





# FEED NOURISH EMPOWER UNITE



# DONOR IMPACT REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



# A NOTE FROM KAREN AND TERRY





# Dear friends,

At every table, there is a story to tell. The contents of this report tell a story and show the impact your compassion is having to help our neighbors in need have a plate at the table. Thank you for being there for our community, whether your support comes in the form of money, food, or time.

We appreciate you for joining us in our mission to minimize hunger across the greater Peninsula. Our supporters play a very important role in helping the Foodbank provide nourishment to children, families, and seniors experiencing the fears of food insecurity. Due to the rising food costs and the long-term impacts of the pandemic, so many families need help. Your generosity helps us meet the need in our community so no one goes hungry. Thousands of individuals are faced with hardships and obstacles they never expected. Unfortunately, food often takes the back burner. Your kindness will raise our neighbors up and give them hope for a healthier future.

Together, we will shorten the lines.

FEED ANOUR SEMPON

Gratefully,

Karen L. Joyner

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A. Terry Morris
President
Board of Directors

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# **SERVICE AREA** GLOUCESTER MATTHEWS IAMES CIT WILLIAMSBURG POQUOSON SURRY HAMPTO **NEWPORT NEWS**

NUMBER OF MEALS PROVIDED SINCE 1986: **226 Million** Valued at 3404 Million





# **OUR MISSION**

To distribute food effectively through collaborative efforts that minimize hunger, promote nutrition and encourage self-reliance through education.

# **OUR VISION**

To inspire hope by leading the effort for a hunger-free and properly nourished community. "The foodbank has been a lifesaver for my family and I - we do appreciate all you do for us and the community."





# BACKPACK PROGRAM

The BackPack Program's mission is to break the cycle of hunger and food insecurity for children in low-income communities by discreetly providing nutritious, healthy foods that can be consumed at their homes over weekends and during extended holidays throughout the year.

BACKPACK BAGS FOR KIDS IN 2021 43,725

# FOOD FOR KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

# Gloucester County Public Schools

**Boutetourt Elementary** 

# **Hampton City Schools**

Aberdeen Elementary
Bryan Elementary
Forrest Elementary
Langley Elementary
Smith Elementary
Tyler Elementary
HRCAP Head Start Program

#### Newport News Public Schools

An Achievable Dream Academy Carver Elementary Denbigh Early Childhood **Epes Elementary** Greenwood Elementary Hidenwood Elementary Jenkins Elementary Lee Hall Elementary Magruder DSA Newsome Park Elementary Palmer Elementary Saunders Elementary Sedgfield Elementary Watkins Early Childhood HRCAP Head Start Program

## **York County Public Schools**

Bethel Manor Elementary
Head Start Griffin-Yates Center
Head Start Yorktown Center
Head Start Bethel Manor
Center

Waller Mill Elementary Yorktown Elementary

# Williamsburg-James City Co.

Clara Byrd-Baker Elementary DJ Montague Elementary J.B. Blayton Elem. James River Elementary Laurel Lane Elementary Matthew Whaley Elementary Norge Elementary

#### **School Pantries**

# Hampton

Bethel Manor Head Start Program

## **York County Schools**

Magruder Elementary York Head Start

#### School Produce Markets

#### Hampton

Cary Elementary

#### Newport News

Discovery Stem Academy

## Surry

Surry Elementary



# MEALS PREPARED BY CULINARY TRAINING STUDENTS 100,000

# THE CULINARY PROGRAM IS **ABOUT MORE THAN COOKING**

DeShazor admits that she used to be in a "rough spot and on a bad path." She came to the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program, partly because she had always loved helping her mom in the kitchen with cooking, but mainly because she knew she needed to make a change in her life.

As she looks back after graduating from the program, she says, "The teachers care and want us to be good at what we do in the kitchen, but they also push us to be better people in life."

DeShazor appreciated the hands-on approach in the classroom and also notes that the program taught her leadership and professionalism. "Even when I was having a bad day, I learned to leave what was going on outside the door and not take it into the kitchen," she states.

