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Give

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Get Involved

Take a tour of our facility, have fun at an upcoming event, or learn about how you join our hunger relief efforts.

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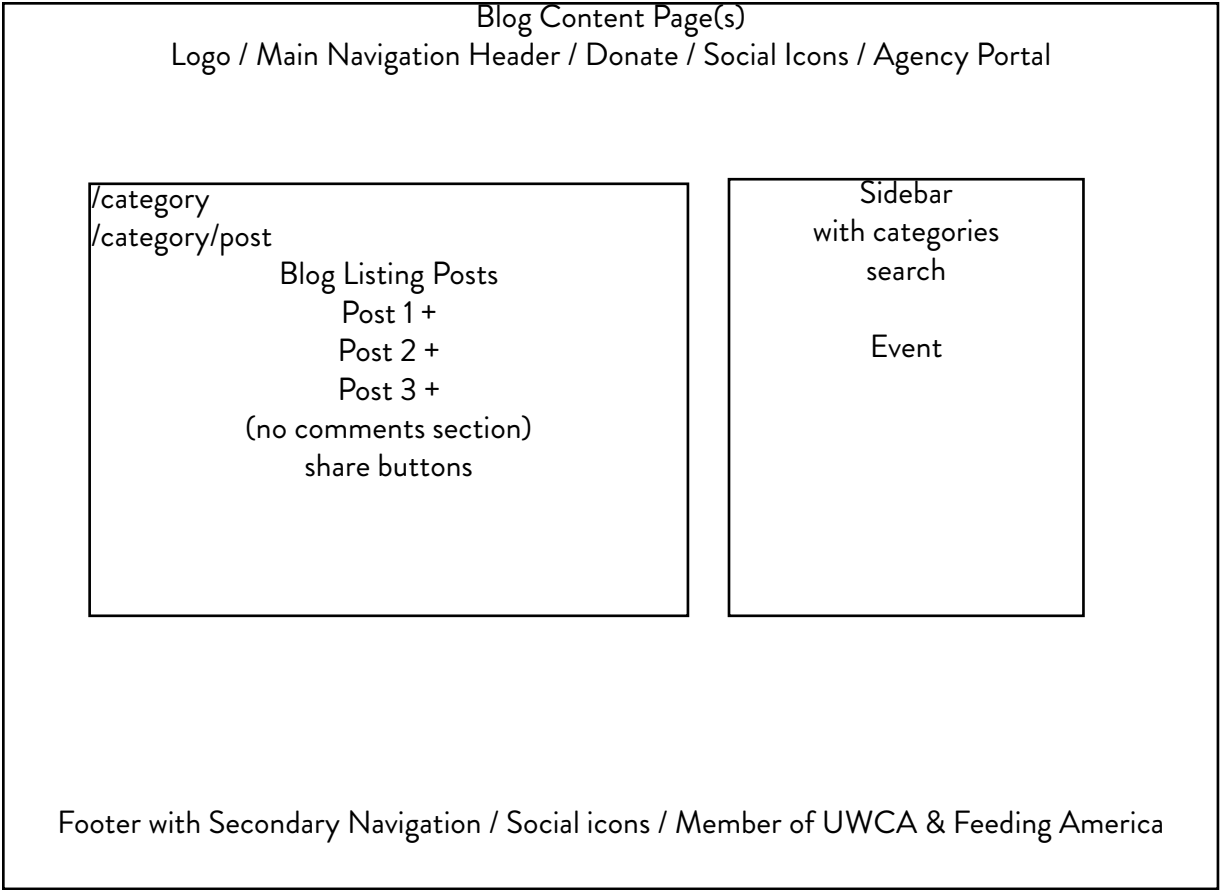
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Homepage

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211 Connect

All of our partnering food service organizations (pantries, soup kitchens, etc.) can be located through the United Way Referral Service. This incredible service will help you find the assistance that you need, whether it is food, shelter, clothing, utility assistance, or more.

If you are in the Birmingham area and need assistance, please call the United Way Referral Line at 211, have your zip code ready, and tell them you are looking for a food pantry in your area. Simply dial 2-1-1.

