



ARKANSAS
**FOOD
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2025 IMPACT REPORT

In 2025, your support empowered the Arkansas Foodbank to meet rising need with compassion and action. You helped launch a first-of-its-kind statewide destigmatizing hunger campaign, letting Arkansans know it's okay to ask for help. And when the federal government shutdown left families suddenly without income or benefits, your generosity ensured we could respond immediately—coordinating emergency distributions in Pine Bluff, Cabot, Lee County, and Little Rock.

Because of you, the year also brought record-breaking moments of community strength. The 25th Anniversary Summer Cereal Drive collected more than 500,000 breakfast items for kids, and Rice Day brought in more than 300,000 pounds of Arkansas-grown rice for families across the region. Your commitment transformed a year of growing need into one defined by hope, relief, and collective impact.

39.7 million
total pounds of
food distributed
through our partners
and pantries in 2025.

33.1 million
meals for Arkansans
facing food insecurity



108,660
Backpack Kits
Distributed



\$596,500
in Food Credits
given to Partners



10,781,166
Pounds of
Produce
Distributed



54,459
Volunteer Hours
Served



\$1.58 Million
Dollars Saved in
Staffing Costs
from Volunteers



**A RECORD-BREAKING EVENT
IN EVERY CATEGORY:**

- 576,725 breakfast items collected
- 209 teams participated
- 25 community sites attended

STORIES OF HOPE

Retired Senior - SNAP Help Center

Julie, a retired cake decorator in Pulaski County, lives on a fixed income and receives just \$60 a month in SNAP benefits—"it fills the gap," she says. Between that and a small insurance card benefit, plus her garden and home-canned food, she keeps meals on the table, though rising costs make it harder. She worries most for seniors and children who rely heavily on SNAP. Finding the SNAP Help Center online made navigating the system easier, and she's grateful for the support that helps stretch her limited budget.



FOOD INSECURITY STATS IN ARKANSAS



1 in 4
or 25.5% of
Children are at
risk of going
hungry



1 in 5
or 19% of
Arkansans face
food insecurity

1 in 8
seniors in
Arkansas are
facing hunger

Arkansas ranks
1st
in the nation for
food insecurity



Federal Worker Family - Government Shutdown

During the October 17 emergency food distribution in Little Rock, a family of ten—both parents furloughed federal employees, with eight children including three adopted from foster care—visited a pantry for the first time. Their last furlough left them unaware of available resources; this time, the Foodbank's support felt like a lifeline. They shared how the sudden loss of income forced painful choices between food, bills, and gas to get their kids to school. "You aren't judgmental; you're here to help," the mother said, adding that donors' support means sleeping a little easier knowing their children will have what they need.

Little Rock Neighbor - Food for Families

A neighbor living in the apartments across from Second Baptist Church describes the pantry as nothing short of lifesaving. On a very limited income and often running out of money, he says the warm, welcoming environment immediately eased his fears. Unlike other places where food is simply handed out, volunteers here walk him through the shelves, offering guidance and dignity. He's even made friends. "It's one of the most pleasurable experiences I've ever had," he shared, grateful for the generosity that keeps him going.



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