

GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK

Our Mission —

End hunger together

Our Vision —

A hunger-free North Dakota
and Clay County, Minnesota
Reduce food insecurity rate to 5% by 2030

Our Values —



Passion



Service



Innovation

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our guiding principles serve as a framework that shapes our behavior, decision-making, where we direct our resources, and our priorities with internal and external stakeholders.

People-Centered

We design with (not for) our neighbors and partners.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

We champion understanding, acceptance, and respect among our team, stakeholders, and those we serve.

Nutrition and Food Safety

We source nutritious food and ensure food safety throughout the storage and distribution to our partner agencies and neighbors.

Data-Driven

We collect, utilize and maintain data to understand hunger's effect on our neighbors in order to make informed decisions.

Organizational Excellence

We advance our organization to new levels of resiliency and strength through enhanced skills, resources, efficiencies, and relationships.

FY23-FY25 STRATEGIC PLAN

Our 3 Bold Goals



End Hunger TODAY

We are **doers**, filling immediate needs of our neighbors.



End Hunger TOMORROW

We are **collaborators**, tackling the root causes of hunger.



End Hunger FOR GOOD

We are **builders**, constructing a future where hunger doesn't exist.

Strategies:

- **Source** nutritious and diverse food and personal care products
- **Distribute** product equitably through our direct service programs and partner feeding network
- **Connect** our neighbors living with food insecurity to community resources

Outcome:

Our neighbors have reliable access to food that meets their unique nutritional needs.

Strategies:

- **Collect** and analyze neighbor and community needs
- **Co-create** innovative community-based solutions
- **Launch** projects that reduce poverty

Outcome:

Our neighbors voice their existing challenges and together, we design, implement and evaluate hunger-prevention solutions that go beyond food.

Strategies:

- **Educate** audiences about hunger and opportunities to take action
- **Mobilize** diverse hunger-fighting allies
- **Advocate** for inclusive and equitable policies and systems

Outcome:

Our neighbors not only achieve and maintain self-sufficiency, they thrive.



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VOLUNTEER | GIVE | ADVOCATE | EDUCATE

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What is the GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK?

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VISION:

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The only food bank in the state of North Dakota, the Great Plains Food Bank recovers food that otherwise would go to waste from a range of food industry partners and through its programs and services distributes it to those in need throughout North Dakota and Clay County, Minn. Working with volunteers, food and financial donors, community champions and advocates, we are committed to serving the people in our region each day. With your help, we can achieve our goal of a hunger-free North Dakota and Clay County, Minn, by 2037.

- The Great Plains Food Bank functions as a food recovery and distribution center to recover food that otherwise would go to waste and distribute it to a network of more than 200 partner food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens across the region.
- Opened as the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Area Food Bank on March 22, 1983.
- On November 12, 2020, officially opened regional service center in Bismarck.
- Launched in 2017, our Ending Hunger 2.0 work is working upstream to address the root cause of hunger while helping to reduce the number of food insecure individuals.
- Thousands of volunteers enter our Fargo and Bismarck warehouses each year to pack food to be distributed through our programs and partner feeding sites.

What's the difference between a food bank and a food pantry?

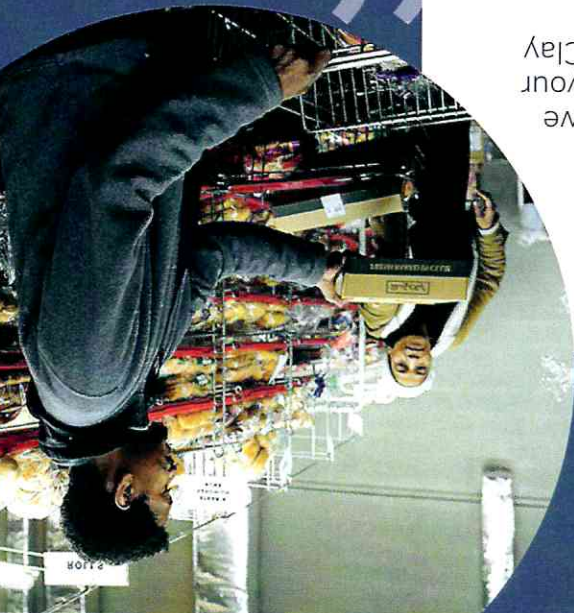
The Great Plains Food Bank works as a distributor to over 200 partner food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens across North Dakota and Clay County, Minn. On average, the Great Plains Food Bank supplies 80 percent of the food distributed by our food pantry network. This network provides needed food assistance to more than 10,000 households each month.

