

HUNGER IS HERE

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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GEORGIA
MOUNTAIN
FOOD BANK
No one is hungry



Letter from the ED

Dear Friends,

In 2006, the North Georgia Community Foundation began convening community leaders for conversations around the problem of food insecurity in Northeast Georgia. With the full support of the community and a partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Georgia Mountain Food Bank (GMFB) became a part of food distribution channels to rural communities late in 2008. With a staff of two and the help of a local logistics company, nonprofit partners began receiving food delivered directly to their community. Six years later, GMFB has matured in capacity and effectiveness, distributing over 3.8 million pounds of food or enough food for more than 3 million meals in 2014. Our staff of nine now serves an average of 35,000 people monthly through a network of 58 feeding partners in five counties. GMFB has evolved into a comprehensive resource facility for emergency food distribution in Northeast Georgia.

I attribute the growth of GMFB to you, our donors, for sharing our vision to fight hunger. You believe that no one should be hungry, especially the most vulnerable among us, our children, seniors and disabled. Struggling people need the hope our help provides. **Thank you!**

Also, I want to thank our remarkable Board of Directors and staff, who are focused and passionately committed to the mission. They have worked diligently to guide this organization to a high level of effectiveness and efficiency. Their determination to increase our outreach, with due diligence to the resources we have, has allowed this organization the room to grow and thrive.

As we look ahead to the next five years, I thank you for believing in the GMFB. On behalf of the mothers, fathers and children we serve, it is my sincere hope that together we continue to work " 'til no one is hungry."

With Warmest Regards,

Kay Blackstock
Executive Director
Georgia Mountain Food Bank

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Harvesters Club

Just one meal can represent hope, promise and a better tomorrow. Georgia Mountain Food Bank's Harvesters Club recognizes individual donors in several giving levels beginning at \$1,000 in a calendar year. Help us plant the seeds of a harvest where there is plenty of room at the table for all as you make a significant difference in the lives of people living in your community.

HARVESTERS CLUB DONORS (JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014)

\$229,000
DONATED
85 MEMBERS
4 GIVING LEVELS
Providing **1,145,000** Meals
'Til no one is hungry

HARVESTERS CLUB DIAMOND LEVEL \$10,000 AND ABOVE

Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Price
Ross Robertson Fund at North Ga
Community Foundation
Wilheit Family Foundation Fund at North
Ga Community Foundation
Judge & Mrs. Charles Wynne

HARVESTERS CLUB PLATINUM LEVEL \$5,000 – \$9,999

Mr. Jeff Chalovich
Mr. & Mrs. David Chester
GW and Virginia Bailey Fund at North
Georgia Community Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hallock
Ms. M. Rebecca Holland
Mr. & Mrs. David Hughs
John & Susan Williams Family
Charitable Fund
Mrs. Marjorie Strittmatter
Ms. Veronica Young

HARVESTERS CLUB GOLD LEVEL \$2,500 – \$4,999

Ms. Carol Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Caster
James & Diane Magnus Foundation
Mr. Alfred Larson
Mr. & Mrs. David McIntosh
Ms. Donna Mincey
Ms. Becky Ricketts
Mr. Richard Riley
Mr. & Mrs. Duane Schlereth
Ms. Margaret Schutte
Mr. Wilbern Strickland

HARVESTERS LEVEL – \$1,000 – \$2,499

Mr. & Mrs. L.D. Aaron
Allen Waters Fund at North Georgia
Community Foundation
Mr. Brad Baucom
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Bigbee
Mr. Alan Borson
Mr. Mark Bourque
Mrs. Frances Brock
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Brockelbank
Mr. & Mrs. John Calvin
Mr. Troy Carver
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Castleman

Mrs. Don Cottrell
Ms. Patricia Culberson
Mr. & Mrs. John Davis
Mr. Tom DeBra
Don and Patricia Pirkle Fund at
North Ga Community Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fowler
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Godsey
Mr. & Mrs. John Gram
Mr. Rodney Greene
Mr. & Mrs. John Hamilton
Ms. Elain Hardison
Mr. & Mrs. John Hicks
Mr. Jeff Isom
Mr. Michael Jackson
Mr. Martin Jansen
Mr. Tom Johnston
Mr. Mark Kight
Mr. John Kline
Mr. Louis Lanier
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Latimer
Mr. Gerald Lewis
Dr. & Mrs. Bill Lightfoot
Mr. Mark Lynden
Ms. Pamela Mack
Jim Mathis Family Fund at
North Ga Community Foundation
Mrs. Frances Mathis
Mr. & Mrs. Max McGuffey
Ms. Jamee Mionie
Ms. Barbara Oaks
Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Karla Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. Clay Pilgrim
Ms. Catherine Plehal
Ms. Ada Rackley
Mr. Dirk Reaume
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ricketts
Mr. Jim Rizqallah
Mr. Charles Rodgers
Mrs. Betty Romberg
Ms. Robin Sawyer
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Siegrist
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Snyder
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Toms
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Walters
Mr. R.L. Westfall
Ms. Yvonne Westmoreland
Mr. Richard White
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Yankowskas



