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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

This past year brought real challenges in the work of ending hunger across our region. Since 2023, food insecurity has continued to rise, affecting more of our neighbors each year. And yet, as I reflect on this year, I am drawn to hope.

I feel deep pride in our communities—from Bradley County, Tennessee, to Whitfield County, Georgia, and every county in between. I am grateful for the tireless efforts of our community partners, staff, volunteers, and generous supporters. As need increased, our response rose alongside it. Together, we adapted, strengthened partnerships, adapted to change, and reached more neighbors than ever before. The milestones in this report reflect that shared commitment.

Hope, in this work, is not abstract—it is visible and measurable. It looks like volunteer hours tripling year over year. It looks like bold steps to provide free staple foods, trusting our community to help fill in the gaps.

Most of all, hope looks like people asking, *What can I do today to make my world better?*

This work requires endurance, and we are committed to the long haul. Thank you for continuing this journey with us.

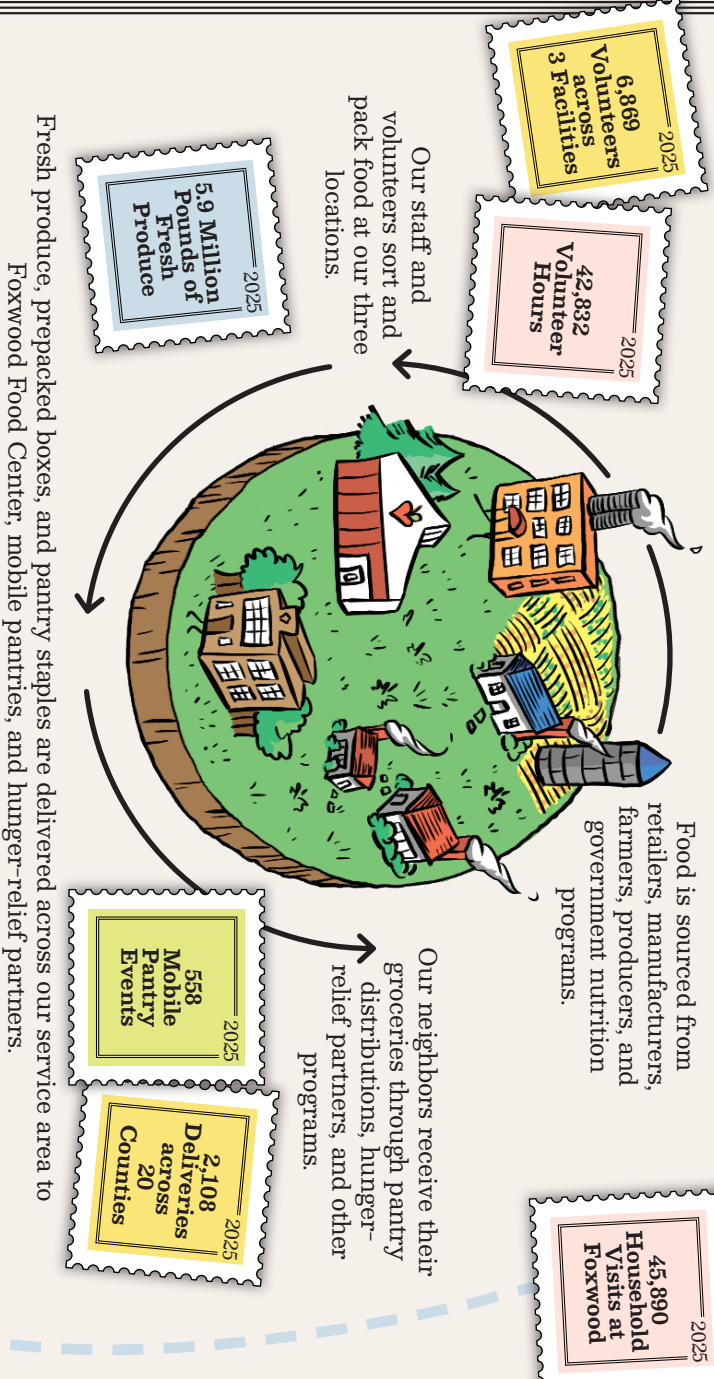
With deep appreciation,

Melissa Blevins

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President & CEO



Our Process

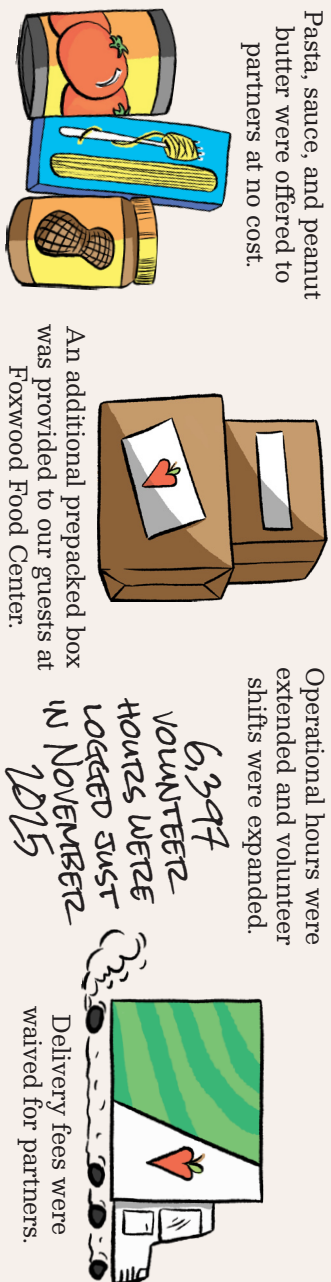


The 2025 Government Shutdown Crisis

The 43-day federal government shutdown in fall 2025 disrupted SNAP access for over 100,000 families across our region. During November, many neighbors were forced to make difficult choices between basic necessities and food.

When federal systems faltered, the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and our network of partners responded at scale—moving more than 2.3 million pounds of food in a single month to meet an elevated and ongoing level of need.

Our Emergency Response



2025 Headlines

Raised over \$7.3 million to fund our mission

We provided 16.9 Million Meals
— AND —

Responded to cuts in federal funding for food assistance

Navigated a 43-day federal government shutdown

