Global Pandemic, Local Impact

Even before the pandemic, nearly 400,000 people in our area struggled with food insecurity. Today, that number is rising rapidly as the economic impacts of COVID-19 affect people around the world and in our own backyards. A snapshot of what’s happening—and how you can help—is below.

**Impact of the Pandemic on Hunger in Our Region**
- 505,000 unemployment claims have been filed in our service area since March.
- 30–400% increases in numbers of people coming through our nonprofit partners’ doors.
- 3× more people calling our Hunger Lifeline to get help finding food.

**Impact of the Pandemic on CAFB Operations**
- 50% of our nonprofit partners are closed because many are run by older volunteers or those with underlying health concerns. We ordinarily have 450 network partners.
- 75% decrease in retail donations due to supply chain disruptions—a lost in-kind value of $2 million per month.
- 350 truckloads of food purchased since April—more than 11x what we purchased all of last year—to keep inventory level with demand.

**How We’re Responding**
- 20 Community Hubs have been set up. Hubs are large nonprofit partners that are distributing extra food to account for the closure of other locations.
- 71,250 emergency boxes of shelf stable food have been packed by our volunteers. Each feeds a family of 4 for 4–5 days.
- 35 meal sites for kids are still open, providing a daily grab-and-go dinner instead of a sit-down meal.
- 10,000 seniors are still receiving boxes of supplementary shelf-stable groceries every month.

No one should go hungry during a pandemic. Together, we can make sure no one has to.

Donate at: capitalareafoodbank.org

Information accurate as of 7/1/2020.