



UTAH FOOD BANK

Press Kit

About Utah Food Bank:

Founded in 1904, Utah Food Bank has operated under various names but has always remained true to our mission of Fighting Hunger Statewide. Since our inception, organizational priority has been placed on assisting individuals and families who struggle to survive the hardships of poverty. While our location, services and even our name has changed over time, this central purpose has remained the same.

About Hunger in Utah:

423,000 Utahns, which equates to 1 in 7 Utahns, are at risk of missing a meal today. Even more alarming is that 1 in 5 Utah children are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Last year, Utah Food Bank distributed over 37.5 million pounds of food, the equivalent of over 31 million meals, to people facing hunger across the state.

Utah Food Bank Programs:

Emergency Food Assistance: Utah Food Bank has a statewide network of more than 140 partner agencies, located in all 29 counties. Utah Food Bank is one of a handful of food banks nationwide who distribute food free of charge to partner agencies.

Mobile Pantry: Utah Food Bank has a mobile pantry truck that regularly visits 50 pre-established locations where access to brick and mortar pantries are limited by either geographic proximity or transportation barriers exist.

Food Box Program: last year, Utah Food Bank delivered **over 40,000 food boxes** containing about a week's worth of food to homebound seniors and people with disabilities. Most of these boxes are delivered by volunteers, and are delivered once a month.

Childhood Hunger Programs:

Kids Cafe: this program prepares and distributes up to 1,800 nutritious meals each weekday to children who may not get dinner that evening at 42 after-school sites. Last year, Utah Food Bank provided close to 283,000 Kids Cafe meals for at-risk kids.

BackPack Program: when kids are out of school for the weekend, they miss school meal programs, and many don't have food at home to sustain them until Monday. Last year, Utah Food Bank distributed nearly 64,000 backpacks full of kid-friendly and easy to prepare food to children at 35 sites to help sustain them through the weekends.

Mobile School Pantry: Utah Food Bank's Mobile Pantry Truck visits 33 schools once each month during the school year and distributes food to attending children and their families to take home with them after school. This holistic approach to fighting hunger is Utah Food Bank's newest program.

How Can People Support Utah Food Bank?

Utah Food Bank always asks for 3 things: Food, Time and Money

- Visit **UtahFoodBank.org** to sign up to host a food and fund drive or for further information.
- Utah Food Bank can stretch each **\$1 donated into \$7.35** worth of goods and services, so financial donations have the greatest impact.
- Last year we were the beneficiaries of **over 85,000 volunteer hours**, which to replace we would have to hire an additional **41 full-time employees**. Our volunteers make it possible to do what we do.

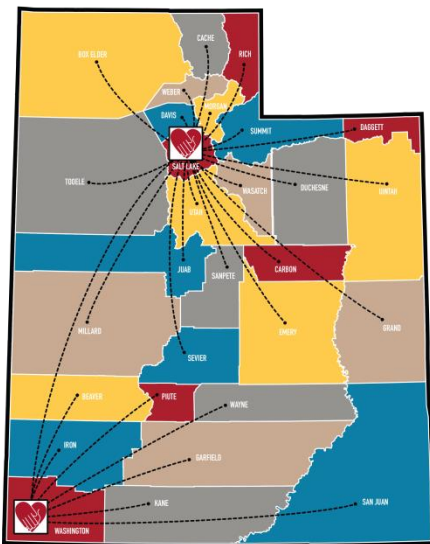
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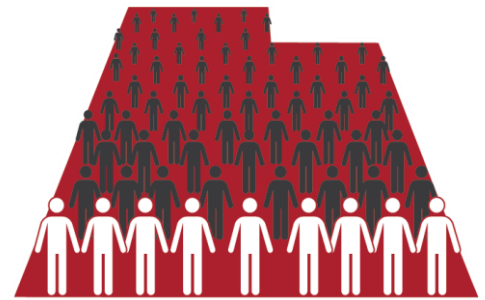
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1 in 5 Utah kids are unsure where their next meal will come from



1 in 7 Utahns are at risk of missing a meal today



423,000 people are food insecure — 15% of Utah's population



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