

# **ABOUT US**

## FROM HUNGRY TO HOPEFUL

#### WE BELIEVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY STARTS WITH FOOD

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Chicago's food bank. We provide food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. Every year, we provide food and hope to hundreds of thousands of individuals and families across Cook County.

### A UNITED COMMUNITY EFFORT TO **DELIVER FOOD AND HOPE**

The Food Depository is part of a united community effort working to bring food, dignity and hope to our Cook County neighbors. We are at the center of a network of more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other programs. These programs provide food where it's most needed. We also address the root causes of hunger. Public benefits outreach and job training programs offer a hand up for our neighbors to overcome hunger and poverty.

Each day, the Food Depository distributes the equivalent of 171,000 meals to people in need across Cook County. By taking hunger off the table, we enable families to focus on other priorities, like education, growth and security. We enable communities to face their challenges with confidence.



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#### MEETING THE EVOLVING NEED

As the face of hunger in our community has changed, the Food Depository has evolved. Our programs address the specific needs of diverse groups, including children, older adults and veterans. Children's programs ensure that growing youth have the energy they need to learn and thrive all year long. Older adult programs offer food delivery and nutritious options to help this population meet their dietary needs. For more than 13,000 veterans in Cook County who live in poverty, food pantries at VA medical centers offer food and support.





One in eight people in Cook County faces hunger on any given day. But even one is too many. We respond daily.