



facts & figures

The mission of Food Bank for the Heartland is to eliminate hunger in Nebraska and western Iowa through community collaboration and making the best possible use of available resources.

about us

Founded in 1981 and headquartered in Omaha, Food Bank for the Heartland is a nonprofit organization that serves more than 325 food pantries, emergency shelters, after-school programs, senior housing sites and rehabilitation centers in our area. We are the largest food bank in Nebraska and Iowa, encompassing 93 counties in the two-state region. In 2011, we distributed approximately 10 million pounds of food.

who we serve

- 205,000 people in Nebraska and western Iowa are considered food insecure
- Over 92,000 children in Nebraska and western Iowa under the age of 18 are struggling with hunger
- Approximately 21,900 different people receive emergency food assistance in any given week in our service area

*For every \$ 1 donated,
Food Bank for the
Heartland can
distribute three meals.*

our programs

Kids Cafe: 3,050 evening meals are provided each week to at-risk children in our community in partnership with 12 local organizations that offer a safe haven after school.

Food for Seniors: Boxes of nonperishable food, bakery and personal hygiene items are given to nearly 510 seniors living in low-income housing each month.

BackPack Program: In 90 schools across 30 school districts in Nebraska and western Iowa, 3,900 backpacks are distributed each week to children who may not have food to eat at home during the weekends.

Mobile Pantry: A traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families for a one-day food distribution. Many of our nonprofit agency partners collaborate with the Food Bank to offer this program.

Fresh Produce: During the summer months, thousands of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed weekly to low-income families from stands set up in Omaha, Carter Lake and Fremont.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Outreach specialists assist people across Nebraska with the enrollment process for food stamps. 175,000 Nebraskans currently receive SNAP benefits.

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