed 156,000 hours, the equivalent of 75 full-time employees
• The Food Bank’s response to the pandemic continued with distributions throughout LA County

More than 1.8 billion pounds distributed since 1973, the equivalent of 1.5 billion meals.
• The COVID-19 pandemic and the related spike in unemployment have increased food insecurity in LA County dramatically
• Food Bank distributions have doubled compared to the pre-pandemic period, and now reach about 800,000 people each month, many of whom have never needed food assistance before
• 600+ drive-through and mobile distributions throughout LA County are serving thousands of families
• More than 4 million emergency food boxes have been distributed to families and individuals through partner agencies and direct distribution amid the pandemic
COVID-19 RESPONSE
Impact of Inflation in 2022

Inflation by Food Category
- Beef and veal: +16.2%
- Pork: +14%
- Poultry: +12.5%
- Fish and seafood: +10.4%
- Eggs: +11.4%
- Dairy: +5.2%
- Fats and oils: +11.7%
- Fresh fruits: +10.6%
- Fresh vegetables: +4.3%
- Processed fruits/vegetables: +7.6%
- Sugars and sweets: +7%
- Cereals and bakery products: +7.8%

Source: USDA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY: AMERICA’S HUNGER CAPITAL

- Pre-COVID-19, there were 2 million food insecure people in LA County with an estimated need for 246 million meals, including more than 570,000 children
- Pre-COVID-19, the Food Bank and other local emergency food organizations supplied 74 million of the needed meals, leaving a “meal gap” of 172 million meals, the largest of any major metropolitan area in the United States
- COVID-19 and dramatic increase in unemployment have substantially widened this “meal gap”, even with the Food Bank’s 110% increase in distributions in response to the crisis

Sources: Feeding America Meal Gap, LARFB Agency Data, Boston Consulting Group Analysis, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
• Before the pandemic, more than 1.3 million pounds of food was transported to and distributed from our two warehouse facilities. At the height of the pandemic during 2020 and 2021, 4 million pounds per week distributed from four different facilities

• Significant expansion of refrigeration capacity in 2012 to handle growing fresh produce program

• Substantial freezer capacity expansion and upgrade in 2013

• Key Emergency Responder in the event of natural disaster
WHAT WE DO – THE LOGISTICS

- Fleet of refrigerated tractor trailers, bobtails and vans
- Up to 70 stops daily throughout LA County to pick up nutritious, high-quality food
- Deliveries to more agencies on a daily basis.
- Mobile Food Pantry serves community sites and community college campuses
- Fuel costs pressure Food Bank and agency operating budgets
VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours = 75 Full Time Employees

- 10,000+ volunteers at the Food Bank or our distributions last year
- Business and community groups use volunteering as a team-building exercise
- Volunteer opportunities are available Monday through Saturday

LAFoodBank.org/volunteer
CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

• BackPack Program
  • Schoolchildren receive weekend backpacks with food at schools

• After-school meals
  • During the school year, children receive meals at after-school programs such as B&G Clubs

• Summer breakfast and lunch
  • Breakfats and Lunches are served at libraries, community centers and other locations during the summer

• School District partnerships
  • Provided food at “Grab and Go” school sites in 2020 and 2021
OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS

• Commodity Supplemental Food Program serves more than 28,000 seniors monthly at distributions throughout LA County

• Home delivery to seniors started at the beginning of the pandemic and continue today
OTHER INITIATIVES

• Equipment for Partner Agencies
• Delivery
• Volunteer Referrals
• Nutrition Services
• CalFresh Outreach
• Public Policy & Advocacy
City of Industry Facility

- New 256,000 square foot warehouse in City of Industry acquired in August 2020
- This facility replaces our leased facility in Commerce
- Transformational transaction positions the Food Bank to further expand programs and reduce food insecurity in LA County
City of Industry Facility
Our Facilities
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