Collected 254,375 lbs from food drives

Fresh Food, Families, and Finance program, funded by Tennessee's Families First grant

Delivered a record-breaking amount of fresh produce

Served an estimated 180,000 individuals

Launched a new website to better serve our neighbors, supporters, and partners



Programs

Foxwood Food Center
Our grocery-store-style pantry where guests choose foods to accommodate their personal preferences, allergies, and other dietary restrictions.

Hunger-Relief Partners
We supply food across a wide network of food pantries, senior centers, mobile pantries, and children's programs.

Produce Delivery
Our fleet delivers millions of pounds of fresh produce to our Hunger-Relief Partners across 20 counties, reducing barriers to accessing nutritious food.

Teaching Garden
In our on-site garden, we grow produce for Foxwood Food Center, start seedlings for local community gardens, and teach about self-sufficiency and caring for the land.

Mobile Pantries
We help organize massive distributions at schools, community centers, and places of worship to deliver groceries directly to communities in need.

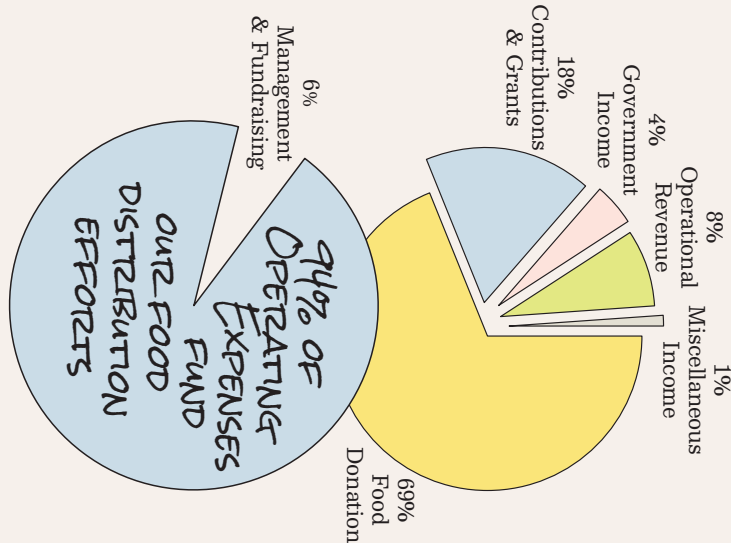
Children's Programs
Our Sack Packs and Summer Bags ensure food-insecure children have enough to eat during their weekends and summer breaks.

Retail Rescue
Meat, dairy, produce, baked goods, and pantry staples are donated by local grocery stores and distributed to our partners, saving millions of pounds of good food from landfills.



Finances

Support & Revenue	
Food Donations	\$ 28,753,811
Contributions & Grants	7,339,251
Government Income	1,875,290
Operational Revenue	3,362,272
Miscellaneous Income	380,639
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 41,711,263
Operating Expenses	
Food Distribution	\$ 36,754,516
Development & Fundraising	1,032,688
Management & General	1,453,746
Total Operating Expense	\$ 39,240,950
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 2,470,313



Core Beliefs

Of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank

No one should go hungry. Food is a basic human right.

All people are worthy of dignity, compassion, and respect.

