



HEARTBEETS

JULY 2025

Celebrating 11 years of Nourishing Neighbors

This year marks 11 years of Nourishing Neighbors signature program of the Albertsons Companies Foundation that has helped provide over 1.3 billion meals and contributed \$330 million toward hunger relief since 2014.

Today: Meeting Immediate Needs

In 2024, Albertsons Cos. and the Foundation contributed \$435 million in food and funds—including \$40+ million through Nourishing Neighbors—to help ensure at-risk families had access to nutritious food.

One standout is the **O Organics Fight Hunger, Serve Hope initiative**. In 2025, Albertsons Cos.' private label brand O Organics is contributing \$5 million, equivalent to 20 million meals, to the Nourishing Neighbors program to fund grants aimed at enhancing school breakfasts, providing weekend breakfast food, backpack programs with food to take home, summer breakfast meals and many other breakfast-related initiatives.

Tomorrow: Building Long-Term Solutions

To ensure lasting food security, the Foundation helps connect individuals to federal nutrition programs like SNAP, WIC, and school meals—

supporting outreach, enrollment, and access. Since 2022, over 250,000 people have gained SNAP access.

The SummerEBT.org campaign is also back, helping families helping families access \$120 in grocery benefits per eligible child through the USDA's SUN Bucks program. In 2024, it supported 98,000 families and had 228,000+ visits.

Forever: Creating Lasting Impact

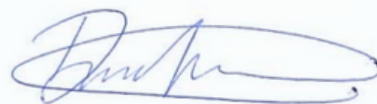
Programs like **Explore.Act.Tell. (E.A.T.)**, a free anti-hunger curriculum, have reached over 250,000 students since 2021.

The **Million Hour Volunteer Rally**, launched in 2024, has already contributed \$1 million worth of volunteer time to local hunger efforts—meeting rising needs as food insecurity grows and formal volunteering declines.

Award-Winning Impact

This year, we have been honored with the Community Hero Award at the 2025 Goodie Awards and earned a Gold Halo Award for its SummerEBT.org tech partnership—recognizing its bold and innovative approach to hunger relief.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey with us!



With deepest gratitude,
Christy Duncan Anderson





Nourishing Neighbors Consortium

This year, we launched the Nourishing Neighbors Consortium—a new program bringing 40 hunger relief organizations together to share knowledge, collaborate, and develop innovative strategies to break the cycle of hunger.

Focused on root causes and guided by our “Do No Harm” principle, the Consortium assists partners with tools, resources, and a space to innovate to fight hunger. We’re excited to share more impact soon—stay tuned!

Million Hour Rally Winners

Please join us in congratulating the winners of the Million Hour Rally!

- **Feeding America Riverside-** \$25K
- **Food Bank of Delaware-** \$10K
- **Care for Real-** \$5K

Winners from other categories will be announced separately by the third-party — stay tuned!

Mark Your Calendars

Here’s what coming up in the next few months:

1. Listening Tour- July. Stay tuned- invited will be sent soon.
1. Nutrition Security Grant RFP will be published in August
2. Holiday Gift Card Program RFP will be published in September



Inspiration Corner

Georgina H sought CalFresh renewal assistance at Central City Neighborhood Partners on January 30, 2025, having previously found their team helpful when she enrolled her children to CCNP’s college (CCNP) corner program.

On February 4th, she returned with questions about her renewal’s status, needed additional forms for her children. Unfamiliar with these forms, she sought CCNP’s support. During document upload, a CCNP navigator discovered inconsistencies that led to her initial denial. With the navigator’s guidance, Georgina confidently contacted customer service to resolve the issue.

She expressed gratitude for CCNP’s support. Georgina is now awaiting approval, with CCNP providing ongoing follow-up.