She now works at a local bakery and offers this piece of advice for potential students and for people in general: "Listen before anything else. You'll be fine as long as you know you always can learn something."

She tells us that one of the most rewarding aspects of the program was preparing meals for children across the community every day. "Kids that didn't have food, have food now," DeShazor says. "I saw kids that were happy to get these meals and I thought, 'I made that food!' Food can be the key to somebody's heart, and when you taste good food, you might even feel love. We were put on this earth to help others."



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# A PATH TO A HEALTHIER PENINSULA

Food insecurity is a rampant challenge in our Hampton Roads community, impacting our neighbors in need at rates higher than those seen in the last few years. There has also been a new link between food and nutrition insecurity and poor health. This link is extremely apparent in our Peninsula community, with our neighbors in need on average spending \$1,506 more per person in healthcare costs due to food insecurity. Because lack of access to healthcare and chronic diseases go hand-in-hand with food insecurity, it has become overwhelmingly clear that we must become a part of the solution.

So how do we at the Foodbank play vital role in health equity and tackling chronic diseases, all while continuing to offer nutritious foods to our community? Our answer: We have developed a brand-new role, Health Initiatives Manager, to work exclusively in this space. Rickeya Smith, a new addition to the Foodbank family, will be working to partner with healthcare organizations

on the Peninsula to ensure that our neighbors in need have access to healthy foods that will help to improve their chronic conditions and quality of life. She will also be working on the Federation of Virginia Foodbank's Health Equity Group, helping to close the gap between access to quality health and food and our neighbors in need.

Rickeya will be working to ensure that our food offerings continue to be nutritious through establishing Healthy Eating Research (HER) Guidelines in our Foodbank, while also making sure that everyone is represented in the products we offer. She will also strengthen our partnerships with Sentara and Riverside Health Systems, as well as form partnerships with the Veterans Administration, the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association, JenCare, and other local healthcare organizations to bring healthy, nutritious programming to our neighbors in need.

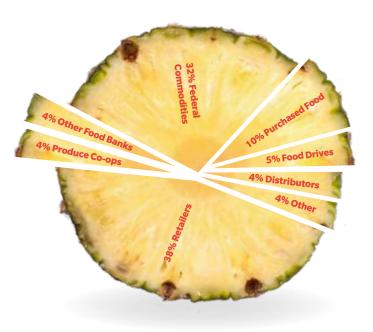
# POUNDS OF PRODUCE

3,452,577

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Cereals/Grains
Pastas/Rice

4%

Vegetables (Canned/Frozen)

# 6% Beverages ar

# 6% Dairy Products

# FOOD ACQUISITION SOURCES

Retailers	38%
Federal Commodities	32%
Purchased Food	10%
Food Drives	5%
Produce Cooperatives	4%
Other Feeding America Food Banks	4%
Manufacturers/Distributors	4%
Other Sources	4%

# **DISTRIBUTION BY FOOD TYPES**

Fresh Fruits / Vegetables (Produce)	25%
Mixed/ Complete Meals/ Entrees/Soups	22%
Meats/Fish/Poultry/ Non-Meat Protein	19%
Bread Products	8%
Dairy Products	6%
Beverages and Juices	6%
Prepared and Perishable Foods	5%
Cereals/Grains/Pastas/Rice	4%
Vegetables (Canned and Frozen)	3%
Snack Foods/Cookies/Desserts	1%
Spices/Condiments/Sauces/Dressings	1%



# AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

# TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH EAST END. NEWPORT NEWS

Tabernacle Baptist Church, East End, is located in the Ridley-Marshall Southeast community in Newport News. They saw the need to help families experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic so they resumed their partnership with the Foodbank in the fall of 2021 to help their neighbors get through difficult and uncertain times.

Nicole Singleton, Director of Agency Services, states that, "This is significant because the community needed a consistent walk-up pantry to help fill the gap of one of our largest food distributions that was moved from a site which could no longer accommodate this distribution. When we moved, many families who were without transportation were unable to attend large mobile pantries."

