“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**
  chicagosfoodbank.org/covid

- **Volunteer**
  chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer

- **Host a Virtual Food Drive**
  chicagosfoodbank.org/fooddrive

- **Become a Social Ambassador**
  chicagosfoodbank.org/socialambassador