

HARVESTING HOPE

Ending Hunger Together: Today, Tomorrow, and for Good.

The abundance of the heartland feeds people around the world. Yet so many neighbors here at home go hungry. You can change that.

Here in the Great Plains, we pride ourselves on growing food to feed the world. The most basic of needs, food has the power to transform lives, it is medicine, and it is the foundation upon which strong families and communities flourish. Yet too many neighbors do not have enough to eat.

Hunger diminishes lives in so many ways. Children go to school hungry and can't learn, parents feel they have failed, seniors see their health decline. **Many feel hopeless. You can fix this.**



You are an important part of the solution.

The largest hunger-relief organization in the state, for more than 40 years, the Great Plains Food Bank has built a strong, diverse network to help neighbors during difficult times. We distribute food to every county in North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota, alongside our food industry partners, donors, volunteers, and charitable feeding network. Together, we are building strong families and communities. As the need continues to rise and evolve, so too must our work and efforts.

The Harvesting Hope campaign has a bold \$30.5 million, 3-year fundraising goal to build the infrastructure, expand statewide programs, and develop the long-term sustainability needed to end hunger today, tomorrow and for good.



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HUNGER IS A PROBLEM WE CAN— AND MUST—FIX.

With three interconnected objectives, Harvesting Hope will create the capacity needed to achieve this bold goal.

BUILD ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

\$28.8 MILLION

With more people turning to our statewide feeding network than ever before, the Great Plains Food Bank must have the physical capacity to keep up and grow. This state-of-the-art statewide distribution center will greatly increase our ability to accept, store and distribute food, and enable us to further expand in the future. A specialized space to convene, innovate and serve, it is foundational to our ability to truly end hunger.

EXPAND PROGRAMS AND REACH

\$1.30 MILLION

The new facility will allow us to fulfill our goals by strengthening our foundational, core food banking work and advancing innovative, transformational solutions.

With the ability to store and distribute more food, we will purchase two new semi tractor-trailers for our statewide fleet, a critical way to expand our reach, and with specialized spaces to convene and collaborate with partners this facility will be a catalyst for creative solutions designed to go beyond food to end hunger.

FUND THE FUTURE

\$400,000

We will grow our endowment fund to ensure the lasting sustainability of the nutritious food supplies and hunger-fighting programs so many of our neighbors need. To support our goal of ending hunger for good, this fund will create a legacy for good and ensure long-term sustainability to support our critical work.

You will bring more than food to your community—you will bring strength, optimism and a better future.

With Harvesting Hope, our combined impact will deepen as—together—we work towards a future where neighbors are nourished, communities are strong, and systems ensure no one is left behind.

We believe that no one should go hungry. Together, we will end hunger in the heartland—today, tomorrow and for good. Join us.

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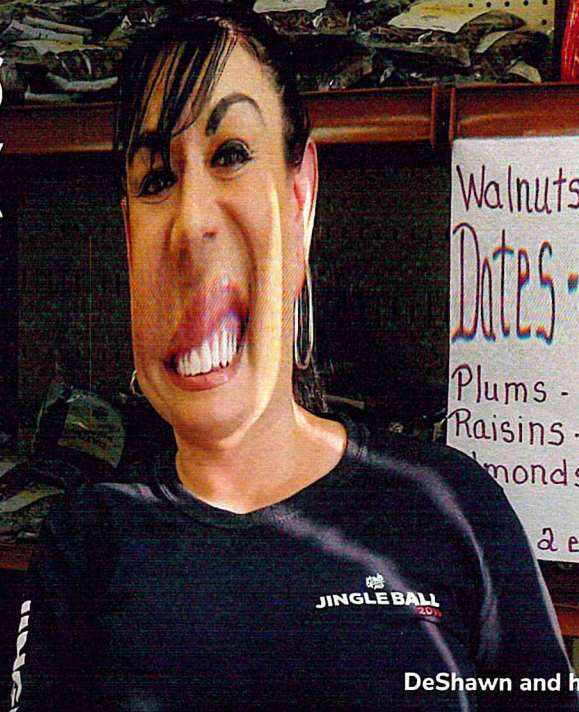
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DeShawn and her granddaughter, Elena

ENDING HUNGER TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

For over 40 years, the Great Plains Food Bank has been a **lifeline for families** and individuals facing hunger as the **only food bank** serving all of North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota. Our unique position allows us to evaluate, serve, and respond to the evolving needs of communities across the entire region. With a statewide reach and a deep understanding of **local solutions**, we are committed to **ending hunger today, tomorrow and for good.**

GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK OUR PARTNERS

VOLUNTEERS
15,000 hours are shared. 5000 people of all ages sort, re-pack, label, build food boxes, and help distribute this food statewide.