Tabernacle Baptist Church, East End, started serving 40 families and has grown to 85 families in just a few short months. This group also serves our community's homeless population by providing scarves, blankets, masks, sanitizers, toiletries and on-the-go meals and snacks. The utilization of the Foodbank's refrigerated trailer aids them in providing frozen meats and fresh produce. Our partner agencies are the arms and hands that help us extend our reach so our neighbors have a place to go to that is close to their residence.



# PARTNER AGENCIES

#### **GLOUCESTER**

Bellamy United Methodist Bread for Life Community Food Pantry, Inc. Gleaning Baptist Church Helping the Homeless Living Waters Family Outreach Center New Hope Independent **Baptist Church** New Life Ministry Center New Mount Zion **Baptist Church** Salem United Methodist Church Salvation Army Gloucester White Marsh Baptist Church Union Baptist Church

## **HAMPTON**

Advancing God's Kingdom Worldwide Fellowship Ambassadors For Jesus Christ Early Learning Center Antioch Improvement Ministries, Inc. Bethel Temple Church **Buckroe Baptist Church** Community Housing Partners Connect Community at Calvary Community Church Deeper Life Assembly **Dominion Ministries** International **Empowered Believers** Christian Learning Center Family Overcoming Obstacles Together First Christian Church First Friends Church First Presbyterian Church First United Methodist Church Fox Hill Greater Bethlehem Christian Assembly Hampton Baptist Church Hampton / Newport News Community Services Board Hampton Roads Ecumenical Logings And Provisions, Inc.

Hispanic Resource Center Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Langley Christian Church Little Zion Baptist Church Mercy Seat Baptist Church New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church Northampton Christian Church On Purpose Ministry Open Door Full Gospel **Baptist Church** Perfecting Saints Church Queen Street Baptist Church Salvation Army Virginia Peninsula Six House, Inc. Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Mark's United Methodist
Church
St. Rose of Lima
Tender Care Adult Residence
Thomas Nelson
Community College

Development Center VersAbility Resources Warwick Assembly of God West Hampton Baptist Church

Todds Lane Bible Church

Va Crusaders Youth

Zion Baptist Church

# **MATTHEWS**

Hands Across Mathews

#### **NEWPORT NEWS**

Agape Hands Cathedral All Nations Church Alpha & Omega Network Apostolic World Network Beauty for Ashes C. Waldo Scott Center Calvary Seventh-Day Adventist Church Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church



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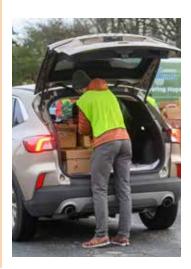
come to the food pantry 
I am so used to doing

things on my own.

It didn't feel right to be

asking for help. But

it is a huge blessing.



Casa de Suenos/ House of Dreams Community Empowerment Center Community Housing Partners Crusading Outreach Ministry Denbigh United Presbyterian Church Dominion Outreach Worship Center Dreams of Hope Foundation **Dunamis Christian Center** E House, Inc. East End Intensive **Outpatient Center** First Baptist Church Denbigh First Baptist Church Morrison First Church of Newport News First United Methodist Church **Newport News** Five Loaves Food Pantry Freedom Outreach Center Grace Temple Worship Center Greater Joy Church of God in Christ Greater Works Ministries House of David Hampton / Newport News Community Services Board Hampton Roads Community Action Program, Inc. Harvestland Ministries Heart and Soul Assisted Living Hester House Ministrie Ivy Baptist Church Ivy Farms Church of the Brethern lust Us Kidz. Inc. L.I.N.K. of Hampton Roads Life Transitions Living Faith Christian Center Living Waters Redeeme Living Waters Way of the Cross Church Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge Mount Moriah RZUA Church

