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The Warehouse
and Food Bank
will be closed
Friday
July 4th
June 2025
Demographic
Reporting Link
Below

North Alabama is fortunate to have a dedicated network collaborating in the battle against hunger. Many of our agency partners have been supporting those facing food insecurity in their communities long before joining forces with us. Without your efforts, the resources we access wouldn't reach nearly as many households—over 40,000 in April alone!

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Blake Mathis, AL Operations Manager
One Generation Away

Some agency partners, or their volunteers, have expressed an interest in finding ways to "do more" to meet the need, but may face limitations in expanding their capacity due to financial, volunteer availability, or space constraints. In these cases, "doing more" could mean engaging directly with opportunities presented by the Food Bank of North Alabama.

If you're looking to serve your community firsthand, our Special Programs team offers opportunities for agencies to assist at our large-scale mobile distributions. These events are primarily held in areas that need our resources, often connecting with over 600 households during a single distribution. It's a profound experience—exhausting, humbling, and fulfilling—as you witness hundreds of cars lining up before the event starts, until the last item is distributed and the lot is empty once more.

Since mobile pantries cannot consistently meet the monthly needs of any specific area, this is where you, our agency partners, play a vital role! As a consistent and reliable presence in your communities, volunteering with our mobile pantries provides you with the opportunity to connect with neighbors who may not be aware of the support and resources your organization has to offer.

Here are some upcoming mobile distributions where agency partners are invited to lend their support! If your group is interested in volunteering, please contact our Special Programs Manager, Chyna Smith, at csmith@fbfna.org.

- July 9th- Sand Mountain Amphitheater
- August 13th- DeKalb VFW
- October 15th- Sand Mountain Amphitheater
- December 17th- DeKalb VFW



Another way to get involved and gain insight into our operations is by volunteering in our warehouse. Our warehouse manager, **Christi Garris**, keeps the atmosphere lively and energetic as she guides you through some of the most vital aspects of our operation—sorting and packing food items for the community! Whether working on the backpack program boxes, assembling CSFP boxes for seniors, or sorting through the thousands of pounds of donations we receive daily, there's a task for everyone! Groups can schedule directly with Christi to secure a time slot just for them.

Recently, two of our Agency Partner Directors, involved with the local Rotary Club, volunteered in our warehouse. Working alongside our volunteer team, they sorted and inspected recently received donations. I asked them to share their thoughts on the experience.

Blake Mathis, Alabama Operations Manager at One Generation Away, reflected on his time volunteering:

"Recently, my Rotary Club had the opportunity to volunteer and work with the amazing team at the Food Bank of North Alabama. This experience was incredibly educational and rewarding. Although my organization, One Generation Away, has partnered with the food bank for some time, I was astonished to learn about the vast number of families and agencies the food bank supports in our community; it was genuinely eye-opening.

While there, I volunteered in the sorting area and gained insight into the daily operations of the staff. They quickly taught us how to organize and sort donated food and items for efficient distribution to partner agencies for various pantries and events throughout North Alabama. I encourage all partner agencies to take some time to volunteer as well; this experience can enhance your understanding of the Food Bank of North Alabama's mission and operations. I look forward to returning and bringing friends to help again."





It's not just our newest agency partners who leave with a fresh perspective.

Dr. Wendy J. Kirk, Director of the Huntsville Assistance Program, who has collaborated with us for several years, shared:

"When the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville announced an on-site meeting with a service project at the Food Bank of North Alabama, I eagerly signed up to work with one of our community's greatest assets. As the Director of the Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP), I am privileged to partner with the Food Bank in their tireless efforts to provide high-quality, nutritious food to those in need, allowing us to fulfill our mission through three HAP Emergency Food Pantry locations in Madison County. Sorting canned goods and shelf-stable items was enjoyable and allowed us to assist others while working together for such an incredible cause. I simply needed to bring a positive attitude, wear closed-toe shoes for safety, and the Food Bank staff guided us on what to do. We had a fantastic time and left with a deeper understanding of the Food Bank of North Alabama's extensive operations. They are a true blessing to me and every client of supported organizations."

We cherish the time spent with our agency partners during your scheduled site visits, learning more about the impactful work you do. By volunteering with our warehouse or special programs team, you have the opportunity to gain a direct understanding of our operations as well!

If you have questions about how you or your organization can get involved, feel free to email Kelly or Amanda, and we will connect you with the appropriate department.



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Dr. Wendy J. Kirk, Director
Huntsville Assistance Program



LIMITED

SUMMER

Summer Meal Boxes for KIDS
See flyer below for details.
You **MUST** contact Amanda to reserve boxes.

AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
AT OUR HUNTSVILLE LOCATION

On Friday, June 27
we said farewell to
Chief Operating Officer,
Josh Matthews

We wish him and his family well, on their new adventure as he has accepted a role with a Feeding America Food Bank in another state



AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

 AT OUR HUNTSVILLE LOCATION

Meals will be provided to students this summer while schools are not in session. Boxes must go to families with children in household. Each box contains 15 ready to eat meals over a span of five days. Please note that these boxes are only available for a limited time.

*Demographic Reporting required



LIMIT: ONE PALLET (84 BOXES PER PALLET)

EACH BOX CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING FOOD ITEMS:

- (5) 8 oz. Shelf-Stable White Milk
- (5) Cereal bowls
- (5) Whole Grain Cheez Its
- (5) 3.2oz GoGo Squeeze Applesauce Pouches
- (5) 6.75oz 100% Fruit Juice
- (5) 7.5 oz. Pop-top Entrees

INTERESTED GROUPS MUST REACH OUT TO AGENCY RELATIONS AT communityrelations@fbofna.org

TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP. ONLY SCHEDULED PICKUPS WILL BE GRANTED.