

**Nearly 200,000 Mainers  
struggle with food insecurity.**

**Your organization can help change that...**



## The Mission

The Food-Bank provides food and essential supplies for those at risk of hunger by soliciting surplus food and distributing it to nonprofit organizations throughout Maine. Through a network of more than 600 partner agencies, including food pantries, elderly and after-school programs, soup kitchens, and shelters, the Food-Bank is able to reach more than 70,000 Mainers every month.

## The Need

The Food-Bank welcomes donations of all types. We are especially in need of:

- Nonperishable, canned and dry food items
- Perishable, refrigerated and frozen items
- Produce, dairy, fresh and frozen meat
- Short-coded products near expiration; inventory clearance; discontinued, mislabeled and cosmetically damaged items; items with imperfect, underweight and packaging errors; and unlabeled product if an approved label can be supplied or replicated
- Nutritious, wholesome and protein-rich foods
- Basic essentials, paper goods and baby products
- Cleaning products and personal hygiene items
- Over-the-counter medicine, school supplies and practical household items

## The Benefit

**Tax Deductions:** Your business could benefit from the 1976 Federal Tax Law H.R. 10612, which permits donors to deduct all production, packaging, and delivery costs plus up to 50 percent of the difference between the cost and fair market value.

**Cost Savings:** Food-Bank donors save substantially on unnecessary disposal fees. Our trucks can be at a donor site within 24 hours to reduce waste and maximize donation potential.

**Corporate Citizenship:** Donating food items that would otherwise be discarded provides you with an opportunity to help fight hunger in Maine, demonstrate good corporate citizenship, build community goodwill, and strengthen employee pride.

**Company Promotion:** The Food-Bank recognizes its donors through a variety of communication pieces, including a quarterly newsletter, event materials and media outreach.

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**Last year, thanks to our donors, the Food-Bank was able to provide nearly 12 million pounds of food to the neediest in our communities.**



## **Food Safety and Liability**

Food safety is a priority for the Food-Bank, so we adhere to the same safety guidelines followed by grocery retailers, food manufacturers and food distributors.

- The Food-Bank complies with strict guidelines established by Feeding America, the nation's food bank network. We are annually audited by the USDA and Feeding America, and Food-Bank drivers and staff are trained in food safety procedures.
- Product is carefully handled and tracked throughout the distribution process so retrieval is possible if recalled. Additionally, product is double-sorted to ensure that food is properly sealed and safe for consumption.
- Product is maintained at proper storage temperatures during transport and at the Food-Bank.
- Bar codes are permanently marked to ensure that items do not reenter the marketplace.
- The Food-Bank is a federally designated 501(c)3 organization governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, representing members of the food and banking industries.

Food donors are protected through the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, also known as the Good Samaritan law, passed in 1996. The act protects donors from civil and criminal liability should product donated in good faith later cause harm to the needy recipient.

## **Contact Us**

The Food-Bank's Resource Development Team is here to facilitate your donations, getting more food to more people smoothly and efficiently. The Food-Bank will coordinate the details, including pickup, tracking and distribution. Your organization will receive a detailed receipt within two weeks of product donation.

### **A phone call is all it takes...**

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