Parkview Baptist Church Parkview Church of God Peninsula Agency on Aging Peninsula Dream Center Peninsula Hispanic Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reformation Lutheran-Nelson Chapel Rhema Christian Center Academy Rock Church of Newport News Spirit of Truth Ministries St. lames Deliverance Church St. Paul African Methodist **Episcopal Church** St. Timothy Church of Christ St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Temple Baptist Church Temple of Refuge The Needs Network THRIVE Peninsula Triumph Christian Center Triumph Ministries, Inc. United Way, Virginia Peninsula **USO Newport News** Wesley Grove United Church - of Christ World Outreach Worship Center Zion Baptist Church **POOUOSON** 

# SURRY/WAKEFIELD

First Baptist Church - It's a Start Program

Pocahontas Temple Baptist Church

Runneymede Holiness Church Unity Tabernacle Apostolic Faith Church Of God

## WILLIAMSBURG A Gift From Ben

FISH. Inc. From His Hands Williamsburg Givina Liaht, Inc. Grove Christian Outreach Center

Little Sisters of Saint Francis Little Zion Baptist Church Salvation Army Williamsburg St. John Baptist Church Williamburg Presbyterian Church

Williamsburg House of Mercy Williamsburg United Methodist Church

#### YORKTOWN

Breakthrough Worship Center Coastal Community Church Community Housing Partners Waters Edge Church Zion Prospect Baptist Church

Parish Thrift Shop Food Pantry



Orcutt Baptist Church

New Beech Grove Baptist

Open Arms Assisted Living Open Door Baptist Church

Church



Thank you to everyone who contributed funds, food, or time to make our mission possible. Although we do not have the space in this publication to recognize each individual donor, we would like to express our appreciation to the generous and compassionate community that helps us sustain and expand our programs each year. Every healthy meal distributed as a result of your donations gave our neighbors in need across the greater Peninsula a feeling of comfort and hope. Your support made a remarkable difference in many lives.

# NAKISHA'S STORY

# ADVOCATING TO FIGHT HUNGER

Nakisha is a veteran and a former client of the Foodbank. She says she has been homeless twice, and in 2019, she found herself struggling to take care of her three boys amidst a separation.

"The basic thing as a parent that I was supposed to do – you know, feed them, clothe them, on top of loving them - I didn't want to rob them of that," she describes. "And the Foodbank was definitely very helpful in aiding to make sure all of us were able to eat a balanced meal."

"No one is above the struggle. Everyone goes through something, so don't be ashamed."

Nakisha says now that she's in a better place financially, she is advocating to fight hunger.

"As veterans, we want a seat at the table. As mothers, we want a seat at the table, but the catch is, we want something to be on that table," she says. "I don't want anyone to go through what I did."

Nakisha points out that the COVID-19 pandemic proved that anyone can be affected.

"No one is above the struggle. Everyone goes through something, so don't be ashamed," she says.



The Kids Cafe Program's mission is to provide balanced, nutritious meals to help children at risk help themselves through positive learning experiences to improve their quality of life and their future. Along with an evening meal, each of our 13 Kids Cafe locations offers a variety of enrichment activities such as tutoring, mentoring, life skills training, and nutrition education.

#### **HAMPTON**

Advancing God's Kingdom
Bridgeport Apartments
Buckroe Pointe Townhomes
C. Waldo Scott Center
Families Overcoming Obstacles Together
Greater Emmanuel Church of God In Christ
New Mt. Olive Christian Childcare Center
Salvation Army
Virginia Crusaders

#### **NEWPORT NEWS**

C. Waldo Scott Center
House of Refuge Church
Kingdom Workers Global Network
King's Ridge Apartments
Lassiter Court Apartments
Mt. Carmel Church
Newport Harbour Apartments
Pediatric/Dental Center
Southeastern VA Health Systems
Stuart Gardens Apartments
The Ivy Towers Apartments
THRIVE Peninsula

98,028
MEALS SERVED
AT KIDS CAFE AND SESP SITES

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JUDY FEATHERSON

Judy Featherson has been volunteering with the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank for five years and has donated hundreds of hours of her time to help feed those facing food insecurity.

Her passion is sorting through donated food to ensure that the food distributed by the Foodbank is safe to share with the community.

