



YOUR IMPACT

Nourishing Our Community

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COVID-19 Special Edition

Responding to a Skyrocketing Hunger Crisis

Even before the pandemic, nearly 400,000 people in our area struggled with hunger. Today, that number is climbing substantially higher, and could rise by as much as 60 percent as the economic impacts of COVID-19 affect people around the world and right here in our own backyard.

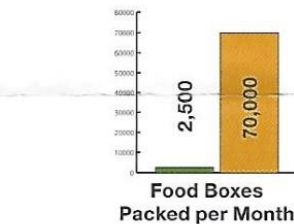
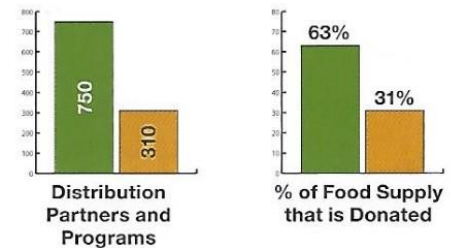
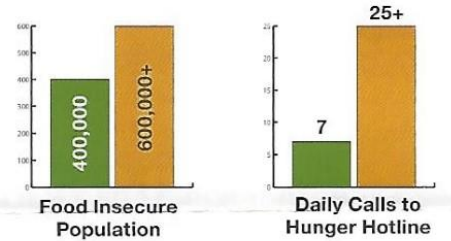
Over 700,000 unemployment claims have been filed in the Capital Area Food Bank's service area since the virus arrived. Many of our nonprofit partners have experienced up to a 400 percent increase in people seeking food assistance. And, unlike other disasters we've faced, this crisis won't be behind us anytime soon—it's going to be a long journey to recovery.

Thanks to your stalwart support, the Capital Area Food Bank jumped into action quickly and we're continuing to find new ways to get food into the hands of those who need it.

Meeting the vast and growing need has pushed our resources to the limit. Supply chain issues have caused regular food donations from supermarkets and other stores to plummet. That's where you come in: Your generosity has allowed us to purchase 768 truckloads of food since April—that's 25 times what we usually purchase in an entire year! Without you, we simply wouldn't be able to help everyone who needs us.

Thank you for being there for your neighbors experiencing hunger through this difficult time. You are truly making a difference.

CAFB Operations, Pre-COVID and COVID



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2020 HUNGER REPORT

We published our **2020 Hunger Report** in July to provide a single, holistic picture of hunger in the DMV for service providers and policymakers. As the effects of COVID have unfolded, many of the long-standing, deep-rooted inequities that perpetuate food insecurity and poverty in our region have been revealed and exacerbated by the pandemic. These inequities disproportionately impact Black and Latinx people, and households headed by women. We hope our *2020 Hunger Report* will ultimately lead to new approaches to addressing food insecurity. *To read the report, visit www.capitalareafoodbank.org/hunger-in-our-region.*