### The Food Bank of North Alabama



We supply food to the ill, needy and children through a network of partner feeding programs; and pursue proactive solutions that end hunger through local food entrepreneurship.

Our goal is to foster thriving family farms, create greater access to healthy food choices and strengthen our local food system so no one goes hungry.

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www.foodbanknorthal.org

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## OUR SERVICE AREA

We serve 11 counties in North Alabama. Our service area covers 8,011 square miles and includes urban centers, such as Huntsville and Decatur, as well as rural communities like Henegar, Pisgah and Sylvania. Across these eleven counties in North Alabama, 150,000 people are at risk of hunger.





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We feed the hungry today and create solutions to end hunger tomorrow



# Food Bank Programs

### **Feeding Friends and Neighbors in**

<u>Need:</u> We supply 7 million pounds of food to over 230 charitable feeding programs reaching an estimated 80,000 residents in need.

Match the Meals Program: This initiative expands the capacity of solutions working to end child hunger in North Alabama. The program doubles or "matches" funds raised for food supplies for new or expanding food pantries and backpack programs in high-need communities.



Fresh Food
Initiative: We
help families
access fresh
foods from
local farmers
by promoting
the use of
SNAP (formerly
known as Food
Stamps) at
farmers

markets. For every SNAP dollar spent at a participating farmers market, we double the value up to \$20.



Backpack programs: We partner with companies, churches and civic groups to provide two-day meal kits to children who go without food over the weekend when they do not have access to the free meals served at school. These meal kits mean children arrive to school Monday mornings ready to learn without the distraction of hunger.

<u>Disaster Response:</u> We are a first-responder in times of disaster providing emergency supplies of food and water. In 2011 we supplied more than 3 million pounds of food and water to those affected by the tornadoes.

#### **North Alabama Food Policy Council:**

Fosters education, collaboration and policy advancements to support a more locally based, sustainable and self-reliant food system accessible to all. It is a grassroots, all-volunteer effort.

www.nafoodpolicycouncil.org



Farm Food Collaborative: We help family farmers sell local food to local schools, hospitals, workplace cafeterias and grocery stores. The program supports thriving family farms, strengthens our local economy, and makes fresh, healthy foods available to the broadest spectrum of residents.

The Hiatt Loan Fund: Provides microloans to family farmers and entrepreneurs who create jobs and greater access to healthy food choices in underserved communities. Loans have helped expand food truck businesses, healthy corner stores, local restaurants, and more.

The Store Donation Program: We partner with local grocery stores, including Walmart, Publix, Kroger and Target, to prevent over 3 million
pounds of nutritious food from
being thrown away and instead
redirect it to help feed the most
vulnerable in our community.