"Volunteering is about being able to give back, to help in a small way," Judy said. "I volunteered with a program at my church, and when that program ended I knew I needed to keep volunteering. When someone helps you, you need to help back."

Thank you to Judy for all that you've done to help your neighbors struggling with food insecurity. We're so grateful that you've chosen to volunteer with us!



Judy Featherson has donated hundreds of hours over the last five years for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.

volunteer
HOURS
23,900

"... I have been both the recipient of community aid and a helping hand distributing aid; it is from both perspectives that I believe that strong communities rely on volunteers to make the lives of our neighbors a better place."

Aubrey, Volunteer

"Volunteering with the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been one of the best experiences of my college career." Lauren, Christopher Newport University Student

"Not only have I met some wonderful people, but we all work great together. I give about 6 - 8 hours a week! That's how much I like helping out around the organization."

Keenen, Volunteer

# **TOP FOOD DONORS**

Our food rescue program helps recover healthy food that would otherwise be wasted from local retail and grocery stores.

# Thank you to:

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Food Lion

Fresh Market

Ft. Eustis Commissarv

Harris Teeter

Kroger

Langley Air Force Base Commissary

Lidl

Manhattan Bagel

**Newport News Public Schools** 

Pepsi Bottling Company

**Publix** 

Sam's Wholesale Club

**Schmidt Baking Company** 

**Smithfield Foods** 

Target

Trader Joe's

Walmart

WAWA

Whole Foods

# **POUNDS** OF FOO

**RETAIL FOOD RESCUE:** 

4.5 MILLION



# STATEMENT OF FINANCES

REVENUE SOURCES		2020 RESULTS JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021	
Donated Food	\$18,467,530	64.20%	
Monetary Donations	5,072,834	17.63%	
Grants	1,547,434	5.38%	
Program Fees	2,239,018	7.78%	
United Way	195,495	0.68%	
Other Income and Special Events	1,245,400	4.33%	
Total	\$28,767,711	100.00%	
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES			
Program Services	22,551,018	96. <mark>58%</mark>	
Fundraising / CAN HELP	612,309	2.62%	
Management and General	185,997	0.80%	
Total	23,349 <mark>,324</mark>	100.00%	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$5,418,387		
ENDING NET ASSETS	\$22,648,520		

A copy of our financial statements is available upon request from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

# **ANNUAL VISITS FOR ASSISTANCE: OVER 222,000**

Average Visits Per Family: 3.97 Average Family Size: 2.80

Age Category Totals:

 Kids 17 and below
 30%

 Adults 18 - 59
 47%

 Seniors age 60+
 23%

"I have something to feed my children and for this I am truly grateful."



# Thank you to our

# TOP 40 DONORS

We are grateful to the caring corporations and foundations who recognize the seriousness of the life situations that impact too many of our fellow residents across the greater Peninsula. Thank you for helping us build and sustain hunger-free communities.

# **CORPORATE DONORS**

Food Lion Feeds

Kroger

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First Baptist Church of Hampton

Leidos, Inc.

St. John's Episcopal Church

MEB General Contractors, Inc.

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St. Andrews Episcopal Church

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#### **FOUNDATIONS**

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United Way of the Virginia Peninsula

USAA Foundation, Inc.

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Ferguson

Feeding America, Darden

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City of Hampton

Share Our Strength

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Feeding America, Chick-fil-A

Enterprise Holdings Foundation

First United Methodist Church Foundation-NN

Feeding America, Costco









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Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia, Inc.

Dunkin Joy in Childhood Foundation, Inc.