Equitable access to quality food strengthens the community, empowers self-sufficiency, and fosters hope.

The greatest impact happens in collaboration.

The needs of those we serve guide how we do our work.

Report Impact 2025

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FEEDING AMERICA

CHATTANOOGA AREA FOOD BANK
Northwest Georgia Branch

Our Service Area
The Big Picture

200+ Hunger-Relief Partners
20 Counties
3 Chattanooga Area Food Bank Facilities

7,000 mi²

Where We Serve

Distribution by Region



Stories From Our Communities

Aleasha, Foxwood Guest
Chattanooga, TN
Y'all have been such a blessing to me and my family the times when we didn't have anything to survive on you guys were there to help us...I'm forever thankful and grateful for everything you guys have done for us.

Anonymous Student
Chattanooga, TN
I love getting the snackpack on Fridays. I like the fruit. I would like you to include strawberries.

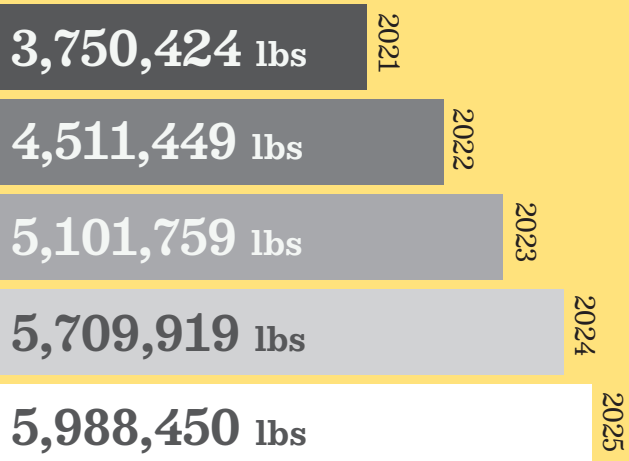
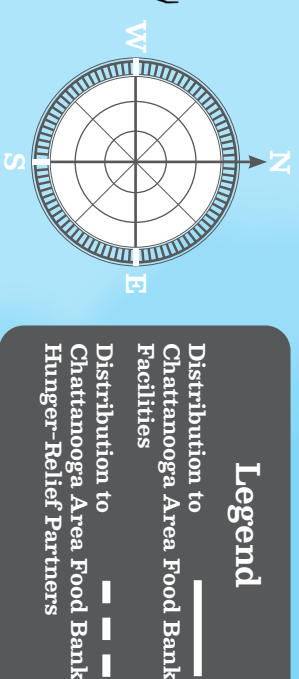
Esamil, Foxwood Volunteer
Chattanooga, TN
I enjoy doing this because [I] was struggling with food and I see how it is.

Janice, The Gathering Guest
Ten Mile, TN
[The mobile pantry] helps a whole lot. It saves money, so I can pay other bills.

Jessica, City of Refuge Guest
Dalton, GA
My family was so excited to have the fresh produce. My dad really loves veggies and he was over the moon when I brought them home. God bless you all for helping us.

LaShai, Garden Volunteer
Chattanooga, TN
Knowing that I was helping make the garden even healthier for our community warmed my heart. I didn't want to stop. This was a beautiful experience and I will definitely be volunteering again!

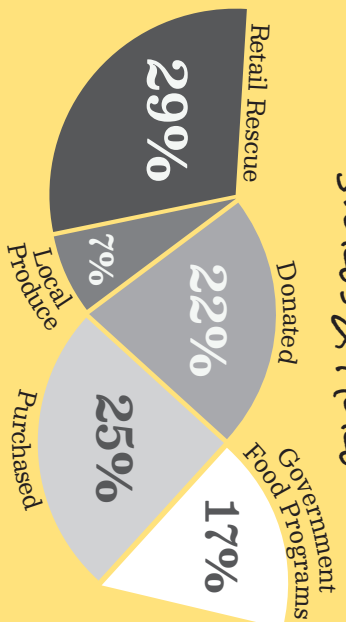
Lindsay, Foxwood Volunteer
Chattanooga, TN
I helped a dad and his little girl and she was a joy and brightened everyone's morning. I encourage anyone and everyone to volunteer. You will be surprised at how heartwarming the experience is.



Chattanooga Area Food Bank Main Warehouse
2009 Curtain Pole Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Chattanooga Area Food Bank Foxwood Food Center
3209 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Chattanooga Area Food Bank Pierce Distribution Center
1111 South Hamilton Street
Dalton, GA 30720



Our Sources Vendors, Farmers, Stores & More



The mission of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank is to lead a network of partners and unite the community to eliminate hunger by feeding, nourishing, and empowering those we serve.

Our Destinations Partners & Programs

