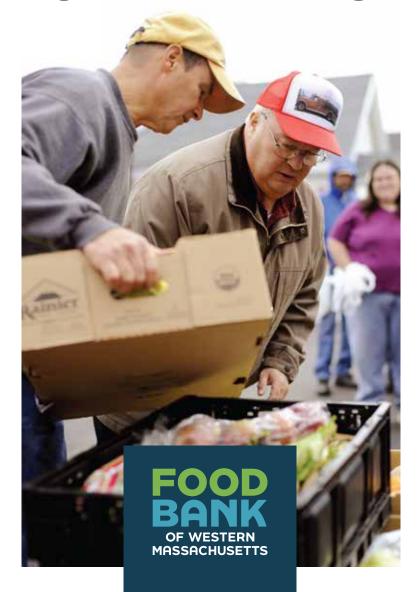
## **Together, We End Hunger**



## **Our Mission and Legacy**

Since 1982, the Food Bank has worked to end hunger across Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties. We provide nutritious food through direct programs and support a network of nearly 200 local pantries, meal sites, and shelters. We also offer food assistance resources and advocate for long-term policy solutions—because everyone deserves access to healthy food.





## WAYS TO GIVE

We gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including checks, online payments (credit card or direct debit), wire transfers, and stock or planned (estate) gifts. To explore how your gift can make a lasting impact, contact:

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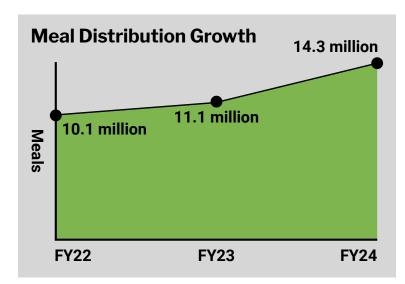
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### **Meeting the Moment Holistically**

In FY24, we distributed the equivalent of **14.3 million** meals — a **31% increase** from the year before. We distribute nutritious food to:

- Nearly 200 member food pantries and meal sites
- 26 Mobile Food Banks
- 51 Brown Bag: Food for Elders locations



We don't stop at food. We also provide:

- Nutrition education to stretch every meal
- SNAP enrollment support to connect individuals with long-term help
- Food Assistance Navigation to connect families with wrap-around services
- Advocacy to protect and strengthen anti-hunger policies

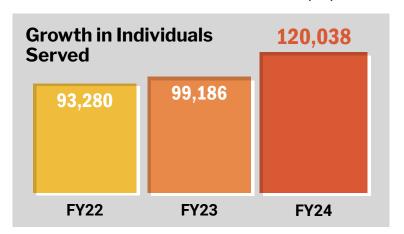
"Food has everything to do not only with kids' growth and development and their risk for chronic diseases, but also the stress on the family and their parents — a kid's ability to learn, it touches everything."

- Dr. Charlotte Boney, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Board of Directors President

### **A Growing Need**

Hunger is rising faster than ever. In the past year, we served an average of **124,000 people** each month, including nearly **36,000 children**. These numbers now exceed the peak of the pandemic and continue to grow.

Meanwhile, **federal cuts** to SNAP benefits, Medicaid, and other programs will make it harder for families — and the food assistance network — to keep up.



# **Your Support Makes It All Possible**

Every gift helps provide nutritious meals to thousands of people across the region. Consider directing your gift to one of our top priorities:

#### Greatest Need

Allows us to respond quickly and flexibly to urgent needs across all programs.

### **Food Purchasing**

Supplements the federal/state food supply with nutritious, culturally relevant options.

#### Food Distribution

Expands access through transportation, staffing, and outreach across our four counties.

# Every dollar makes a difference. Thank you for your support!

