

THE FOOD BANK

40 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIPS TO FEED, LEAD,
& STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY

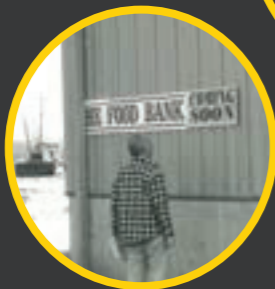
Since 1982, The Food Bank has distributed the equivalent of 156,640,072 healthy meals to neighbors in need. We carry out our mission in partnership with the Western Massachusetts 173-member strong frontline emergency food network, donors of foods and funds, public officials, other community partners, and volunteers.

The Food Bank milestones below reveal a 40-year journey of learning, community building, innovation, and growth in an ever-changing world.

1982 First office space in Springfield and first two food distributions out of an adjacent parking



1992
Purchase first Food Bank Farm in Hadley



1986 Move to current location in Hatfield

1995
Instrumental in the creation of Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP) in response to a 70% cut in funding of federal Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

2005
Andrew Morehouse becomes executive director

2005
Break ground on a \$3.9 million facility expansion funded by a prior successful capital campaign



2006 Five-year Target: Hunger community organizing initiative launched in Springfield and later in the North Berkshires



2007
Begin hosting nutrition workshops in Hatfield

2007

Host hunger awareness events in all four counties



2009

First Western Massachusetts Hunger Summit hosted in Springfield

2009

SNAP assistance begins with AmeriCorps* VISTA volunteer (today, four full-time employees)

2010

First Monte's March goes from Northampton to Greenfield



2011

First Will Bike 4 Food event

2018

Launch Coalition to End Hunger

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Launch Food Insecurity Screening & Referral Initiative (FISRI)

2020

Purchase second Food Bank Farm in Hadley



2020

Purchase land in Chicopee for new food distribution center and headquarters, and launch capital campaign



2022

Break ground on future, larger, and greener home and reach \$26.4M capital campaign goal