

CHATTANOOGA AREA
FOOD BANK

*2025
Impact
Report*

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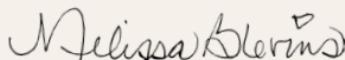
This past year brought real challenges in the work of ending hunger across our region. Since 2023, food insecurity has continued to rise, affecting more of our neighbors each year. And yet, as I reflect on this year, I am drawn to hope.

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
President & CEO

2025 Headlines

Raised over \$7.3 million to fund our mission

Navigated a 43-day federal government shutdown

Delivered a record-breaking amount of fresh produce



WE PROVIDED Groceries for 16.9 Million Meals - AND -

Responded to cuts in federal funding for food assistance

Collected 254,375 lbs from food drives

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

Served an estimated 180,000 individuals

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

Our Process

Our staff and volunteers sort and pack food at our three locations.



Food is sourced from retailers, manufacturers, farmers, producers, and government nutrition programs.

Our neighbors receive their groceries through pantry distributions, hunger-relief partners, and other programs.

Fresh produce, prepacked boxes, and pantry staples are delivered across our service area to Foxwood Food Center, mobile pantries, and hunger-relief partners.

2025
6,869
Volunteers
across
3 Facilities

2025
42,832
Volunteer
Hours

2025
23,434
Gallons
of Fresh
Milk

2025
2,108
Deliveries
across
20
Counties

2025
45,890
Household
Visits at
Foxwood

2025
558
Mobile
Pantry
Events

Programs

Foxwood Food Center

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

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.

2025
121,183
Meals for
Children

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.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach

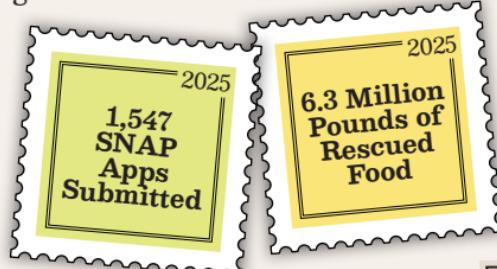
We assist individuals across our service area with the SNAP application and recertification process.

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.

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.



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

Pasta, sauce, and peanut butter were offered to partners at no cost.



An additional prepacked box was provided to our guests at Foxwood Food Center.

Operational hours were extended and volunteer shifts were expanded.

6,397
VOLUNTEER
HOURS WERE
LOGGED JUST
IN NOVEMBER
2025



Delivery fees were waived for partners.

Finances

Support & Revenue

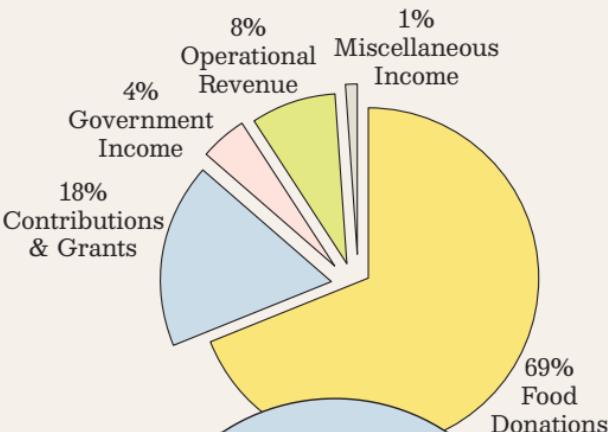
Food Donations	\$ 28,753,811
Contributions & Grants	7,339,251
Government Income	1,875,290
Operational Revenue	3,362,272
Miscellaneous Income	380,639

Total Support & Revenue	\$ 41,711,263
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Operating Expenses

Food Distribution	
Development & Fundraising	\$ 36,754,516
Management & General	1,032,688
	1,453,746
Total Operating Expense	\$ 39,240,950

Increase (Decrease) in Net



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.

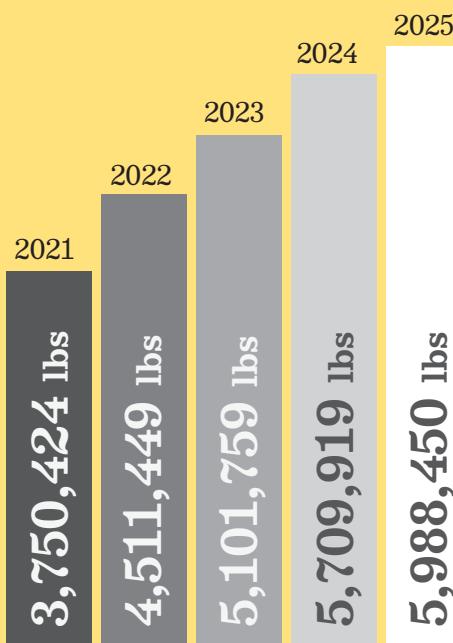
The needs of those we serve guide how we do our work.



