



COVID-19 Response Programs

IMPACT REPORT

The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank and our North County Food Bank chapter have been on the front lines of the Coronavirus crisis since the pandemic reached San Diego County in mid-March. Our staff, army of volunteers and network of 500 nonprofit partners are working around the clock to provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families impacted by the pandemic.

Thanks to you, our generous donors, we have been able to meet the exponential increase in demand for food assistance from the tens of thousands of families affected by furloughs and job loss. Your support is ensuring that vulnerable children, families and seniors do not face hunger in our community.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our community, the Food Bank provided food assistance to 350,000 people per month – about 11% of the county’s population. Since mid-March, when the county declared a state of emergency, the Food Bank is now feeding an estimated 600,000 people per month due to soaring unemployment and COVID-19’s devastating impact on our local economy.

Feeding **600,000** people per month



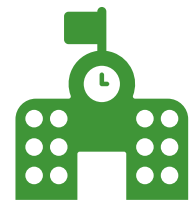
From mid-March to the end of December, the San Diego Food Bank and our North County Food Bank chapter have distributed more than 48 million pounds of food to individuals, families and seniors affected by the pandemic. The Food Bank is now distributing over 1 million pounds per week through our network of nonprofit partners.

Distributed **48 million** pounds of food since mid-March



Thousands of local schoolchildren living in poverty rely on free school meals as their primary source of nutrition because there is little or no food at home. In order to provide food to students in need, the Food Bank is partnering with 8 school districts to provide emergency groceries at 47 “drive-thru” food distributions targeting families with children who receive free school meals. From mid-March to the end of September, we have provided 2,471,407 pounds of food to families in need at these food distributions.

Feeding children at **47 elementary** schools in 8 school districts



The Food Bank provides a monthly 36-pound box of food often with a frozen protein and a 2-pound block of cheese to 14,863 seniors living in poverty on our Senior Food Program. Many seniors have access to a car or send a proxy to pick up their monthly food box. For homebound seniors on the program, we partnered with Team Rubicon and delivered 2,161 food boxes in a seven-week period to seniors in need across the county.

Delivered 36-pound food boxes to **2,161** homebound seniors in lockdown



In order to keep up with the exponential increase in demand for food assistance, the Food Bank has purchased more than \$10 million worth of food on the wholesale food market. We have distributed 63% more food than in the same period last year. Thanks to your donations, we were able to purchase frozen chicken, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, cereal, oatmeal, juice, bottled water, toilet paper and hand sanitizer to distribute to those impacted by the pandemic.

Purchased
\$10 million
worth of food on
the wholesale
food market



Volunteers are the backbone of the Food Bank's operations. Without our volunteers, we cannot carry out our important work. Last year alone, we had 32,000 volunteer visits. At the start of the COVID-19 crisis, over 1,500 volunteers and dozens of businesses canceled their volunteer shifts. After a public call for help, the San Diego community stepped up, and thousands of volunteers answered our call. Since then, all of our volunteer shifts have been booked through the summer, fall and winter.

30,441
volunteer visits
to our warehouses
since the start
of the crisis



The Food Bank is committed to the safety of our staff, volunteers and visitors. We have implemented all of the CDC's health and safety guidelines including: social distancing in volunteer and staff work areas; providing gloves and masks to staff, volunteers and visitors; installing handwashing stations throughout our facilities; checking the temperature of staff, volunteers and visitors; and publicly posting our COVID-19 guidelines in all areas of the Food Bank's warehouses.

Implemented all
CDC health and
safety guidelines
to ensure safety
and cleanliness



In order to meet the increased demand for food assistance and to serve Food Bank clients more quickly, safely and efficiently, the Food Bank launched our new Super Pantry Program in June. Starting in July, 35 Super Pantries, strategically located throughout San Diego County, are operating as high-volume distribution hubs, open a minimum of 3 days per week. The 35 Super Pantries are projected to distribute 1.2 million pounds of food to 130,000 people every month.

35 Super Pantries
launched July 1 are
serving Food Bank
clients quickly, safely
and with dignity



On behalf of the Food Bank's Board of Directors, staff and family of volunteers we humbly and wholeheartedly thank our donors for supporting our vital mission in the community during this unprecedented crisis. Thanks to your support, we are able to provide emergency food assistance to families, children, individuals and seniors in need throughout San Diego County.