Feeding America, Morgan Stanley COVID-19 Relief

The Tyrod Taylor Foundation

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Feeding America, Subaru, Casey Auto

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**OBO** Powell Foundation

Waite Family Giving Account

United Way of South Hampton Roads

Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation

The GoodCoin Foundation

Rouse-Bottom Foundation

York County

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

Lions Charity Foundation ACBL- Charity Foundation

(Bridge club)
Verizon Foundation

# FOOD EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Harris Teeter

106.9 The Fox and FM99 Mayflower Marathon Holiday Food Drive

Jersey Mike's

Feeding America, Walmart/Sam's Club Fight Hunger Spark Change

WTKR Channel 3, Scripps Howard Foundation & Southern Bank

Federation of Virginia Food Banks, Voluntary State Tax Contributions

Newport News Shipbuilding/Huntington Ingalls Industries

MLK Day of Service 2021, Mayor Price, Congressman Scott, Sheriff Morgan, Chief Drew

Feeding America, CVS

Casey Auto Group

Feeding America, TJX Foundation

Downtown Hampton Churches Food Fight

Renegades, Old Dudes, Brothers-In-Arms, Iron Tribe MCs (Mayflower Marathon)

15th Statewide Legal Food Frenzy partnership with Va Attorney General, Young Lawyers Division of the VA Bar Assoc. and Federation of VA Food Banks

TowneBank

Peninsula Track Club, Inc. CR England

Feeding America, CROC's Langley Air Force Base

Commissary Feds Feed Families

Ivy Baptist Church

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RNR of Virginia

Feeding America, Fresh Market

1st Advantage Federal Credit Union

Feeding America, American Express

Feeding America, Full Hearts Open Cart

Peninsula Indian Cultural Association

Morgan Properties

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Love Christian Church

Tidewater Physicians Multispecialty Group

**CTR Corporation** 

Feeding America, AEO, Inc.

Suntrust

Ironclad Distillery, Inc.

Calvary Community Church

RO Nelson Elementary Veterans United

Feeding America, Ahold Banners

**AES Consulting Engineers** 

# MONTHLY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES

#### **HAMPTON**

Hampton Coliseum
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Joynes Road Church of God
Langley Village Apartments
Liberty Live Baptist Church
Patrick Elementary School
Paula Maria Senior Village
Six House
Tidewater Senior Apartments

#### **NEWPORT NEWS**

Berkeley Village Senior Living
Checed Warwick Senior Living Apartments
First Baptist Church of Newport News
Gethsemane Baptist Church
Great Oak's Senior Village
Pinecroft Apartments
Seton Manor Apartments
Tabernacle Church East End

#### **OTHER LOCATIONS**

Coastal Community Church, Yorktown Community Housing Partners: Lackey (Yorktown/Rivermeade Apartments) Greater Williamsburg Salvation Army Poquoson Recreational Center Surry County Recreation Center Williamsburg House of Mercy

POUNDS
of FOOD
DISTRIBUTED AT
MOBILE PANTRIES
IN 2021
3,156,586

# FOOD BANK vs. FOOD PANTRY

# What is the Difference?

We are so glad you asked because it can be a little confusing! Virginia Peninsula Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the largest hunger relief organization in the United States. The Feeding America network includes 200 food banks and over 60,000 food pantries and feeding programs in most cities and counties in all 50 states, including Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. There are seven food banks in Virginia assigned to designated cities and counties so anyone in need has a food pantry to go to for help. Through 140 partner agencies, Virginia Peninsula Foodbank serves our neighbors in need in the cities and counties of Newport News, Hampton, York, Williamsburg, James City, Gloucester, Mathews, Poquoson and Surry. Let's get started on understanding the differences.

A **food bank** is a non-profit that safely receives, stores and distributes millions of pounds of food to local food programs, like a food pantry, shelter, or soup kitchen. Food banks come in all different sizes. Some are very large – some can be smaller.

Regardless of size, the food received comes from food drives, national campaigns, retailers, grocery stores, manufacturers and restaurants. Foodbanks also purchase food (canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables) to meet the need in the community. Feeding America also helps connect our network to additional resources, including food.

A **food pantry** is a smaller facility where hungry families can receive food. It's the arms that reach out to that community in need. These facilities follow established food safety and food distribution guidelines that are established by the food bank, to include monthly reporting of the number of families helped, demographics, and pounds distributed. Supplied with food from a food bank, pantries feed hundreds of people per week! Because every community is different, there are many different types of pantries.



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