

ANNUAL REPORT **FY2025**



OUR VISION

A caring community that ensures no one in Northeast Louisiana goes hungry.

OUR MISSION

To provide food, hope, and dignity to our neighbors who struggle with hunger, and lead the movement to alleviate hunger through education, collaboration, and advocacy.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Food insecurity is a complex issue, but at the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, we believe feeding people is a simple act of love.

Our community continues to have some of the highest food insecurity numbers in the nation. In our 12-parish service region, 1 in 5 of our neighbor's face hunger, including 1 in 3 children.

That includes neighbors like Sissy, who we met at a Community Partner in Lincoln Parish. Sissy is a devoted mother of three and works fulltime as a housekeeper at a local hotel.

When Sissy isn't working, she enjoys spending time at home with her kids. But like many families in our community, Sissy faces the challenges of affording the high cost of food to feed her family.

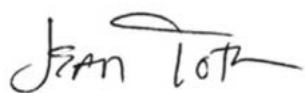
The groceries she receives each month from the Food Bank help her feed her kids while also allowing her to extend her budget.

"The food helps out a lot," she shared with us. "It helps me to make ends meet."

Stories like Sissy's remind us that hunger is not just a statistic. It affects our friends, coworkers, members of our church family and our local veterans.

Thank you for working alongside us to ensure everyone in Northeast Louisiana has reliable access to nutritious food.

Jean Toth
Executive Director



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What Your Support Made Possible in FY25

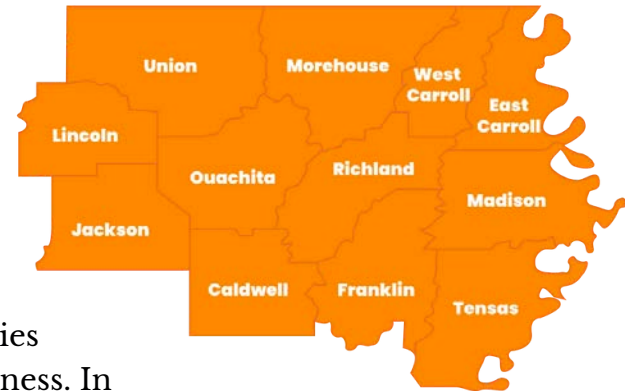
Because of generous community support, thousands of our neighbors across Northeast Louisiana had access to nutritious food in FY25.

Together, we served families and individuals across the 12 parishes of Northeast Louisiana, distributing nearly 8.4 million pounds of food to our neighbors facing hunger. That represents a 15 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

More than 1.1 million pounds of fresh produce was distributed, giving children, seniors and working families access to healthier options that support long-term wellness. In total, your generosity helped provide the equivalent of 7,998,798 meals to our community.

With your support, the Food Bank partnered with about 60 nonprofits who operate food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens, ensuring food reached people quickly and efficiently. These partnerships allow your dollars to go further, turning compassion into coordinated action.

In FY25, you didn't just help distribute food, you helped build stability, restore hope and remind our community that no one faces hunger alone. Thank you for standing with the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana and for making this impact possible.



FY25 BY THE NUMBERS

Meeting the Need in Our Community



8,367,418

total pounds distributed



1,119,466

lbs of produce distributed



7,998,798

meals provided



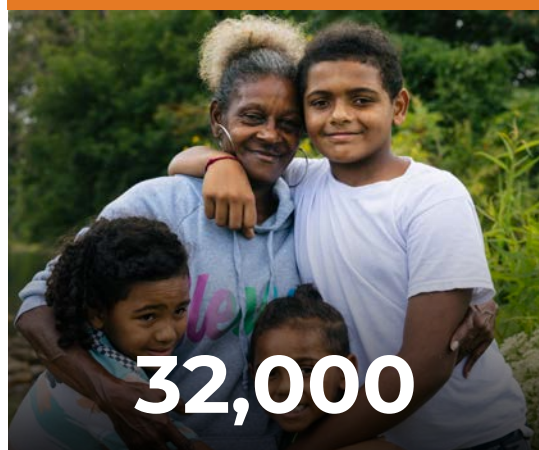
31,927

BackPacks provided to kids



19,284

senior boxes distributed



32,000

people served monthly

In
Northeast
Louisiana,

69,080

people face hunger

That's 1 in 5
adults...



