



COVID-19 Response Programs

IMPACT REPORT

The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank and our North County Food Bank chapter have been feeding record numbers of individuals and families since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. The Food Bank has pivoted to meet the increased demand for food assistance by establishing outdoor, drive-thru food distributions and large-scale, high-volume Super Pantries located in communities across county that are open throughout the week.

The report below outlines our efforts to provide emergency food assistance during the height of the pandemic and while the families we serve continue to need help due to the lasting impacts of the crisis. 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 impacted by this crisis. Your continued 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. At the height of the pandemic this number skyrocketed to 600,000 people per month. Currently, the Food Bank is now feeding an estimated 550,000 people per month due to the lasting financial impacts of the pandemic and record-breaking inflation at a 40-year high.

Feeding **550,000**
people per month



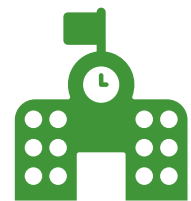
From mid-March 2020 to the end of December 2021, the San Diego Food Bank and our North County Food Bank chapter have distributed more than 100 million pounds of food to individuals, families and seniors affected by the pandemic.

Distributed
100 million
pounds of food
since March 2020



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 14 school districts to provide emergency groceries at "drive-thru" food distributions targeting families with children who receive free school meals. From mid-March 2020 to the end of December 2021, we have provided 3.8 million pounds of food to families in need at these food distributions.

Feeding children at
67 elementary
schools across
14 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 15,000 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. At the beginning of the pandemic, 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 \$17.2 million worth of food on the wholesale food market since the start of the pandemic. 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.

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Volunteers are the backbone of the Food Bank's operations. Without our volunteers, we cannot carry out our important work. Currently, with the return of in-person classes at school and many returning to work coupled with the impact of new variants, the Food Bank continues to face a shortage of volunteers. Shifts are available six days per week and can be booked online through our website.

More than
64,000
volunteer visits
to our warehouses
since the start
of the pandemic



Our Diaper Bank Program provides emergency diapers to working-poor parents struggling to make ends meet. Prior to the pandemic, the program helped remove a barrier to work because day care centers require a day's supply of diapers or the child is turned away. By supplying emergency diapers, the Food Bank has helped parents stay in work. Currently, many low-income young parents with infants and toddlers are struggling with the lasting financial impacts of the pandemic, coupled with inflation at a 40-year high, and continue to need assistance with emergency diapers. From mid-March 2020 to December 2021, the Food Bank has distributed more than 12.6 million diapers to families financially impacted by the pandemic.

Distributed
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to struggling, low-
income families with
infants and toddlers



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 July 2020. Currently, 35 Super Pantries, strategically located throughout San Diego County, are operating as high-volume distribution hubs, open a minimum of 3 days per week. These 35 Super Pantries are collectively serving more than 100,000 people facing food insecurity every month and have distributed more than 14 million pounds of food since July 2020.

35 Super Pantries
launched July 1, 2020
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 throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to your support, we are able to provide emergency food assistance to families, children, individuals and seniors in need throughout San Diego County.