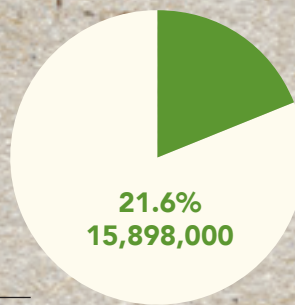
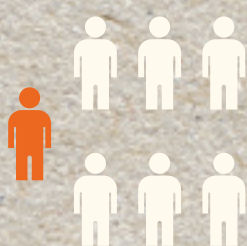


1 in 5

Georgians are food insecure

HUNGER IN THE UNITED STATES

EACH YEAR, **1 IN 7 AMERICANS** ARE FOOD INSECURE



21.6% OF CHILDREN LIVING IN THE U.S. ARE FOOD INSECURE

HUNGER IN GMFB'S SERVICE AREA: 12.14% OR 47,590 PEOPLE

HUNGER IN GEORGIA:

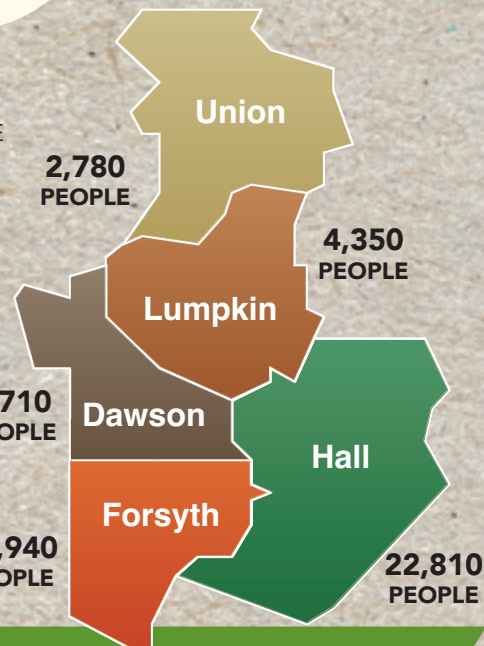
1 IN 5 GEORGIANS ARE FOOD INSECURE



OF THOSE, **1 IN 4** ARE ELDERLY ADULTS



GEORGIA RANKS **4TH IN THE NATION** FOR CHILD FOOD INSECURITY



“I’ve never had to reach out for food before. I’ve always been able to somehow manage to make ends meet. My pockets are just empty, and I don’t know what else to do. It hurts my pride to ask, but I have to make sure my little girl doesn’t go hungry.”

– David, a single dad and skilled craftsman whose work has slowed due to a dragging economy and tough weather conditions

Making a difference

- GMFB helped provide more than **3.1** million meals to the food insecure in 2014, an increase of more than **400,000** meals from 2013.
- In addition, GMFB distributed more than **330,925** meals through its own feeding programs including senior programs, mobile pantries and child programs.
- Monthly, GMFB helps to serve **35,000** food insecure people, leaving an unmet need of approximately **12,500** people each month who are left facing questions like: “Do I use the money I have left to eat or pay my power bill, heat my house, refill my medications or feed my child?”

Serving 5 Counties

PARTNER AGENCIES

GMFB works with more than **58 partner agencies** to distribute food to those in need.

Hall County

A New Walk
Angel House of Georgia
Blackshear Place –
Back Pack Love
Boys and Girls Club of
Hall County - Downey
Boys and Girls Club of
Hall County - Walters
Cabin in the Woods
Community Food Bank
Enon Baptist Church
Food Ministry
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist
Church Gainesville
Gainesville Hall County
Community Council on
Aging – Meals on Wheels
Gateway House
Good Samaritan Food Bank
Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
Grace Episcopal Church
Joe's Place – Riverbend
Baptist Church
John Paul II Training Center
Junior League of Hall
County
Liberty Baptist Church –
Loaves and Fishes
Living Waters Outreach
Inc – Manna Life

Lula Assembly of Praise –

Raven Ministry
Lula Church Inc –
Lula Connection
Lula UMC – Shared Blessings
New Gainesville Seventh
Day Adventist
Northside Baptist Church –
Backpack Love
Our Neighbor
Pentecostal Church
Triumphants of Jesus
Rescate 2000
Salvation Army Shelter –
Gainesville
South Hall Community
Food Pantry
Spirit of Joy Church
St. John Baptist Church
St. Vincent de Paul –
St. Michael's
Straight Street Revolution –
Backpack Love

Forsyth County

Abba House
Act Together Ministries
Care and Share Outreach
City on a Hill
Creekside United
Methodist Church
Cumming Baptist Church
Cumming First
Methodist Church

