



FOOD BANK OF
NORTH ALABAMA

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A child picks up a food box and bag of potatoes from a Food Bank of North Alabama volunteer on April 2 in Huntsville.

Helping Those Affected by COVID-19

In times of crisis, when people don't know where their next meal will come from because of a government shutdown, tornadoes, hurricanes, or a global pandemic, the Food Bank of North Alabama is honored to be there to help those who are in need.

When it became clear that COVID-19 had the potential to have a far-reaching impact, the Food Bank jumped to action, reaching out to school districts, community leaders, and partners in all eleven counties in our service area to make sure we were prepared to meet an increase in need.

Thanks to our partners and donors, the Food Bank and its small staff has stayed open, supplying the food our network needs to ensure that no one in North Alabama would have to go hungry or do without.

To meet the increased need throughout March and April, the Food Bank has not only been supplying our partners, but also bringing food directly to those impacted by COVID-19 with mobile pantries in Albertville, Decatur, Florence, Fort Payne, and

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Food Bank of North Alabama special programs associate Chyna Smith takes information through a car door window from a recipient in a food line in Albertville on April 8.



Food Bank staff member Austin Kusiak takes a box to a car at a mobile pantry drive-thru in Albertville on April 8.



A senior who received assistance leaves a note for Food Bank of North Alabama staff and volunteers, April 9 in Guntersville.



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Huntsville. From just mobile pantries alone, the Food Bank will have directly handed out 90,000 pounds of food in March and April to people affected by COVID-19.

Special programs coordinator Sarah Bensinger said the food being given out is having an immediate impact in communities where it is desperately needed.

"This woman came up to us and said the sweetest thing at a mobile pantry in Albertville," Bensinger said. "She told us 'I just want to say thank you, you don't know how much this means and how much I needed this. I hope God blesses you.'"

The Food Bank's mobile pantries are set up with truckloads of food, and since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Bank has been taking extra precautions to ensure their own safety and the

safety of those receiving food. This includes using face masks and gloves and following all USDA, CDC, and Feeding America guidelines for hand washing and social distancing. Those receiving food accept it through a drive-through model to mitigate the risk of transmitting the virus.

Chyna Smith, special programs associate, said everyone is glad to be getting the food.

"These are tough times for everyone," Smith said. "And I'm just glad that we can provide food so that there's one less thing people have to worry about."

Of course the Food Bank is still committed to distributing food to their 260 feeding partners located in all 11 counties. Extra work is being done in the warehouse to ensure the safety of employees and those receiving the food.

A Huntsville Police Department community resource officer helps Food Bank volunteers put food in the trunk of a car at a drive-thru mobile pantry in Huntsville on April 2.



Together we can ensure that no one in North Alabama goes hungry. Thank you for your support!