If you have internet access, you can reach the referral system here.

Type in your zip code in the map search below to find the pantry closest to you.

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Apply for SNAP benefits

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Your financial contributions helped feed more than 660,000 people last year. The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama is a 501(C)3 tax exempt organization, and all monetary donations are considered as charitable donations for tax purposes. We appreciate any and all financial gifts. Please consider making a gift to our hunger relief efforts. Click here to donate!

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[Host a Food Drive](#)

Organized by businesses, associations, places of worship, schools, and other groups, food drives are critically important for keeping our shelves stocked with nutritious food for the hungry families in Central Alabama.

We would love to help you organize a successful food drive! We can provide barrels or boxes for collecting items. However, we cannot always guarantee delivery or pickup dates and times. If you are able to deliver the food collected from your drive, please do! This save us time and money that help operations run as smoothly as possible. We kindly ask that if the collected food fits in an SUV or pickup truck that your group delivers it to the food bank. Deliveries can be made Tuesday-Thursday 7:30-3:00 and Friday 7:30-1:00. You do not have to make an appointment to deliver food.

To host a food drive print simply fill out the registration form below and send it in. You can fax, email, or send it by regular mail.

[Toolkit & Registration Form](#)

Scan and email registration form to fooddrive@feedingal.org
Fax completed registration form to 205-942-8838 or
[Register Online](#)

[Food Industry Donors](#)

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The Food Bank has various volunteer opportunities for groups and/or individuals. To inquire about upcoming volunteer opportunities please contact us at volunteer@feedingAL.org.
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Interested in becoming a member agency with the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama? We welcome all qualified nonprofit agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, and more. Our member agencies serve the hungry and needy through their feeding programs. Please note, to become a member agency of the food bank, you must be recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Churches are considered tax exempt by the IRS, therefore would qualify if they run a food pantry.

Please follow this link to start the process: _____

[Agency Resources](#) {should replace “current agencies” footer on site map?}

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[What is a Food Bank?](#)

A Food Bank operates as a central clearinghouse for collecting food that would otherwise be wasted. Food usually comes from various retailers in the food industry, like grocery stores and wholesalers, that have thousands of pounds of food that can either be thrown away or repurposed for donation. We warehouse the food donated from these retail partners, and with help from volunteers, sort, pack and redistribute it to the community.

We distribute this food to non-profit hunger relief charities that directly serve the needy through their own programs. These programs include shelters for the homeless, soup kitchens, residential facilities for the elderly and disabled, and shelters for abused women and children.

[Our History](#)

Thanks to a grant of \$100,000 from the Greater Birmingham Foundation, the Food Bank opened its doors on December 1, 1982. Community volunteers worked alongside the Planning Department at United Way of Central Alabama to construct an operational blueprint that brought service to the Jefferson, Shelby, and Walker counties. Over the last 33 years, the number of counties served by the food bank has grown from 3 to 12 and the number of agencies distributing food in Central Alabama from 30 to 240.

As a member of the nation’s largest non-governmental, domestic hunger relief organization - Feeding America – we strive for efficiency. Utilizing resources from this national food bank network, we quickly and safely make food accessible to hungry people in their greatest times of need. In addition to Feeding America, we also receive food from government agencies, national donors, and local donors. Supplementary food is purchased with monies allocated in our budget.

Each dollar donated to the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama provides the equivalent of seven meals per person.* In fiscal year 2015, the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama distributed 10 million nutritious meals.

*{bottom of page] We calculate using a Feeding America formula: dividing total meals provided by total adjusted costs. The number does not include the meals provided through SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps) benefits.

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 Agencies?

Our Supporters
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A huge thank you to our donors whose generous support enables us to provide food to hungry families throughout Central Alabama. Without your help, we would never be able to fulfill our mission.

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Financials

The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama applies careful stewardship towards our resources and demonstrates integrity in all that we do. We uphold our mission with the trust of our staff, board, donors, volunteers, recipients, and partners. Because we receive strong support from donors in the community and the food industry, the Food Bank keeps administrative costs low - less than five cents on the dollar.