FINANCIAL DONORS
Food for 20 meals is provided for every \$10 gifted. Individuals, businesses, churches, foundations, and government entities invest their resources.

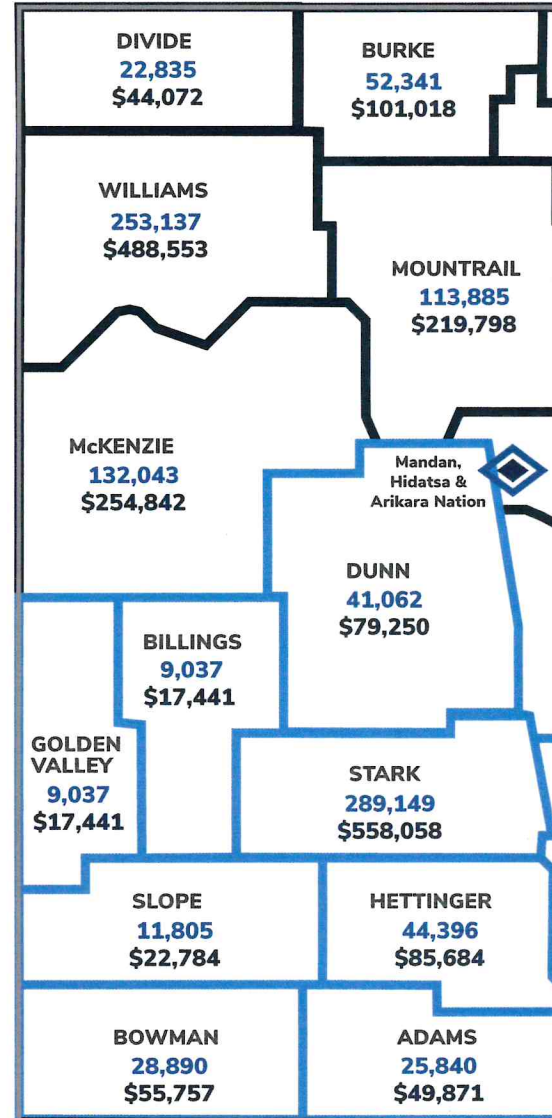
FOOD INDUSTRY
15 million pounds of food are sourced and rescued. Growers. processors.

PARTNER NETWORK
Nutritious food supplied by the Great Plains Food Bank is then distributed by 185 food pantries,

NEIGHBORS

LOCAL IMPACT

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Today, the GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK provides food for

12.8 MILLION MEALS ANNUALLY

185
GREAT PLAINS
FOOD BANK
partner agencies
operating in
105
communities



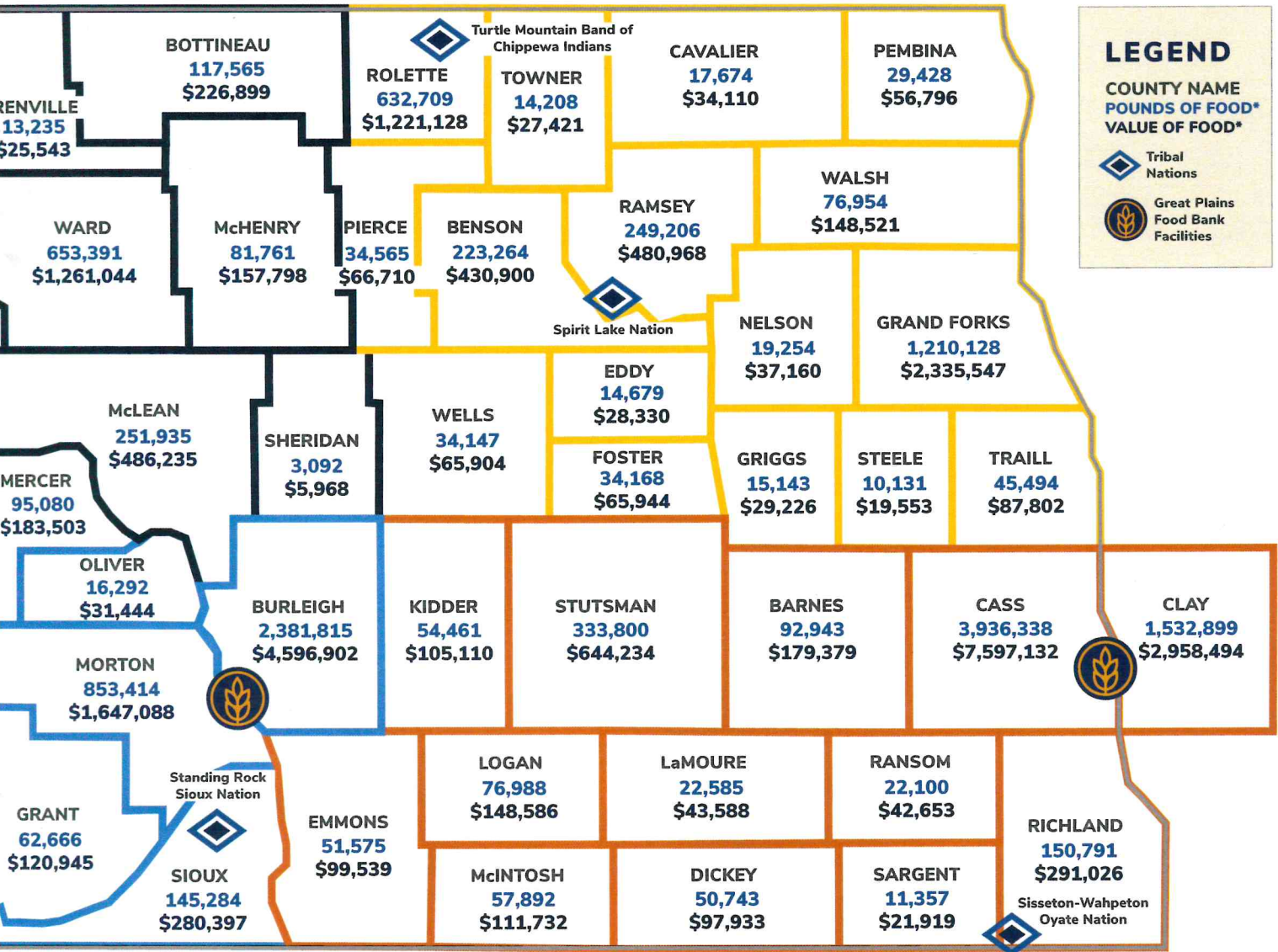
88%
of all food that moves through
the statewide partner agency
network is sourced and/
or facilitated by the GREAT
PLAINS FOOD BANK

DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Great Plains Food Bank's direct service programs are dedicated to **filling gaps, reducing barriers, and increasing access to nutritious food** for those in need. Through innovation and hunger prevention efforts, we create solutions that reach underserved populations and unserved communities.

Our work is strengthened by invaluable community partnerships and champions, whose support allows us to make a meaningful impact and bring hope to every corner of our service area. **Together, we are nourishing neighbors, strengthening communities, and ensuring systems leave no one behind.**

FOOD BANK SERVICE AREA



LEGEND

COUNTY NAME
POUNDS OF FOOD*
VALUE OF FOOD*

Tribal Nations

Great Plains Food Bank Facilities

GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS

	SW	NW	NE	SE
BackPack Program	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Youth Summer Meals	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
School Pantries	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Mobile Food Pantry	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Senior Food Pack Program	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Wellness Pantries	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Kitchen Coalition	🍏			🍏
SNAP Outreach	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Cultural Food Pop-Up Distributions	🍏			🍏
Disaster Response	🍏	🍏	🍏	🍏
Tribal Elder Nourishment Box Program - Coming Soon				

*Total pounds of fresh and shelf-stable food sourced and directly delivered by the Great Plains Food Bank to food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens operating within the county. Reporting period: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

*Calculation based on the estimated total wholesale value of Feeding America product donations at an average price of \$1.93 per gross pound for 29 product categories that comprise the donations. The Great Plains Food Bank is a partner food bank of Feeding America.

35%
CHILDREN



15%
SENIORS



14%
VETERANS



13%
SINGLE
CAREGIVERS



1 IN 6
PEOPLE



1 IN 4
CHILDREN



75%
reported
experiencing at
least one chronic
health condition.



41%
attended college,
trade school or hold
an advanced degree.



1 IN 3
do not have access to a
WORKING VEHICLE.



Native American,
American Indian and
Alaska Native neighbors
face hunger at
7X THE RATE
of other communities.

Data gleaned as part of Hunger on the Plains 2023, a study conducted by the Great Plains Food Bank. The full report and executive study can be found at GreatPlainsFoodBank.org/HOTP.

John and his daughter, Riley



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The Harvesting Hope campaign has a bold \$30.5 million goal to build the infrastructure, expand statewide programs, and develop the long-term sustainability needed to end hunger today, tomorrow and for good.

This campaign will enable us to **more than double** the amount of food distributed per year and **expand** and **strengthen** hunger-relief programs and services in **more communities**.

Hunger is a problem we can - and must - fix. **You are an important part of the solution.**

Your support will bring more than food to your neighbors, you will **harvest hope** for a brighter future where children, older adults and families **thrive. Join us!**

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