Episcopal Church of the
Holy Spirit
Hightower Baptist
Association Inc
Meals by Grace – Grace
Chapel Church of Christ
MSG Foundation
No Longer Bound
North Central/There's Hope
North Lanier Baptist Church

Dawson County

Jesus Name Apostolic
Church
Ric-Rack Resource
Interaction Council

Lumpkin County

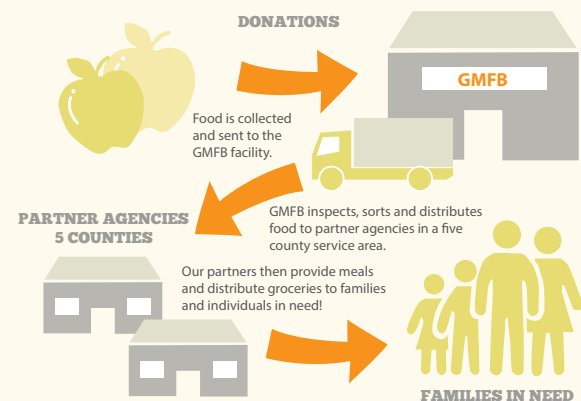
Community Helping
Place Inc
NOA's Ark Inc
Unseen Hands
Waypoint Center

Union County

First Baptist Church
of Blairsville
Goodies From the Heart
House of Prayer/Cottage
Food Bank Blairsville
New Hope Fellowship
Baptist Church

“At Perdue Farms, we believe that in a country as rich in resources as ours, no one should have to go hungry. That’s why Perdue partners with Feeding America and its network of community food banks and pantries, of which Georgia Mountain Food Bank is a valued member, to ensure the safe and effective distribution of our product donations.”

– Tommy Waters, director of Perdue Farms operations in Gainesville



FOOD DISTRIBUTOR AND MANUFACTURE PARTNERSHIPS:

- Georgia Mountain Food Bank’s 20,000 square foot Boomershine Family Logistics Center has the capacity to store and secure cold and shelf stable food donations from food distributors and manufacturers by the truck load. This allows “un-saleable” food that was previously donated outside our community to remain within our service area.
- Our partnerships with distributors and manufacturers like Kroger, Publix, Walmart, Food Lion, Sam’s Club, Sprouts, Target, Performance Foodservice, Perdue Farms, Tyson, and Whole Foods accounts for 51 percent of the overall food donations at the Food Bank and approximately 90,000 pounds of food items each month.





Helps provide 5 meals to those in need

“I just felt like I should give my money because I never have to go hungry, and no one else should have to either.”

– Heston Grizzle, 5th Grade student at World Language Academy who felt compelled to help and donated \$10, or enough for 50 meals, after visiting GMFB on a field trip

**GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FOOD BANK
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
Audit completed by Alexander,
Almand, & Bangs, LLP**

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

Contributions	\$532,954
Program service & other revenues	\$205,819
In-kind contributions of food & services	\$3,178,884

TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT \$3,917,657

EXPENSES

Program services	\$3,990,929
Management and general	\$130,689
Fundraising	\$147,876
Total functional expenses	\$4,269,494
Costs of direct donor benefits	\$13,229

TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,282,723

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (\$365,066)

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR \$1,875,614

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR \$1,510,548

Full financial statements provided upon request. A complete copy of the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2014 is available for review on our website, gamountainfoodbank.org.

How you can help

DONATE:

Every dollar makes a difference at GMFB. Through our buying power we can turn \$1 into five meals. No one should feel the pain of hunger. There are many ways to become involved and to give. We encourage you to learn more and even consider joining our giving society the Harvesters Club.

HARVESTER'S CLUB

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- **\$10,000** Harvesters Diamond Level
- **\$2,500** Harvesters Gold Level
- **\$5,000** Harvesters Platinum Level
- **\$1,000** Harvesters Level

GET INVOLVED:

- Last year more than 3,777 volunteers donated more than 9,000 hours packing food boxes, sorting food shipment and much more.
- Volunteer today or join us for a tour to learn more about the Food Bank, and visit our facility to see just how we work.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Kevin Price, Chair
Duane Schlereth, Treasurer
Katie Dubnik, Secretary

Clay Pilgrim
Bethany Magnus
Janean DeYoung
Richard Riley

Priscilla McKinnon
Brett Fowler
Nicki Vaughan
Kristi Griffin
Ron Castleman
Ruth Goode
Timothy Woods
Darrell Snyder
Kelley Robertson
Dale Green

Richard LeBer

Emeritus:
Rich White
Jim Mathis
Phillip Sartain

Kay Blackstock, Executive Director GMFB

Our Mission

GMFB's mission is to address hunger, health and quality of life by serving those in need throughout North Georgia.

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