

Because of you...

Together, we made 2015 a better year by providing thousands of nutritious meals for children, seniors and families facing hunger across North Alabama. With your partnership we were able to feed over 80,000 children, veterans and neighbors in need through our network of partner feeding programs.

And as importantly, we fed our hungry neighbors well. With your partnership, we were able to expand our grocery store donations and save over four million pounds of fruits, vegetables, canned goods, bread and proteins from going to waste in local landfills. Instead, we were able to give our neighbors at risk of hunger access to these healthy food choices.

Grocers weren't the only ones that assisted with healthy food choices. Because of relationships we forged through our Farm Food Collaborative, we connected local farmers with schools across our community. Now schoolchildren can eat locally grown apples at their peak nutritional goodness.

Other key accomplishments in 2015 included:

- Scored one of the highest food safety scores among food banks in the country.
- Launched a volunteer program where civic-minded supporters help us keep our food supply safe by inspecting and sorting donations.
- Invited to present on innovation, food safety and our store donation program at national conferences.
- Awarded scholarship to Harvard's Nonprofit Management course.
- Since inception, our Farm Food Collaborative project has made over 900,000 pounds of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables available in public schools, workplace cafeterias, and grocery stores.

Because of you, this is what we accomplished!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Kathryn Strickland Executive Director

To find out more about hunger, please visit www.foodbanknorthal.org