

ABOUT THE FOOD BANK

July 1, 2010 — June 30, 2011

For 26 years, the Alameda County Community Food Bank has been at the forefront of hunger-relief efforts, helping people struggling with hunger in our neighborhoods. We are the hub of a vast collection and distribution network that provides food through a network of 275 food pantries, soup kitchens, child-care and senior centers, and other community-based organizations throughout Alameda County — from Berkeley to Fremont, Oakland to Livermore.

We serve 1 in 6 residents of Alameda County, nearly two-thirds of whom are children and seniors — the most vulnerable members of our community.

In FY11, the Food Bank distributed 20.9 million pounds of food — 54% of it fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Food Bank no longer serves simply as a clearinghouse for donated food and surplus commodities. In order to meet the steadily increasing need in our community, we now purchase more than half of the food we distribute.

We believe food is a basic human right. Our role goes beyond providing food for today — we also give hope for tomorrow by building long-term solutions to end the cycle of hunger in Alameda County. Our approach toward eradicating hunger includes:

- One of California's busiest — and most efficient — emergency food helplines;
- A multilingual food stamp outreach program that serves as the blueprint for programs across the nation;
- Dynamic hunger and nutrition education programs;
- A team of forceful staff and community advocates promoting and protecting anti-poverty policies with local, state and federal legislators.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Alameda County Community Food Bank is affiliated with Feeding America, the California Association of Food Banks and the California Hunger Action Coalition.

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Executive Director since 2001



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OUR MISSION

to alleviate hunger by providing nutritious food and nutrition education to people in need, educating the public and promoting public policies that address hunger and its root causes.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION: 20,916,750 pounds of food (10.5% increase from FY10)

FARM-FRESH PRODUCE

— Fruits and vegetables are at the core of our mission to provide our community with nutritious food. In FY11, distribution of produce continued its surge upward to 11,279,584 pounds. That's an increase of 26% over FY10.



USDA GOVERNMENT COMMODITIES — U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities distributed rose for the third consecutive year to 4,823,752 pounds — a 7% increase. That's equivalent to 3.7 million meals, approximately 12% of which were served as hot meals in the Food Bank's member congregate feeding agencies, such as soup kitchens.

CHILDREN'S BACKPACK PROGRAM — This program provides children with healthy food to last through the weekend, when they aren't receiving school meals. The program grew to 24 elementary and middle schools across the county during FY11. We distributed 32,470 bags of food to children and their families — 8.5% more than last year. Visit our YouTube page to see firsthand how the program works.



"WHEN KIDS COME TO SCHOOL on Monday and they don't eat over the weekend, they might have stomach aches or headaches and they might not be able to focus on school work."

Maira, age 11, Children's Backpack Program participant, Greenleaf Elementary School