



FEDERATION OF VIRGINIA FOOD BANKS



Building collective power within our network to create a hunger-free region.

The Federation of Virginia Food Banks, a partner state association of Feeding America is the largest hunger relief network in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Federation is composed of the 7 regional Virginia and Washington DC food banks, consisting of facilities in 14 strategic locations. The Federation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation created to support the food banks in providing food, funding, education, advocacy, and awareness services and programs throughout the Commonwealth.

The primary mission of the food banks is to feed hungry Virginians, and in 2014 distributed over 142 million pounds of product to over 1,199,500 individuals through more than 2,608 member agencies that directly serve those in need. Individuals needing food assistance annually visited food bank distribution agencies 9,654,900 times. These agencies operate programs such as soup kitchens, after school programs, senior centers and elderly feeding programs, Kids Cafe® Program, Head Start, transitional housing, mental health programs, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and individual household distribution. Many of our partner organizations are familiar in the community: Boys & Girls Clubs, the Salvation Army, and Catholic Charities. In addition, the Federation of Virginia Food Banks handles the coordination and distribution of food and supplies to victims of disasters and emergencies both locally and nationally.

In the most recent “*Hunger in America 2014*” study by Feeding America, the Commonwealth of Virginia Food Bank clientele served include: 30% children (8.7% are children 0 – 5 years old), 15% senior population 60 years and older, 56% households with at least one employed adult working for pay in the last 12 months and only 4% are homeless. Even more staggering is the report that 69% of those we serve live below the official federal poverty level. Additionally, an estimated 21% of households across the Commonwealth report that someone in their household has served or is currently serving in the US Armed Forces or as a member of the military Reserve or National Guard. Every day families join the ranks of the working poor; these are individuals who can't make ends meet or who find themselves forced to make appalling choices after suffering devastating personal or financial crises beyond their control.

Food banks rescue products from food and agricultural industries, as well as solicit products through food drives, donations, and other events. Through these and other measures, the Federation prevents the waste of millions of pounds of food and re-directs it to those in need. Food banks are, categorically, one of the most cost-efficient and effective organizations in the country. In Virginia we are, by far, the single most important source of food for agencies accounting for 66% of all product distributed by food pantries, mobile pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and residential facilities.

Our food banks are in crisis. Since 2010, requests for food assistance have increased by 18% with food distribution poundage only increasing 4%. In an effort to secure new resources, the Federation is working to form new and innovative partnerships to feed the hungry and provide them with the tools and education to become more self-sufficient.

The seven regional food bank members are as follows:

FeedMore (Central Virginia Food Bank)
1415 Rhoadmiller Street
Richmond, VA 23220
Phone: 804.521.2500
www.feedmore.org

Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia
800 Tidewater Drive
Norfolk, VA 23504
Phone: 757.627.6599
www.foodbankonline.org

Fredericksburg Area Food Bank
3631 Lee Hill Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408
Phone: 540.371.7666
www.fredfood.org

Feeding America Southwest Virginia
1025 Electric Road
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: 540.342.3011
www.faswva.org

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
96 Laurel Hill
Verona, VA 24482
Phone: 540.248.3663
www.brafb.org

Capital Area Food Bank/Northern Virginia
6833 Hill Park Drive
Lorton, VA 22079
Phone: 703.541.3063
www.capitalareafoodbank.org

Virginia Peninsula Foodbank
2401 Aluminum Avenue
Hampton, VA 23661
Phone: 757.596.7188
www.hrfoodbank.org

There are Federation food bank facilities located in Lorton, Fredericksburg, Hampton, Richmond, Norfolk, Tasley, Verona, Lynchburg, Winchester, Charlottesville, Salem and Abingdon in Virginia, and in Washington, DC.