



**GREATER
CHICAGO**
– **FOOD** –
DEPOSITORY

“Food Insecurity and Communal Care”

Trauma Symposium

May 21, 2020

Mission Statement



The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a nonprofit food distribution and training center with the mission of providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community.



Our Programs

- **Chicago's Community Kitchens:** 14-week culinary job training program for unemployed and underemployed adults.
- **Mobile:** Programs such as the Producemobile and mobile pantries distribute food in communities where access to fresh groceries is difficult or not available.
- **Children:** After-school, weekend and summer programs provide nutritious food to children in low-income communities.
- **Older Adults:** Regular delivery of fresh produce and shelf-stable food to low-income retirement residences.
- **Veterans:** Opened a food pantry in Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in November 2013 and in Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in November 2014.
- **Benefits Outreach:** Assistance determining eligibility and applying for benefits for food and more.



Ensuring Food Access

- **Existing Distribution Network:**
 - 70% of our partners continue to distribute food
- **Food Box Build:**
 - Rethinking our distribution model and minimizing stress for our partners
- **Invest in Agency Network:**
 - Launching a new \$1MM grant program
- **Connect to Federal Nutrition Programs:**
 - SNAP and WIC
- **Close Food Access Gaps with New Partnerships:**
 - Expanding our reach through other community-based partners
- **Equity:**
 - Foundation of all planning and decision-making is our goal of racial equity



Ways You Can Help

- **Continued Financial Support**
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- **Volunteer**
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- **Host a Virtual Food Drive**
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- **Become a Social Ambassador**
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