Find out more about our financial stewardship from any of these resources:

IRS Form 990
 2014 2013 2012 2011

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors’ Reports
 2014 2013

Annual Reports
 2014 2013 2012 2011

Additional Financial Resources
 Community Food Bank of Central Alabama’s 501(c)(3)
 AFP’s Code of Ethics
 AFP’s Donor Bill of Rights

In addition to our general mission of housing and distributing food to our partner agencies, the Food Bank of Central Alabama has created unique programs to address specific, unmet needs in our service area.

- Weekenders+
- Mobile Pantry
- Hospital Pantry

Weekenders+

No parent wants their child to go hungry, yet we know that many families across Central Alabama lack the resources to provide adequate nutrition for their children. Today, more than 1 in 4 children lack sufficient nutritious food to grow, thrive, and achieve. (Source: Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap study)

At the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama we’re bringing together people with a passion to help - schools, agency partners, funding partners, volunteers, and people like you; people who believe that no one should go hungry, certainly not a child. The core of our fight against childhood hunger is our Weekenders Backpack Program. This program provides children with easy-open, nutritious food to take home over weekends and holidays, when they otherwise might not have food available. The backpacks are assembled by volunteers and delivered to partner schools each week, where they are discretely distributed on Fridays to students in need to take home for the weekend or holiday. A typical backpack contains two breakfast items (instant oatmeal, Pop-tarts, granola bars), two entrees (Ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti), two snacks (pudding cups, cheese crackers, pretzels), and a fruit (applesauce cup or fruit tube). Teachers and schools have reported improvements in test scores, positive behavioral gains, decreases in number of unexcused absences, and an increased recognition of potential career paths in children receiving these backpacks.

Our Weekenders Backpack program launched in 2007, providing backpacks to 70 children at one school. Upon its swift success, the program grew dramatically, expanding the quality and scope of its services for the 2014-2015 school year. All 36 of the School Partner Sites increased from bimonthly to weekly distribution cycles, ensuring that the 1,200 participating children could rely on the Weekenders Program every single week of the school year. By this past May the Weekenders Program had served more than 108,000 meals!

If your school or charitable organization would like additional information about starting a child hunger program, please contact Jon Barnacastle, Programs Coordinator, 205-942-8911 ext. 116, or wjbarnacastle@feedingal.org.

If you would like to volunteer with this program, please visit our Volunteer page to complete a volunteer application and view available volunteer opportunities. For more information, you may contact Kristina Habchi, Volunteer Coordinator, 205-942-8911 ext. 115, or volunteer@feedingal.org

If your company or organization would like a speaker at your next meeting or event, or to become a funding partner, please contact Crys Martin, Director of Development and External Relations, 205-942-8911 ext. 110, or cmartin@feedingal.org. You may also make an online donation at <http://donate.feedingal.org/>.

Mobile Pantry

In an effort to bring more food into underserved counties, we established the Mobile Pantry Program in early 2013. That April, a \$5000 grant from Honda funded our first Mobile Pantries in Talladega and St. Clair Counties. This program is the CFBCA’s direct solution to ensuring food access for families in underserved areas identified as food deserts. Volunteers pack up our Mobile Pantry boxes with a variety of food items, including canned vegetables and fruits, fresh meats, fresh produce, and household items.

Hospital Pantry

In 2013, the food bank launched a hospital-based NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) food pantry serving mothers and family members with children enduring long hospital stays in the NICU. We are currently partnering with two hospitals, UAB Hospital and Coosa Valley in Talladega County. These pantries are stocked with specific items—like tuna salad, peanut butter, high-protein, easy-to-prepare meals, pretzels, nuts and protein bars—to benefit breast-feeding mothers.

Our on-site pantry enables mothers to spend more time with their infants during a critical period of mother-child bonding. The idea to begin a hospital pantry took wind after NICU nurses noticed that certain mothers never left the ward to eat (or couldn’t afford the hospital meals), afraid to leave their children or ask for help. Medical professionals and onsite social workers who recognize symptoms of food insecurity can refer patients to the pantry. As of July 2015, the Hospital Pantry Program served almost 5,000 meals to food insecure individuals and families.

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