

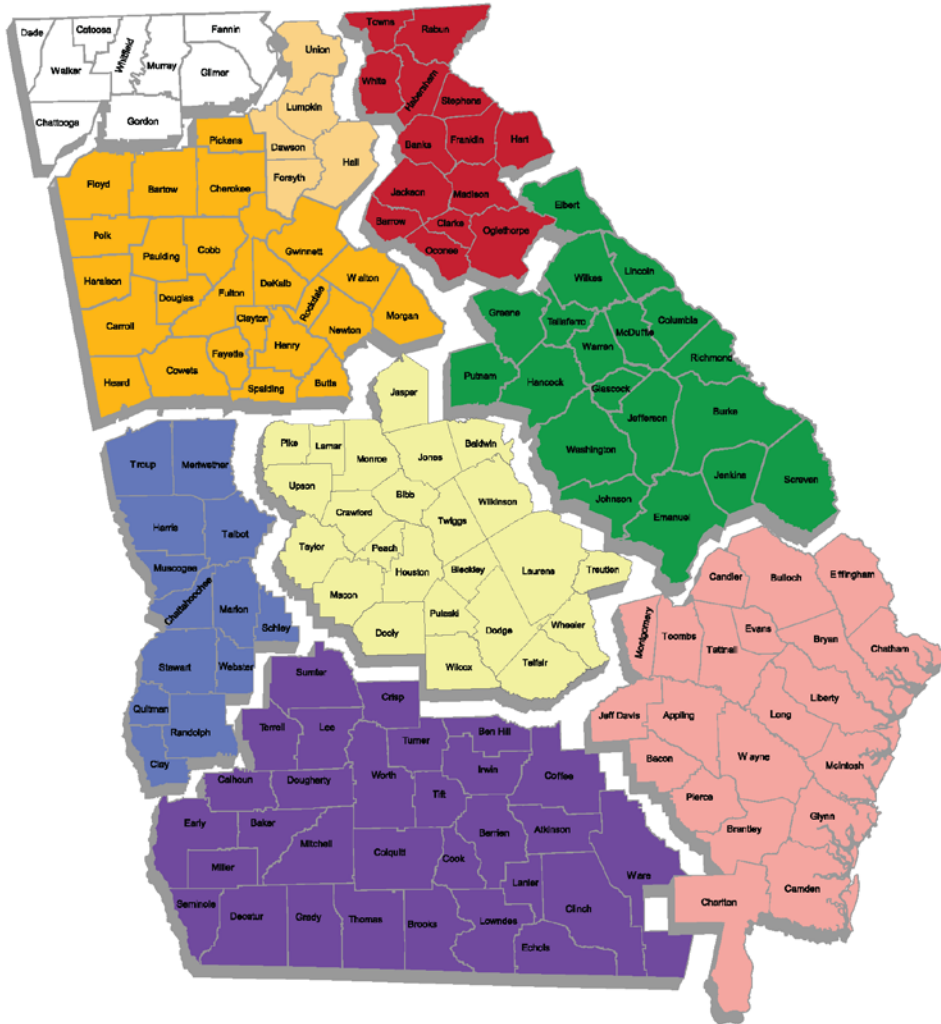


Partnering with Food Banks to address Senior Hunger

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The Georgia Food Bank Association



- Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
- Second Harvest of South Georgia
- Middle Georgia Community Food Bank
- Feeding the Valley
- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Chattahoochee Area Food Bank

Counties in light orange are jointly served by ACFB and Georgia Mountain Food Bank.

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■ Athens – Northeast

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■ Gina Crumbliss, Executive Director

Role of Georgia's Food Banks

- Secure and Distribute Food
 - Annually work with nearly 2,400 partner agencies to distribute 137+ million pounds of food in all 159 counties
- Educate Public about Hunger
- Link clients to existing economic benefits
- Partner with business, government and agencies to promote long term solutions.



Role of Georgia Food Bank Association

- Georgia Food Banks share resources and best practices to help close the meal gap and ensure a hunger-free Georgia.
- The Georgia Food Bank Association's mission is to coordinate and maximize their efforts, enabling them to provide a healthy and adequate food supply.
 - ❑ Advancing Legislative Priorities
 - ❑ Educating the Public about Hunger & Food Banks
 - ❑ No-Kid Hungry Campaign
 - ❑ Statewide Partnerships to Raise Food & Funds
 - ❑ Farm to Food Bank
 - ❑ Capacity Building Grants

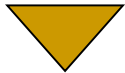


How Food Banks Work:

Centralized Collection – Decentralized Distribution

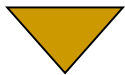
Product

- Donated product arrives from the food service industry, USDA, retailers, manufacturers, distributors, growers, processors and food drives



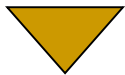
Food Banks

- Food Banks collect, inventory and inspect product for distribution to nearly 2,400 agencies in Georgia



Partner Agencies

- Organizations that receive product from the Food Banks (and provide food to people in need) include: food pantries, youth programs, senior centers, community kitchens, day care centers, night shelters, etc.



