Taking our neighbors from hunger to health
Are you passionate about philanthropy and helping those around you? Do you want to make an impactful change in Northeast Georgia? Do you wish to influence the future of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia? Consider becoming a Board Member! Applications are ongoing, for more information please email Sherry@foodbanknega.org
A LETTER FROM THE CEO

It is with immense gratitude and enthusiasm that I greet you as the new CEO of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, an organization with nearly a 30-year history and a legacy of extraordinary people and pounds. Pounds, you ask?

Yes, pounds. One of my first goals as CEO is to commit to acknowledging and leading us toward the truth that each and every day, for us, pounds are personal. I know this at the individual level, as I have shared many meals that traced back directly to the Food Bank. In fact, some of my best all-time memories in Athens revolved around the table at Our Daily Bread Community Kitchen, where I spent nearly a decade of my career. Here I learned firsthand the transforming power of these ever-personal pounds.

You know better than anyone that the Food Bank plays an undeniable part in the life-changing power of a shared meal. And it is because of you, that together we ensure that thousands of meals are possible for our entire region. And we each know this as a universal truth: What key celebration or milestone in your life occurred without the presence of a meal? And, perhaps more important than anything, the meal was shared. As you know, if you have volunteered to share food at one of many pantries or help prepare for distribution, this is only where the transformation begins. It does not end here.

Across our 14-county region, friends, because of your generosity the Food Bank of NEGA has served as a quiet catalyst, creating the conditions for meals which are abundant rather than scarce, relationships that are mutually impactful, and change grounded in hospitality. For some of you, it was at a Food Bank volunteer event or distribution that you learned about key food access (and therefore food justice) for the first time, and perhaps you did not leave quite the same person. Some of you may have even experienced hospitality as somehow sacred...perhaps it led your children to rethink what is enough, and what is therefore more than enough.

My hope is that you know this with confidence: Your giving to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is an investment and one that yields absolute returns. For every dollar you invest in this organization, a family of four is fed. And as our children return to school, it is your investment that will cover the hunger gap for many of them, which is essential to their well-being and our foundations as a society. My vision for the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is nothing less than this: We will pursue functional zero for food insecurity in this region. This means a day can and will come when not a single human will have to wonder about where and how to access the next meal. And if we achieve this, it will be because, not just people like us, but WE dreamed it and then brought it to reality.

Friends, we have a one of a kind legacy to leave. The return on investment at the Food Bank is relief for our neighbors, and transformation for us.

I am humbled and thrilled to inherit the legacy of great people gone before me, to come alongside extraordinaires like Richard Boone, and support a one of a kind team as we strive to end hunger in our lifetimes.

Thank you for being a legacy maker. Let’s bring this vision closer to reality by increasing our investment, with complete confidence in the return.

With Gratitude,

Erin Barger

Chief Executive Officer
**OUR MISSION:**
Empowering our community to target the root causes of hunger and malnutrition by providing healthy food, nutrition education, and innovative distribution methods.

**OUR VISION:**
Creating a community where no neighbor experiences hunger.

**OUR VALUES:**

*Dignity*  
Honoring the humanity of all people.

*Generosity*  
Caring for and supporting the needs of our community.

*Stewardship*  
Managing our resources responsibly and efficiently.

*Accessibility*  
Making food, education, and resources available to all.

*Diversity*  
Welcoming everyone to our places and programs.

*Integrity*  
Committed to doing the right things the right way.
James Brim's defining moments are all shaped by helping others, starting as early as his teens, “The highlight of my high school experience to me was definitely being able to play in the Shrine Bowl. Before we played, we were taken on a tour of the Shrine Hospital. Seeing all those children there, some unable to walk, is a moment I will never forget. It also gave me a strong motivation to play my best when I learned money would be donated to the hospital every time somebody caught the ball. That was my inspiration that day to catch the ball a total of thirteen times, a record still standing today. In fact, the experience was so powerful to me, that years later I took some kids from Mount Airy there in order to teach them to be thankful for what they had in life.”

