## Child Hunger in **DEKALB COUNTY**

More than a fifth of children in Cullman County face hunger each year.

## Why it matters

Food insecure children are at increased risk of

- · Depression/Anxiety
- · Behavioral Problems
- Delayed cognitive development
- Obesity
- · Performance in reading and math



This means there are 4,130 hungry kids in Dekalb County

## **Current solutions**

- 61% of children are eligible for free/reduced price lunches in the 2018-19 school year.
- 8 out of 19 schools in Dekalb County have backpack programs to provide weekend meals.
- 4 summer meal sites served 10,620 meals to kids in 2018.



Source: Feeding America Map the Meal Gap Updated 12/26/18