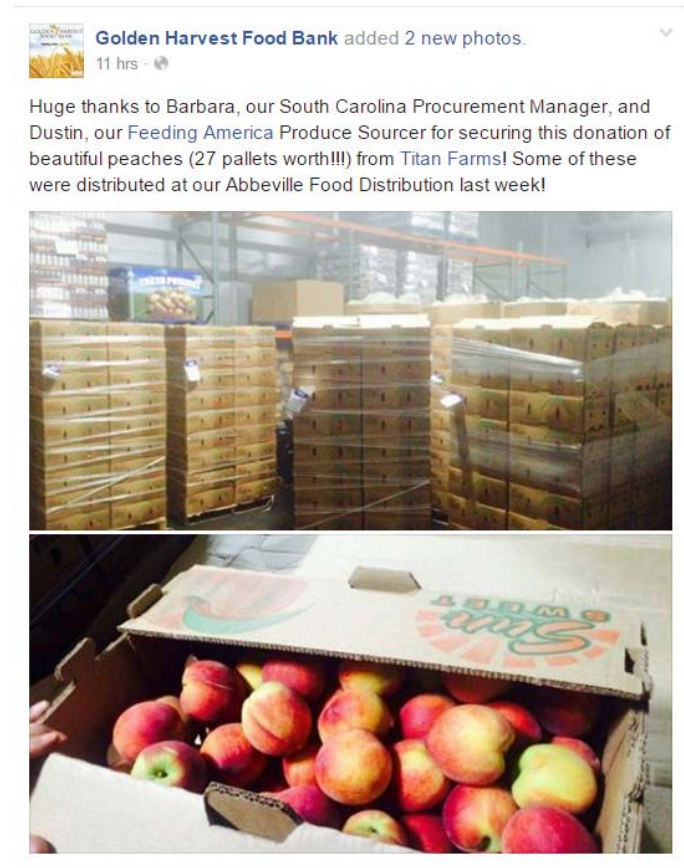
People in Need

- Recipients include working families, those who have lost jobs, children, the elderly, disabled and more.



Sources of Food

- USDA Commodities 20%
 - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
 - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - Etc.
- Retail Donations 36%
- Fresh Produce from Growers 16%
 - Farm to Food Bank
- Food Manufacturer Donations
- Bulk Food Purchase
- Food Donations/Drives



Hunger In America Study 2014: Clients

- Serve 1 in 7 Georgians - 156,500 unique clients each week
- 89% of clients are food insecure (18.7% of all Georgians)
- 56% of clients plan to get food from a food bank partner on a ***regular basis***
- Client Demographic Specifics
 - **18% are seniors**
 - **17% are responsible for grandchildren in household**
 - 28% children under 18
 - 94% in non-temporary housing
- Food security/Spending Tradeoffs and Coping Strategies
 - 76% report having to choose between food and medicine
 - 77% report choosing between food and utility/heating fuel
 - 61% report choosing between food and housing

Hunger In America Study 2014: Hunger- Health Connection

- **68%** of client households have a member with high blood pressure
- **38%** of client households have a member with diabetes
- **65%** of client households have unpaid medical bills
- **85%** of client households have purchased inexpensive, unhealthy food in the last 12 months to try and secure food

**SENIORS FACE
THE QUESTION:**



Ending Hunger

- Increase tax incentives for food donation and distribution and identify and promote other policies that will reduce food insecurity
- Expand the capacity of 8 Regional Food Banks through donations of food, funds and volunteer time.
 - Farm to Food Bank
- Connect food bank clients to other agencies and services that can help them achieve long term food security: Job training, EITC, VITA,
- Expand support and access to existing Federal programs for qualified participants through the Feeding for a Promising Future – No Kid Hungry Campaign
 - National School Lunch Program
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
 - After School at Risk Program (CACFP)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Promote support of other food assistance programs
 - Commodity Supplemental Food Programs (CSFP)
 - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Food Banks & Seniors

