



**Food is
Medicine**



Who We Are

Our mission is to feed the hungry in Baton Rouge and the surrounding parishes by providing food and educational outreach through faith-based and other community partners. With community support, we have served the hungry in our **11-parish service area** for more than 38 years.



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What We Do

The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank has helped feed those who face hunger. Our organization is a member of Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks.



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The State of Hunger

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CHILDHOOD AND SENIOR HUNGER



1 in 9

INDIVIDUALS
IN OUR SERVICE
AREA ARE FOOD
INSECURE



1 in 6

CHILDREN
IN OUR SERVICE
AREA ARE FOOD
INSECURE

**17.2 Million
Meal Gap**

*The meal gap reflects
the number of meals
needed in this region to
eliminate hunger as a
major concern*

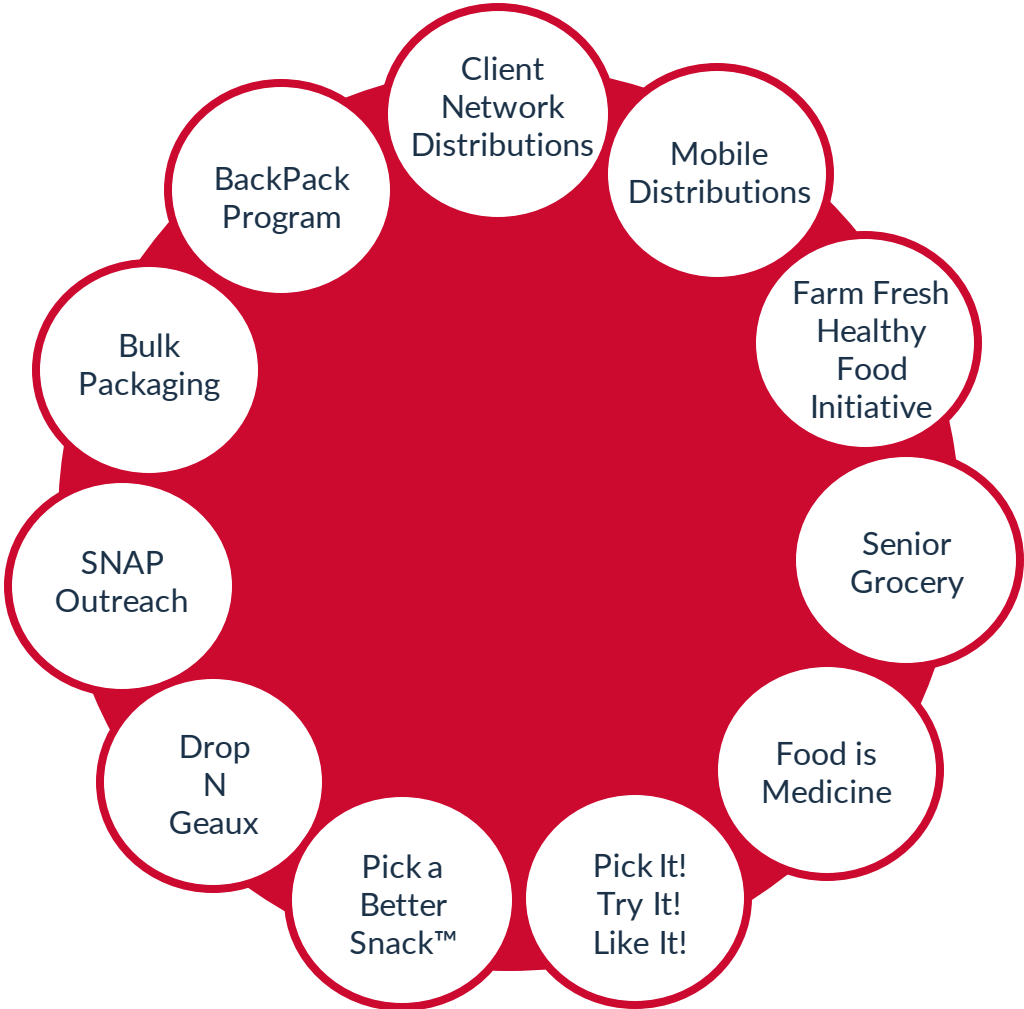


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How We Do It

Through our client network and outreach programs, we are able to distribute donated and purchased food to more than 115 partnered agencies throughout our 11-parish service area, completely free of charge.



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Food is Medicine

Feeding the hungry is more than providing food, it is providing wellness, nourishment, and strength. The Food Bank works with local health partners to find food insecure individuals and provides them with access to resources.



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Goals

- Strengthen food bank health care partnerships
- Identify opportunities to offer more nutritious foods to high-risk individuals
- Serve more individuals [to decrease food insecurity] in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas
- Demonstrate program and service effectiveness
- Build network capacity for food is medicine programming
- Make food insecurity screening and referrals to food bank programs and service more effective



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Process with Healthcare Partners

- The medical facility will use a “survey” of 2 questions or existing social determinants of health questions that will determine if a patient is food insecure or not.
- If the patient is deemed food insecure, they will receive a 15-pound box of non-perishable, nutritious food.
- Food boxes will be scheduled for pick up or delivery to the medical facility for storage until needed.
- Prior to release of food box, patient will have to fill out a Food is Medicine registration form



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Impact

- 2022 – 1319 boxes – 18 partners
- 2023 – 3053 boxes – 30 partners

Future Plans

- Growth in box distribution
- Additional data collection
- Full-service partner agency within healthcare facility
- Nutrition Education
- Medically tailored boxes



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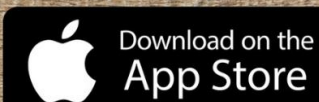
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