

The ^{Tri-}M^onthly Meal



Henrico Community Food Bank's Newsletter- Summer Edition



**You distributed 2,710 pounds
of food at our May Food
Distribution!**

A great collaboration with HCPS-FACE made this day a smashing success!

Sixteen fabulous volunteers gave up their Saturday and donated 66 hours of time to pack bags and distribute them at our May Food Distribution last month.



This food distribution was hosted in partnership with Henrico Public Schools Family and Community Engagement (FACE) at the new FACE facility at Virginia Randolph Academy. We provided 2,710 pounds of shelf stable items and fresh produce to 338 of our neighbors in need. Thank you to everyone who made this event a smashing success!



Board Member Tanya Brackett on What HCFB's Work Means To Her

When did you first get involved with HCFB?

As a graduate of the Leadership Metro Richmond (LMR) program, my group project focused on food insecurities within our region. In doing the research for the project, I learned of the many areas within our region have food insecurities and getting access to food. The learning experience truly opens my mind to understanding the issues and concerns that our families are faced with. After completing LMR I was asked if I would be interested in joining the HCFB and I jumped at the opportunity to help in anyway possible, particular in Henrico.

Access to food is a basic human need, when you don't have food enough food to eat, it affects your health, education, ability to work, and overall quality of life. Hunger can prevent children from reaching their full potential and can keep families trapped in poverty, particular in our black and brown communities.

I wish more people in our community knew how our Food Bank differs from many other in the region,



most people don't know the families we help the food is delivered directly to them, ensuring our families are served, there are numerous events we hold to make sure our center is capable and stocked in order to serve the needs of our growing families.

Every donation, whether it be monetary or food should take the opportunity to donate to our food bank, I truly say we never know what situation or circumstances we will find ourselves in will need the help of an organization such as HCFB. The food and all monetary donations go directly to the food bank to serve our community here in Henrico.

Summer Bowl Success! Thank You Henrico County!

This Summer marks the fourth annual County Summer Bowl, where the Henrico County government departments compete against each other to collect the most shelf stable grocery items- all to support Henrico Community Food Bank.

This year, the county collected over 4,075.3 pounds of food equating to 2,717 meals that feed our neighbors in need, with 19 county departments participating. Thank you to the county employees for your continued support!





Summer Can Jam 2026

July 1 - August 15

We are excited for our annual summer food drive!



Items Needed:

- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Sides (rice, potatoes, etc)

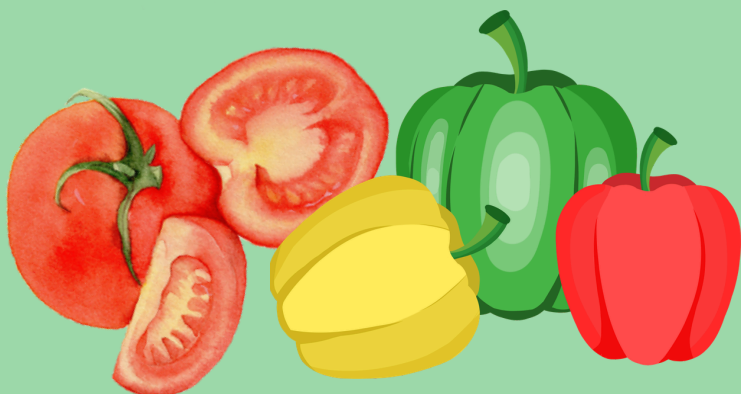


Winning Team will be announced August 24, 2026

What's Growing in Our Garden?

It was a flurry of activity bright and early to beat the scorching heat! Volunteers tilled, weeded, hauled soil and planted the summer garden.

What are we growing this year? Tomatoes, bell peppers, cucumbers, beans, eggplant, okra and basil! We are keeping our fingers crossed for a great growing season!



McKinney Vento Summer Partnership!

For another summer, HCFB supported the Henrico County Public Schools McKinney-Vento team by providing 200 bags for their summer pop up events starting in June.

Each bag contained ready to eat items like cereal, cup o noodles, granola bars, soup, veggies, and mac n cheese along with our information should they need further assistance.

The summer is a hard time on many families. When school stops for the season, and with it school day meals, many family turn to foodbanks and food assistance programs to help.

Partnerships with programs like McKinney - Vento allow HCFB to provide additional ongoing support to households during the summer months.



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We are so grateful for your contribution!

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