

Food Bank Programs At a Glance

The Food Bank fights hunger, feeds hope by distributing approximately 750,000 pounds of product to our 450 Partner Programs each month through many avenues, including the following:

Food 4 Kids Programs include our Backpack Program, which provides weekly bags of food to children at risk of going hungry over the weekend; and our Kids Café Program, which provides free meals and snacks to low-income children.

Prepared and Perishable Food Program distributes highly-valued food to the hungry, such as fresh meat, dairy products, produce and already-prepared meals. This is food that would otherwise be discarded.

Value-Added Processing Program extends the shelf life of perishable food by processing it in the Food Bank's Culinary Center into a form that can be frozen and distributed at a later date.

Produce Program supplies fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables to our Partner Programs.

Rural Delivery Service allows the Food Bank's Partner Programs to make better use of their resources. Since half the programs are more than 35 miles away from the Food Bank's Tulsa warehouse, the Food Bank delivers their food to 13 drop-off sites throughout Eastern Oklahoma.

Product Recovery Center involves hundreds of volunteers who spend thousands of hours sorting and boxing food and other grocery items donated by retail stores and through food drives.

USDA Commodities Program distributes commodities to the Food Bank's Partner Programs through a contract with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Purchased and Staple Food Program allows the Food Bank to provide highly-desirable food, such as peanut butter, canned protein, cereal, rice and beans, to its Partner Programs. This food is not typically donated.

Disaster Relief Program helps the Food Bank respond quickly during a disaster by providing food and water to victims of such catastrophic events as the ice storm of 2007.

Plant a Row for the Hungry is a nationwide program started by the Garden Writers Association of America in 1995 that encourages farmers and backyard gardeners alike to plant a little extra every year and donate the abundance to the hungry.