

Hunger in America is a pervasive, growing problem and is rapidly increasing among the working poor. A **staggering 36 million** Americans are identified as being food insecure—meaning they are hungry or at risk for hunger. Hunger **does not discriminate**—it affects young and old, black and white, and people living in urban, suburban and rural areas. In a country that produces more agricultural products and food than any other nation in the world, it is **devastating that a significant percentage** of our population experiences hunger. We welcome you to join the fight against hunger.

**hunger's hope.**

**God's Pantry  
Food Bank can  
distribute \$10  
worth of food for  
every \$1 donated.**



To donate money, food or time  
call 859-255-6592 or  
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God's Pantry Food Bank  
1685 Jaggie Fox Way  
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**Every day the  
working poor make  
difficult choices.**

A minimum wage worker may be **forced to decide** between filling his prescription for high blood pressure medicine, paying rent, or buying adequate food. A young mother may be **torn between** making a utility bill payment, fixing the car she needs to get to work, or feeding her two small children. In fact, in Lexington we know that **52% of parents visiting food pantries skip meals** at least once a week so their children can eat.

**Together, we are**

# What is God's Pantry Food Bank?



Founded in 1955, God's Pantry Food Bank's mission is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. God's Pantry serves 49 counties in central and eastern Kentucky as an affiliate of America's Second Harvest, The Nation's Food Bank Network, the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States.

## How does God's Pantry Food Bank help Kentuckians in need?

In a land of plenty, it is difficult to imagine that there are children going hungry, working parents struggling to make ends meet, and elderly forced to choose between medication and groceries. God's Pantry Food Bank has six major programs that work to alleviate hunger for everyone in need.

Last year God's Pantry **Food Bank** collected and distributed 12 million pounds of food through a network of 350 non-profit agencies serving 49 central and eastern Kentucky counties. More than 2 million pounds of that food was fresh fruits and vegetables.

Our **Nutrition Education** program called 'S.T.A.R.S. in the Kitchen' (Skills To Achieve Real Success) teaches low-income individuals the skills they need to make healthier, more economical choices for themselves and their families.

The **Kids Café** program builds partnerships that provide hundreds of meals each week to children at risk of hunger at sites that are safe, friendly, and within the child's own neighborhood.

The **Fayette County Emergency Food Box Program** serves clients directly through the distribution of a seven to 10 day supply of food to approximately 1,000 households each month.

The **Mobile Pantry Program** provides temporary emergency food box service to 100 families in counties with few or no pantry programs. It also works to foster the development of permanent food pantry programs in those counties.

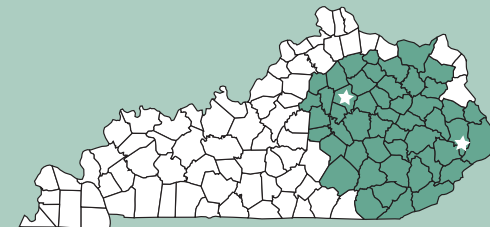
The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** provides free, monthly distributions of nutritious USDA commodity products to more than 6,200 seniors and women with young children who are in need.

## How can I make a difference in the lives of hungry families?

- ❑ **By making a tax-deductible donation** for food purchase and distribution. For every \$1 donated God's Pantry can distribute \$10 worth of food.
- ❑ **By donating non-perishable food products.** Call us today about hosting a food drive at your office, church, club or other organization.
- ❑ **By volunteering** your time and expertise.

## How can my company make a difference?

- ❑ Make a **corporate tax-deductible** contribution.
- ❑ **Donate** usable food and grocery products.
- ❑ **Donate** freezers, office supplies and equipment, transportation.
- ❑ **Coordinate volunteer support** among employees.



God's Pantry Food Bank 49-county service area  
★ Warehouses located in Lexington and Prestonsburg

## How Food Banking Works