Our Service Area THE BIG PICTURE

200+ Hunger-Relief Partners 20 Counties 3 Chattanooga Area Food Bank Facilities
7,000 mi²

Produce DELIVERED FRESH



Chattanooga Area Food Bank Main Warehouse

2009 Curtain Pole Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

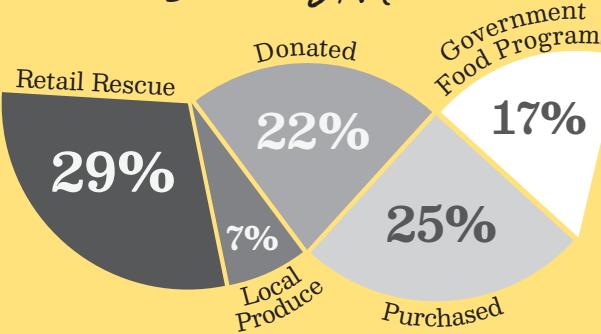
Chattanooga Area Food Bank Foxwood Food Center

3209 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Chattanooga Area Food Bank Pierce Distribution Center

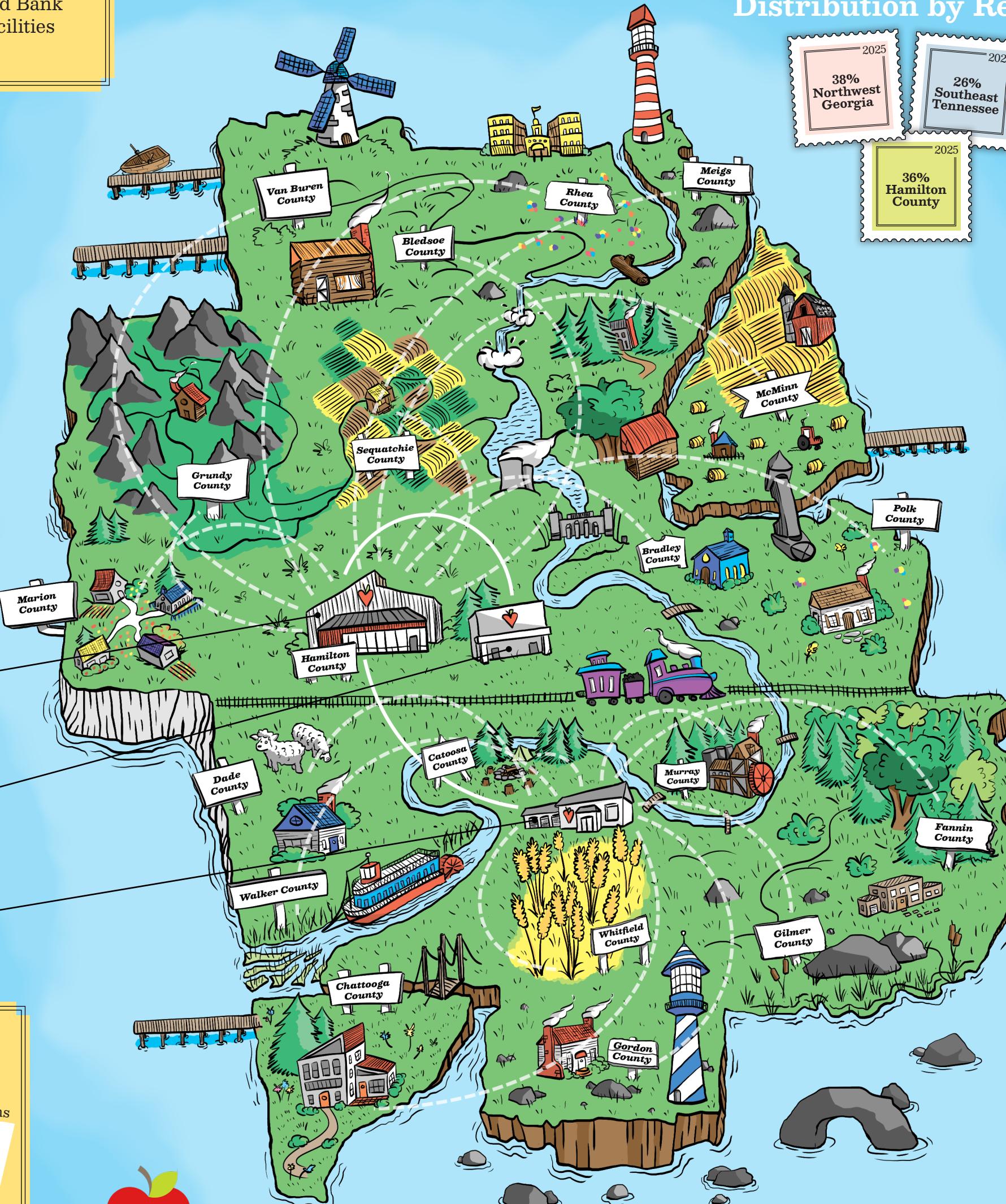
1111 South Hamilton Street
Dalton, GA 30720

Our Sources VENDORS, FARMERS, STORES & MORE



Where We Serve

Distribution by Region



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.

Stories VOICES 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

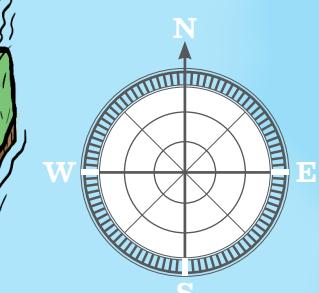
Knowing that I was helping make the garden even healthier for our community warmed my heart, I didn't want to stop. This was a beautiful experience and I will definitely be volunteering again!

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.

Legend

Distribution to Chattanooga Area Food Bank Facilities



Distribution to Chattanooga Area Food Bank Hunger-Relief Partners

Our Destinations PARTNERS & PROGRAMS



74%



Hunger-Relief Partners