

FRESH FOOD PROGRAM



ABOUT THE FRESH FOOD PROGRAM

The Fresh Food Program works with a network of local partners, including food pantries, homeless shelters, and distribution centers, to provide wholesome, nutritious food to those in need in the Greater Cincinnati community.

Matthew 25: Ministries receives approximately 25 pallets of top-quality fresh and shelf-stable food per week from corporate donors, which is redistributed to local partners to supplement the great and essential work they are doing in our community.

Thousands of families are helped each week through the Fresh Food Program.

The Fresh Food Program serves age ranges and populations as diverse as the elderly, the home bound, the severely ill, people with disabilities, the extremely poor, the homeless, at-risk children and children suffering from food insecurity, single parents, pregnant women and mothers with newborn infants, active and veteran military, and those coping with humanitarian crises or natural disasters.

FACTS ABOUT HUNGER LOCALLY

- In Ohio, approximately 1,500,000 people (1 in 8) are struggling with hunger, approximately 490,000 (1 in 6) of whom are children
- In the Greater Cincinnati area, as many as 270,000 households, including almost 80,000 children, may be food insecure
- Undernourishment negatively affects people's health, productivity, sense of hope and overall well-being. A lack of food can stunt growth, slow thinking, sap energy, hinder fetal development and contribute to mental impairment
- Poverty causes hunger, but hunger is also a cause of poverty. By causing poor health, low energy levels, and even mental impairment, hunger can lead to even greater poverty by reducing people's ability to work and learn
- Under- or malnutrition intensifies the impact of every disease or illness

TESTIMONIAL

"Thank you for your generous donation of food. It was, without a doubt, an extremely difficult year, but we were able to double our production and donate 15,000 servings of food per week. We could not have accomplished this without your donation. We greatly appreciate your partnership."

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