Existing Programs & Efforts



Food Bank Spotlights: Atlanta Community Food Bank

Tracina Green, Partner Relations Specialist



ATLANTA
COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

Atlanta Community Food Bank

- **CSFP:**
 - Works with 40 agencies to distribute 2,416 boxes.
 - USDA eligibility requirements.
 - Currently a waiting list, but it is growing
- **Senior Farmers Market**
 - Seniors get 2 \$10 vouchers
 - Federal Poverty Guidelines
 - Going to agencies on wait list
 - Atlanta Regional Commission has partners who administer at markets
- **Senior Interactive Cooking Classes**
- **Senior Produce Mobile Pantry**
 - Started in March
 - 10,000 pounds to senior agencies
 - No eligibility requirements
- **Senior SNAP & Medicare Outreach**
- **Capacity Building Grants**

Atlanta Community Food Bank: Contacts

- **Website:** <http://acfb.org/>
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- **Senior Cooking Classes:** Joy.Goetz@acfb.org

Food Bank Spotlights:

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia



Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

■ Mobile Food Pantry

- ❑ Processing Fee
- ❑ 10,000 pounds of food (mixture of USDA commodities, produce, whatever they have)
- ❑ Must be open to the public
- ❑ When USDA food; must be income eligible
- ❑ Athens Community Council on Aging does pantries bi-monthly

■ Brown Bag Program

- ❑ Monthly
- ❑ 16 non-perishable items
- ❑ USDA income requirements/over 65
- ❑ Clarke County, strategic drop-off points

■ Summer Food Program for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

- Athens Community Council on Aging
- 2015 stats
 - ❑ 70 children in 11 weeks
 - ❑ 9,240 meals worth of food

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

Contacts

- **Website** foodbanknega.org
- **Become an Agency:**
<http://www.foodbanknega.org/become-an-agency>
- **Senior Programs Contact:** Tonya Pass,
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Athens Senior Hunger Coalition

- **Where it all began in 2012**
 - ❑ Food Insecurity Screenings
 - ❑ Campus Kitchen at UGA
- **SHC Efforts**
 - ❑ ID those in need
 - ❑ Determine appropriate intervention
 - ❑ Ensure SNAP enrollment
 - ❑ Provide supplemental food through a variety of interventions
- **Role of Food Bank**
 - ❑ Supporting Start of CKUGA
 - ❑ Ongoing interventions to ACCA clients



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Georgia CAFE
Community
Advocacy to Access
Food Stamps for the
Elderly & Disabled

Interventions

- **Mobile Pantry**
- **Campus Kitchen Bi-Monthly Deliveries**
- Campus Kitchen Monday Lunch
- UGarden
- **GRG Summer Food Program**
- **Georgia Cafe**
- UGarden Weekly Produce Stand
- **Take Out Tuesday**
- **Holiday Commodity Distribution**
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Community Gardens
- Lunch Buddy Program
- What a Waste
- Working On...



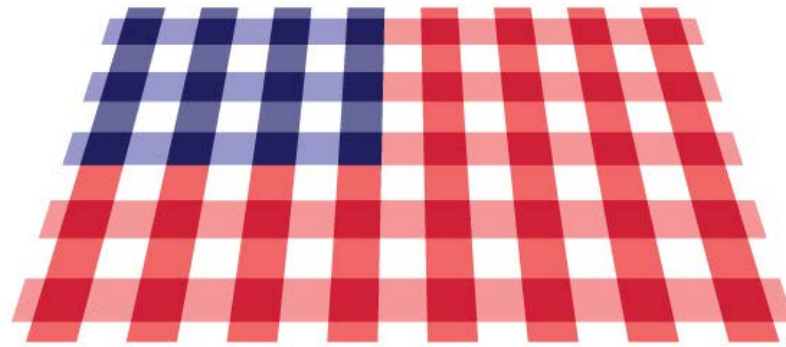
Results

- To date, distributed **over 40,000** meals and **250,000** pounds of food to over **550** ACCA clients and older adults in our community.
- Food insecurity rates have decreased by an average of **30%** across ACCA programs.