Toward the end of the month it becomes a little hectic. We try not to use the food pantry that much unless it's like it is right now. Our fridge is empty. Our dogs have food, but we don't."

– North Dakota pantry client

Today the food I went shopping for I was able to pick out things that I know my family will eat and I know the food is fresh. It enables us to make ends meet."

– North Dakota pantry client

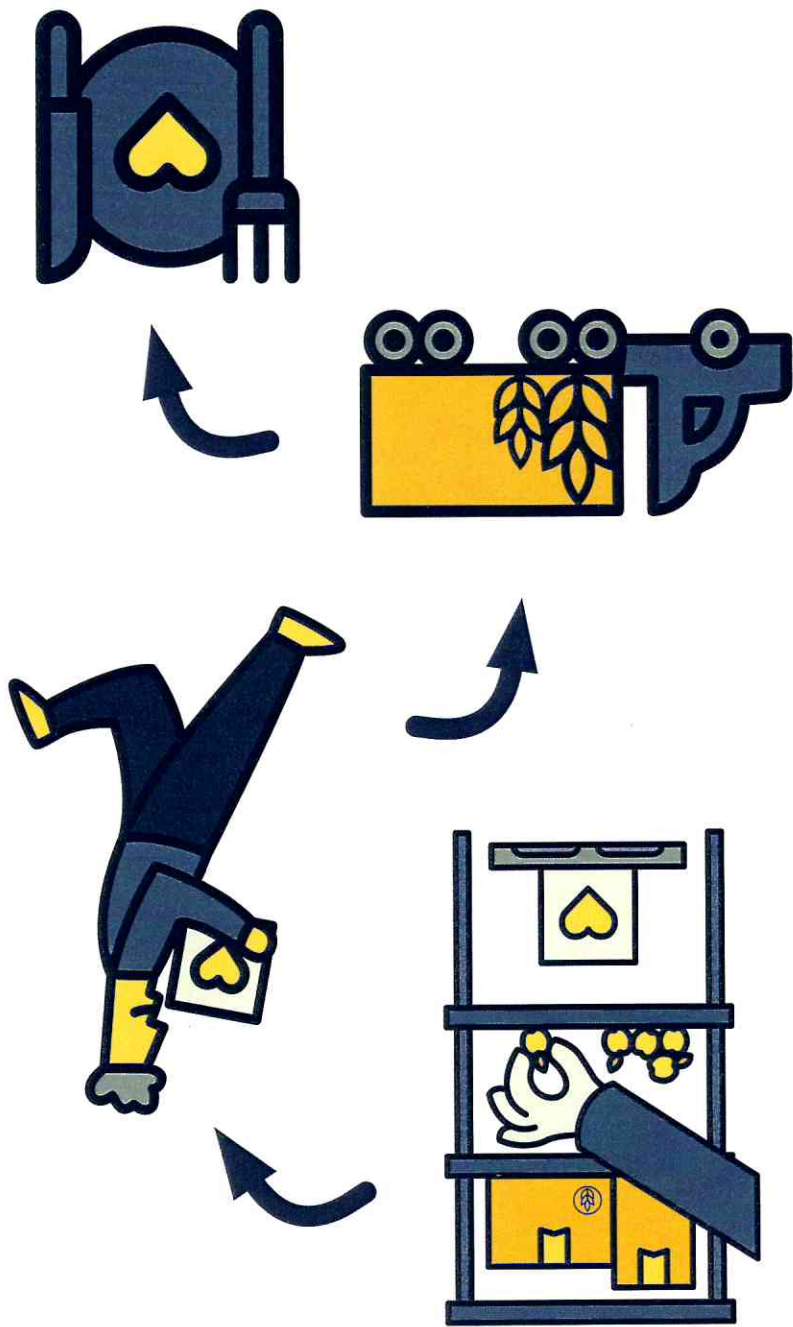


Without this place, we would have gone hungry a few times."

– North Dakota pantry client

FOLLOW THE FOOD

How our food gets to those in need.



Food Donors:

Each year, we recover **MILLIONS** of pound of food from the food industry, grovers and other food donors

Volunteers:

More than **2,000** volunteers repack food to be distributed.

Food Distribution:

We operate **9 PROGRAMS** to recover and distribute food to combat hunger for children, seniors and those in rural communities.

Network of **200** partner food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens help us feed all of North Dakota and Clay County, Minn.

Feeding Our Neighbors:

More than **100,000** individuals are served each year.

Information compiled from comprehensive Hunger in North Dakota 2018 study and Great Plains Food Bank annual review of statistics.



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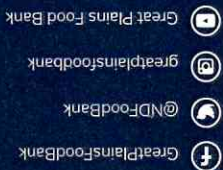
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