He loves helping others and that has led him to dedicating so much of himself to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.

When he talks about the most valuable lessons life has taught him, he defines it easily: “It was going to Wake Forest, where I was surrounded by so many different people from so many diversified backgrounds. It was the first time I saw people able to accept and appreciate others who were different from themselves. Various nationalities, skin colors, and heritages all coexisted in a manner which was respectful and welcoming of each other. Living in that type of environment was one of the most positive and hopeful experiences of my life.” This is what eventually brought James to where he is today--serving those experiencing food insecurity every day. “It’s why I love helping people,” he says, “my coach used to say either you are a team or you’re not--I love helping people, join the team.” And that is the very essence of James. Working hard on a daily basis to make a difference. James is not only part of the team, he is the team captain.
Our Food Banking Model

Donations
- Financial
- Food
- Volunteers

Outputs
- Agencies
- Mobile Pantries
- Targeted Programs

Agency Distribution
The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia distributes food free of charge to those in need through our over 200 partner agencies. Our agencies include soup kitchens, food pantries, senior centers, churches, and other hunger relief organizations. Through this model we distributed 6,174,596 pounds of food this year.

Mobile Pantry Program
This program allows us to serve hundreds of families at once through a direct distribution format. We utilize our fleet of refrigerated trucks to deliver a variety of foods directly to those in need. Through our Mobile Pantry Program, we distributed 5,854,396 pounds this year.

Targeted Programs
Through targeted direct programming, the Food Bank is able to properly serve the most vulnerable populations directly. These programs include efforts with schools and children, like our Food 2 Kids and Mobile School Food Pantry programs, as well as programs serving seniors like our Senior Brown Bag Program, and direct family distribution efforts. Through these programs, we distributed 599,838 pounds this year.
2021 IN REVIEW

- **50,055** Food2Kids Bags Distributed
- **7,673** Senior Brown Bags
- **393** Mobile Pantries
- **42** Mobile School Food Pantries
- **Over 8,500** hours worked by the Georgia National Guard
- **Over 10 million** meals served
- **13,212,869** total pounds distributed last calendar year
- **12,628,830** total pounds distributed last fiscal year
- **Zero gaps in service through the pandemic**
Are you interested in hosting a virtual food drive? Please contact Tracey Massey at: (706) 713-9319
LAUNCHING OUR SNAP PROGRAM

For the first time at The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, we are establishing a SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Outreach department. As you may know, SNAP helps low-income households buy the food that they need through a federally funded Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) under the USDA continues to work towards increasing access to the SNAP program and continues to publish studies proving the benefit of SNAP, as well as the number of individuals who qualify and could benefit from the program, but do not do so due to several reasons.

Our hope as a department is to work to eliminate some of the misconceptions about SNAP, inform the individuals within our service area of what SNAP can do for them, and to help eligible individuals through the application process.

FNS recently released a list of priority focus areas, as well as further encouragement for states participating in the program to pursue partnerships and strengthen their existing outreach plans. Their priority areas for 2022 are focused on racial equity, students, immigrant communities and mixed-status families, and veterans. As we continue to refine and develop our department, we plan to prioritize equity through SNAP utilization within our community.
UNVEILING OUR NEW LOGO

The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, in collaboration with ASO Advertising, is proud to unveil our new logo. After launching our new strategic plan in 2019, complete with a new Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and list of values, we felt it was time our logo represented who we are as the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia today. We represent all 14-counties we serve, and wanted our logo to reflect that. We hope that our community loves the new Food Bank of Northeast Georgia logo as much as we do.
# FINANCIALS

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Corporate and Community Partners:

- Publix Super Markets Charities
- Pure Insurance
- Alexion
- Chastain & Associates Insurance
- CE!
- Bone Dry Roofing Company
- Hodge Design & Remodeling
- Clean Well Services
To Donate:
Please visit our website at Foodbanknega.org/contact/donate/ or call (706) 354-8191