



**HARVESTERS**  
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

## Harvesters Programs

Our vision is a healthy, thriving community where no one is hungry.

### Feeding Families and Seniors



#### Pantries and Kitchens

Harvesters' network of partner agencies includes brick and mortar food pantries, where people can receive groceries, and kitchens, where hot meals are served. Our partner agencies are on the front lines everyday serving neighbors experiencing food insecurity and working to end hunger. They form a diverse, dynamic, and passionate network committed to serving as many people as possible in our community.



#### Mobile and Senior Mobile Pantries

Harvesters' Mobile Food Pantry program is designed to distribute large quantities of highly nutritious fresh produce and other perishable items to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity in our service area. The Mobile Food Pantry ensures this nutritious product gets out to individuals and families in need as soon as possible and is not wasted.



The Senior Mobile Food Pantry is a partnership between Harvesters and nonprofit organizations providing food to at-risk seniors living in low- to moderate-income housing communities. Approximately every three weeks, Harvesters delivers fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy products to these sites.



#### SNAP Assistance

Harvesters provides Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach throughout the entire 26-county region. The food bank's outreach team helps individuals and families apply for SNAP benefits and educates individuals in the community about the SNAP application process, including the benefits of the program, eligibility guidelines and requirements.

The outreach team also trains agency representatives to conduct SNAP outreach at their locations as well.



## Nutrition Education

Harvesters works to provide the most nutritious food possible to our neighbors in need. We know consistent access to healthy, nutritious food helps build stronger and healthier communities.

In addition to providing nutritious food, Harvesters offers a variety of nutrition services to its network agency partners. These include coaching for nutrition- and health-related projects, staff and volunteer training, and nutrition education resources.



## Food+

Harvesters' Food+ focus recognizes that ending hunger involves more than food. We understand creating a “healthy & thriving community where no one is hungry” also involves working in collaboration with others to address issues that often cause our neighbors to experience food insecurity.

We have developed and are committed to adding and enhancing partnerships with community organizations who address one or more of the root causes of hunger like healthcare, workforce development, and transportation.

## Feeding Children



### School Pantry Program

The mission of the School Pantry Program is to reduce child hunger by providing food to students and their families at school. Harvesters' School Pantry Program is a partnership between a school with a displayed need for food assistance, a charitable organization with a 501(c)3 designation or faith-based organizations that meet the tax qualification requirements, and Harvesters.

Schools are a natural fit for food pantries – they provide a convenient location that families and students feel comfortable in and visit regularly which helps breakdown barriers like access and transportation. A school pantry can be located in the school or a nearby location in the community to support families, students and staff either during or outside of traditional school hours.



### BackSnack

Harvesters' BackSnack program provides a weekly backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for schoolchildren to take home over the weekend. Thousands of children in Harvesters' service area receive free and reduced-price school meals during the week, and many of those are at risk of hunger on weekends.

BackSnack is a partnership between Harvesters, a participating school and a local community partner—usually a corporate, civic or religious organization. Harvesters provides the food and the backpacks. The community partners help facilitate picking up the BackSnack food kits from Harvesters and distributing them to the schools.

Participating schools report BackSnack recipients have improved grades, attendance, behavior and the students are better prepared to focus and participate at school.