

# Food Gatherers

*fighting hunger where we live*



Food Gatherers is the largest anti-hunger nonprofit organization serving Washtenaw County. We exist to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and nonperishable food, coordinating with other hunger-relief providers, educating the public about hunger, and developing new food resources.

## *Our mission is to alleviate hunger . . .*

### **HUNGER-RELIEF NETWORK**

We support a **network of 140+ programs and agencies** with free and low-cost food, deliveries, and trainings.



### **FOOD BANK & FOOD RESCUE**

In FY2025, we distributed **8.5 million meals** or **10.3 million pounds** of food.



### **DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS**

Food Gatherers operates:

- Community Kitchen
- Summer Food Service Program
- Healthy School Pantry Program
- Neighborhood Grocery Initiative



## *. . . and eliminate its causes.*

Whenever possible, we use food as a tool to **address the root causes** of food insecurity.

- **Advocating** for policies that end hunger and its causes
- Partnering with **healthcare providers** to train medical staff to identify food insecurity and connect patients to food resources
- Distributing foods with **higher nutritional value**, such as fresh produce and protein, whole grains, and low-sodium/low-sugar foods

## *Serving Washtenaw County*

Food insecurity exists in every zip code of Washtenaw County.

**60,000 served**

In FY2025, Food Gatherers provided 60,000 individuals with groceries, meals, and nutrition resources.



## *Increased need*

The increased cost of living and funding cuts to federal programs have caused many people to turn to Food Gatherers and our hunger-relief network for support.



*“ This helps my family so much. Especially when it comes to the fresh fruit and vegetables, which are so expensive. ”*

*- Pantry Guest*

## *Get Involved*

Take action today by donating, volunteering, or helping to spread the word.

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