America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

Savannah, Georgia



America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

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America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia: Senior Programs

■ **Brown Bags for the Elderly**

- Third Saturday each month
- Some Partner Agencies; others just convenient sites
- 1,862 grocery bags/month
- Community Partners determine eligibility
- 2015: 429,229 pounds of food in 22,344 bags

■ **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**

- USDA Requirements
 - 60 & Older
 - Income Eligibility
 - Paperwork
- 861 boxes/month
- Mid-Month Distribution in convenient locations
- Waiting List

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia: Contacts

- **Website:** <http://www.helpendhunger.org/>
- **Become a Partner Agency:**
<http://www.helpendhunger.org/agency-zone/>
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Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Dalton, Georgia Branch



CHATTANOOGA AREA
FOOD BANK

Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Senior Programs

- Unprecedented growth in Northwest Georgia
 - Up from 1.44 million pounds in FY10 to 5.4 million pounds in FY16
- Mobile Pantries
 - Plan to have 75 mobile pantries annually in NW Georgia
 - 332,000 meals to 13,240 households
 - Made up of 25% produce
 - 50% of households have seniors

Chattanooga Area Food Bank:

Contacts

- **Website:** <http://www.chattfoodbank.org/>
- **Become an Agency:**
<http://www.chattfoodbank.org/partners>
- **General Contact:**
 - Laura Killpatrick: [423.622.1800](tel:423.622.1800) ext. 204

Feeding the Valley

Columbus, Georgia



Feeding the Valley

Senior Programs

- **Senior Meals**

- ❑ Program services the elderly through the Meals on Wheels program sponsored by many churches and non-profit organizations
- ❑ Approximately 100 hot, nutritious meals are prepared in their kitchen daily and delivered to these organizations to distribute to people who have registered for this program.

- **Mobile Pantry**

- ❑ 40 rural sites across their service area that do not have agencies to service them
- ❑ 7,000 boxes distributed every month
- ❑ Supplemental and Frozen Foods
- ❑ Open to non-senior clients as well

Feeding the Valley

Contacts

- **Website:** <http://www.feedingthevalley.org/>
- **Become an Agency:**
<http://www.feedingthevalley.org/partner-agency/>
- **General Contact:**
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- **Senior Programs Contact:**
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Golden Harvest Food Bank

Augusta, Georgia



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Golden Harvest Food Bank

Senior Programs

- **Senior Food Boxes (not CSFP)**
 - ❑ 15-20 Pounds of supplemental, shelf stable groceries
 - ❑ Menu based on USDA suggestion or seniors
 - ❑ Eligibility based on 130% of Poverty Threshold
 - ❑ Distributed at Senior Centers and other convenient locations
 - ❑ Last year, distributed 421,838 pounds of food to an average of 1,549 seniors per month.
- **Emergency Food Delivery Service**
 - ❑ Referrals from professionals in community for seniors with a temporary critical need (Ex. Just had surgery, temporarily in area for cancer treatment, etc.)
 - ❑ Within 24 hours of referrals, contact the client for dietary needs and arrange delivery.
 - ❑ Receive a few referrals each month
- **Home Delivery Program (similar to Meals on Wheels)**
 - ❑ Being developed in their Soup Kitchen

Golden Harvest Food Bank

Contacts

- **Website:** <https://goldenharvest.org/>
- **Become an Agency:**
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Middle Georgia Community Food Bank: Macon, Georgia

MIDDLE GEORGIA



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*Feeding Neighbors and
Building Hope Since 1981*

Middle Georgia Community Food Bank

Senior Programming

■ **Brown Bag Program for Seniors:**

- 1,800 seniors served each month
 - 700 delivered via Mobile Pantry
 - 5 senior agencies pick up pre-packed bags the rest of the time
 - Governmental agencies request bags for low-income senior housing/high rises
- Agencies & Mobile Pantry Host Sites determine eligibility
- USDA Food & Locally donated food: whatever is available

Middle Georgia Community Food Bank: Contacts

- **Website:** <http://www.mgcfb.org/>
- **Become an Agency:**
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Second Harvest of South Georgia

Valdosta, Georgia



Second Harvest of South Georgia: Programs

- **About to start CSFP**
- **Food Bank Distribution**
- **Project Hungry Heroes**
 - Bi-Weekly Mobile Pantry June 29-July 13
 - Military families & veterans
- **Teacher's Harvest**
- **Mobile Food Pantry**
 - "Manna Drops"
 - Migrant Camp Areas
- **Kid's Café**
 - Meals during Summer
 - Snacks & enrichment during school year
 - 45K meals and snacks monthly in Albany and Valdosta Snacks
 - 425K meals annually

Second Harvest of South Georgia: Contacts

- **Website:** <http://feedingsga.org/>
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Thank you!

Questions or comments?

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