

# The Monthly Meal



Henrico Community Food Bank's Newsletter- February Edition



**We served 7,200 pounds of  
food to families in Henrico  
County Public Schools!**

# Because of you, families in Henrico had access to healthy meals this Winter Break



In a truly cross-community collaboration, 92 volunteers ensured Henrico Public School families had the food items needed to get through the winter break, when students aren't able to get meals at school. Here's a message from Chris Wade, HCPS Community Engagement & Partnerships Coordinator on this collaboration where together we distributed 7,200 pounds of food.

“My favorite part of helping execute the winter distribution was seeing families smiling, and thankful for receiving food they needed.

It was extremely fulfilling to see all the hard work and time that we collectively put in to make this happen to be a success.

Working in collaboration with HCFB is very important to the Department of Family and Community Engagement. So many families in our community are facing food insecurity, and it's our duty to meet the needs of those families where they are. HCFB makes the process of impacting our families more effective because they have the infrastructure in place to efficiently help us get food to those in need.

Donating to HCFB, whether it be food or financial, is tremendously impactful to the Henrico community. There are families with food vulnerability within the county, whom often go unseen or overlooked. HCFB is an essential resource to these families, serving them with care, dignity, and respect. Your support goes directly to providing adequate nutrition to those that need it most.

# 2025 is Proving Hard For Many Henrico Families. You can help.

For many families, budgets are getting tighter and tighter each year and many in our community are struggling to make ends meet. The cost of food continues to rise, a challenge for many people, and this also puts financial strain for food banks, like HCFB, who need to purchase food items to offset donations monthly. Changes to financial assistance programs, rising unemployment, and the high utility bills that come with several months of cold weather are leaving many members of our Henrico community struggling now more than ever.

**A \$25 donation  
provides healthy  
meals to our  
neighbors in need  
this year!**

**Donate below!**



Many people turn to their local food banks as a way to ensure that food is one less thing they need to worry about buying when money is tight.

Since the start of the year, HCFB has responded to a record 120 calls requesting new food assistance support. With increasing costs and an increasing number of requests, your generosity and care has never gone farther in the effort to support our neighbors who are struggling right now.

You are the reason we can be there for our neighbors during hard times.

Your contribution now will go straight to work, meeting the rising need in our community.

Make your gift today and give the gift of food to a neighbor in need!

# Amplifying Your Impact!

Workplace Giving is a great way to support  
Henrico Community Food Bank

Have you ever wondered how you might be able to stretch your impact beyond what your current budget allows? Me too! Then I realized I could apply for a grant with the parent company of my organization. We are halfway across the country from the Enterprise Mobility headquarters, but they gave to Henrico Community Food Bank (HCFB) the very first time I completed a grant request to support our work. We are so grateful to qualify for the Fill Your Tank giving program.



Fueling Communities  
Through **Fill Your Tank**

HCFB is also included in Enterprise Mobility's employee giving "Stronger Together" campaign. Employees can support HCFB with a financial donation no matter where they live in the country. And Enterprise Mobility matches the employee donations at 50%.

Now my giving is amplified by the Fill Your Tank grant, employee giving, and the employer match!

Does your employer have one or both of these giving programs? You might be surprised to learn what HCFB could qualify for, even if your company's headquarters isn't located in Henrico County or in Virginia.



# Thank You to the Team at South State Bank for and Amazing Volunteer Day!

We are so grateful to the fast working volunteer team at South State Bank who made quick work of sorting more than 3,800 pounds of food donations at our administrative hub, to organize and prepare our shelf stable items and prepare them for distribution. It truly takes a village! Thank you so much for spending your time with us!



## ...And a Very Special Thank You to Rosendin Foundation for Funding Our Work!

We are beyond grateful to the Rosendin Foundation for including us as a nonprofit recipient for their Annual Granting Day! The Foundations generous contribution will allow Henrico Community Food Bank to expand our capacity to serve new households facing food insecurity in Henrico County, and ultimately allow us to feed more individuals in need in our community. Thank you, Rosendin Foundation!

# A Humbled Thank You to Our Donors

*We are so grateful for your contribution!*

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