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ANNUAL REPORT

Henrico Community Food Bank

Fiscal Year July 2021-June 2022



Our Story: A Year of Planting Seeds

What started as a kitchen table idea has, in the course of a year, flourished into a dedicated force to fight hunger in our community. During this first year of operation, we distributed 11,000 pounds of food to 802 of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity and built a volunteer team that donated over 2,100 volunteer hours. All with no paid staff.

The story of the 2021-2022 fiscal year is one of creation, as we built the foundation for the Henrico Community Food Bank. It has been a year of:

- Completing numerous important forms to officially file for our 501(c)(3) status
- Building bridges and connections with our community and corporate partners to serve our neighbors in need
- Spreading the word through the community that there is a new direct service resource for food in Henrico County
- Starting our mobile distribution model as the pandemic continued to impact our plans for service in our community

As we enter the 2022- 2023 fiscal year, better funded, better staffed, and with a dynamic, flexible model, we are excited to build upon the foundation and better serve those in Henrico who are counting on us being there for them in their time of need.

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Our Why: Who We Serve

Our Neighbors

Did you know that over 30,000 neighbors in Henrico are food insecure? From Montrose to Innsbrook, Tuckahoe to Dumbarton, and every zip code in between, many children, seniors and families do not know where their next meal is coming from. With the impact of inflation on food prices, those numbers are rising.

During our first year, we have learned about the silent struggle of so many people in Henrico. Hearing the relief and appreciation in people's voices as we meet them at food distributions or make deliveries to their homes, tells us that we have barely scratched the surface of the need in our community.

The face of hunger may be surprising. Hunger lives in nearly every neighborhood in Henrico.

They are:

- Teachers
- Veterans
- Students
- College/Adult students
- Employed
- Underemployed
- Single parents
- Two income households
- Retired
- In apartments
- In houses

With one unexpected setback, whether it be health, employment or housing, any one of us could be in need of help. And that's why we're here. To make it a little bit easier during a difficult time for our community.



Our Why: From Our Community

A Partnership Story: Monica Smith-Callahan



Thank you to Henrico County for your early investment and continued collaboration as we together work to end hunger in Henrico!

A message from Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs & HCFB Board Member

It was a vision of mine when I started in Henrico County in early 2020 that we would work with a community partner to establish a food bank like the ones in Chesterfield and Goochland. I knew we had pantries operating throughout the county on various days, but I knew the amount of food insecurity that some of our families in Henrico were experiencing warranted more.

It was Sudeshna's passion and experience that sold the Henrico Community Food Bank. I had worked with Sudeshna when she was with Feed More, so I knew of her passion and commitment to fighting hunger. The data and research that she came with to support the vision are why Henrico County has been an early supporter of the organization.

My hopes for what we as a county can accomplish through this partnership are already being realized. County agencies can collaborate with HCFB to meet the needs of the residents that they are serving. This collaboration, partnership, and passion bring me hope! We are all public servants who want to help people not just survive but thrive!



Our Why: From Our Community

A Food Donor volunteer Story: Dr. Jones

Dr. Jones shares why he volunteers with Henrico Community Food Bank and why it's a rewarding experience for him.

As president of Xi Delta Lambda Chapter of APA Inc. (Henrico), I responded to the call for volunteers and have been eager to assist when needed, knowing that this would be a help to the community.

During my first time helping HCFB, there were more than two hundred bags of food prepared in the gym. It was a prime example of how integral the service is to the community and I have been happy to help.

Usually, food distribution consists of canned goods, dry goods, frozen foods, bread/desserts, produce, etc. for anyone who shows up. HCFB targets particular groups to assist, whether it is students on seasonal breaks, senior citizens, students starting the new school year, etc. They make it a point to know which community members may benefit from assistance.

HCFB is an excellent opportunity to provide a needed service to the community. At the end of the day, you have made a difference and the people are so appreciative.



Our Why: From Our Community

A Donor Story: Mark Smith

We are so grateful to Mark Smith for his support and generosity. As the owner of Midas Richmond, his giving spirit is widely known across the Richmond area. He was one of the first to financially support our mission when we were only a few months old. Below he shares why he has chosen to support our work.

I watched Sudeshna grow at Feed More and could not have been happier to see her create a much-needed Food Bank in Henrico County. Knowing the intellectual curiosity and passion she brings to the effort, tells me all I need to know.

For anyone thinking about supporting the Henrico Community Food Bank, every hour you donate to us is an hour we didn't have before, every dollar you donate is a dollar we didn't have before, every jar of peanut butter you donate is a jar of peanut butter we didn't have before. Join us!

This is a critical issue, but hunger has a solution. It is multi-dimensional and complex, however, it is within our scope. With logistics, cooperation, and efficient scaling – we can do this!



Our Why: From Our Community

A volunteer Story: The Shannon Family

Alexis and Ryan Shannon share why they volunteer with Henrico Community Food Bank, and why they include their children!

We believe that as long as we are able, we should aim to serve others. We were looking for opportunities to serve our community together, as a family. We were inspired by the Mission, Vision and Values of HCFB.

It's rewarding knowing we are helping others right here in our own community. Seeing our children work hard to serve others. They are learning that even though they are kids, they can still make a difference.

Food insecurity and hunger can exacerbate other challenges, struggles or stress levels. It's hard to focus on work, school or anything else when you are not sure where your next meal will come from. We believe all people should have consistent access to safe and nutritious food.

One of the things we love about HCFB is that they bring the food and services directly into the community. Doing this helps take away transportation or childcare challenges and makes it easier for those in need to access what HCFB has to offer. We also love how welcoming the HCFB team has been. We've had a lot of fun working with the other volunteers!

Every little bit matters. Don't have funds to contribute? Volunteer at a drive! Don't have time to volunteer? Contribute funds! We can accomplish so much more when we come together to serve our community. In our experience, you won't regret it!



Our Why: From Our Community

A volunteer Story: Madeline Kelsey & Abe Gagnon

Madeline and Abe share why they volunteer with Henrico Community Food Bank (HCFB). Madeline also served on our Fundraising and Marketing Committees our first year and was voted on to the Board of Directors for our second fiscal year. She's been an amazing addition to HCFB with her passion and dedication to feeding others!

We believe in a world where neighbors support each other, and community partners work together for the collective good. HCFB and its leadership embody this vision. Their priority on equity, diversity, and transparency are values we share. We are glad to give our time to help serve our neighbors who need it most, it's a way we can help build the world we want to live in.



Our Story: Made Possible

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THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A FOOD BANK

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Impacts Made in the First Year



FROM JULY 2021-JUNE 2022

0 PAID STAFF



GRANTS RECEIVED

11

86

VOLUNTEERS & BOARD MEMBERS



VOLUNTEER HOURS

2,115

802

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED

11,000

\$13,947

DONATIONS IN KIND (DISTRIBUTED)



Our mission:

Provide access to nutritious food in an equitable and dignified manner to those in need.

Our vision:

HCFB envisions a County where healthy, nutritious food is available to all. Creating value and opportunities for clients thus empowering them to shape a secure and enriched future.

Our Values:

Equity - Value and celebrate the unique and diverse talents, experience and perspectives of everyone and treat our constituents and ourselves with kindness, integrity, respect, and honesty.

Transparency - Openness and fairness in dealing with each other and our constituents.

Accountability - Taking responsibility for and being answerable to our actions.

Social Responsibility - Concern for the community and making socially conscious decisions.

Solidarity - Creating a culture of shared values and purpose, and working together to empower people to help themselves towards a fulfilling future.

Democracy - Ensuring each person an equal opportunity to thought and action in the organization



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