2026 Impact Report



16.3 Million
Pounds Distributed

13.6 Million
Meals Distributed

56% of Food
is Fresh or Frozen

416 SNAP
Applications
Up from 348 in FY25

1,062,592
Neighbor Visits
16% Increase from FY25

Compassionate Access

During the season of Thanksgiving, it is common for many of us to reflect on the good things going on around us – to count our blessings. Right now, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is doing just that as we share our FY26 Impact Report. As we look back on our last fiscal year, we give thanks for you – and the role you played in connecting neighbors to nourishing food.

In 2025, the Food Bank experienced several challenges that impacted operations. Early in the year, changes at the federal level led to a reduction in available federal commodities. Despite ongoing delays and order cancellations, the Food Bank was able to maintain our commitment to neighbors by increasing our food purchasing budget to maintain a consistent supply of both fresh and shelf-stable food.

Later in 2025, the temporary disruption in SNAP benefits had an immediate and substantial impact across Northeast Georgia. An estimated 70,000 individuals were affected, leading to a sharp increase in demand from our neighbors. Visits to mobile pantry distributions rose by approximately 25% between October & December 2025.

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Compassionate Access, continued

To respond, the Food Bank increased its food purchasing budget by 400% during this period to ensure continued access for families and children. Strong relationships with Members, donors, and community partners allowed us to adapt quickly and maintain reliable distribution during a time of heightened uncertainty.



The work continues. Food insecurity is still on the rise in our region with a 16% year-over-year increase overall – and a startling 31% increase in childhood food insecurity in Northeast Georgia.



The Food Bank is committed to providing consistent, convenient, and compassionate food access to the estimated 104,140 neighbors facing food insecurity in our 15-county region.



Your ongoing financial commitment and volunteer engagement helps us to move closer to our vision of **Every Neighbor. With Enough Food. Every Day.**

FY26 Volunteer Impact by the Numbers

(July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)



11,792 Volunteer Hours Served in Athens & Clayton by **2,639** individual volunteers

$212,253 Monetary value of our volunteers' time

5.6 Number of full-time equivalent employees offset by volunteer service

Our volunteers are vital to our mission to connect neighbors with nourishing food!



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