...and 1 in 3
children



Louisiana
is ranked

4th

in food insecurity
across the nation

3rd

in food insecurity
among children

3rd

in food insecurity
among seniors

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Stories from Our Community



Each morning, Gayla wakes up and drives 30 miles to take her 13-year-old daughter to school before going to take care of her mother.

Because her mother's health requires frequent care, Gayla is unable to work full time. Her husband's income helps, but it often isn't enough to cover their needs.

Gayla now turns to a Food Bank Community Partner in East Carroll Parish, where she receives groceries that help stretch her budget.

"The food helps, especially at the end of the month," Gayla said.

Tidie retired in 2021 and has been spending his retirement resting and focusing on his health. Due to high living costs, Tidie faces the possibility of not being able to afford his medications and the groceries after paying his monthly bills.

Tidie turned to a Food Bank Community Partner in West Monroe and received an assortment of nutritious groceries. He now uses the Food Bank as a source of support when finances get tight.

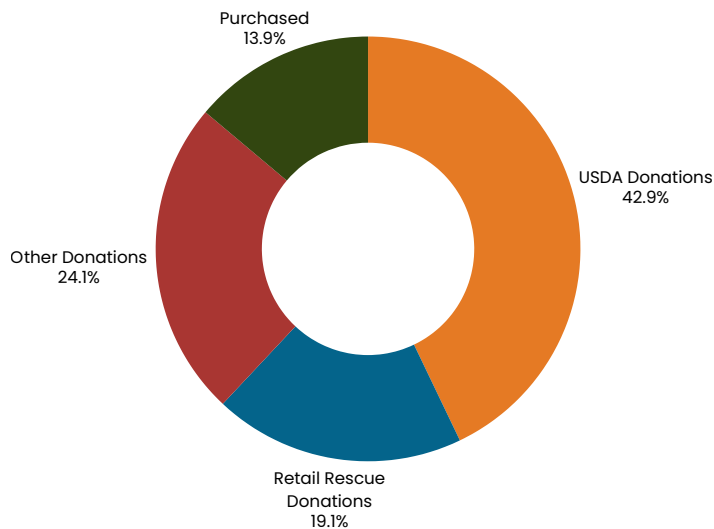
"It helps me a lot," he told us. "When I get a decent amount of food, it can last me almost three weeks."



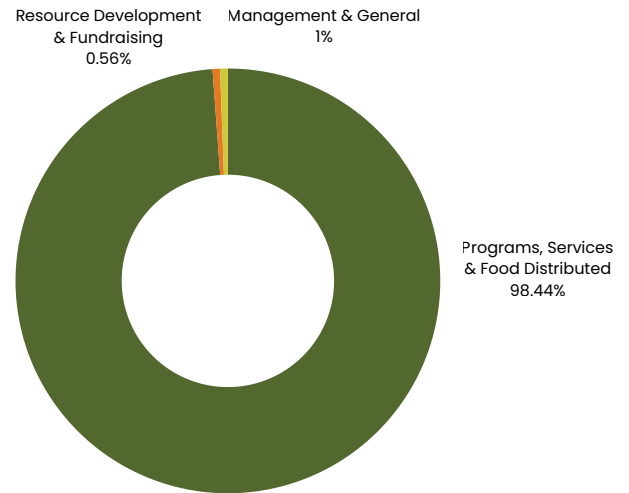
FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

For every \$1 donated, the Food Bank is able to provide the food equivalent of about three meals.

Where Our Food Comes From



How We Use Our Resources



Support & Revenue	FY25
Contributions	\$2,568,473.00
Government Support	\$605,521.00
Pledges	\$68,207.00
Fees and Misc Income	\$2,903,523.00
Total Revenue	\$6,145,724.00
Value of Food and Commodities	\$11,335,719.00
Total Support	\$17,481,443.00

Expenses	FY25
Programs, Services & Food Distributed	\$14,118,784.00
Resource Development & Fundraising	\$80,497.00
Management & General Expenses	\$84,548.00
Total Expenses	\$14,283,829.00
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$10,134,018.00
Change in Net Assets	\$3,197,614.00
Net Assets, End of Year	\$13,331,632.00



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Donate Funds

Your financial gift helps the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana meet urgent community needs and carry out our mission every day. We accept the following types of gifts:

- Check, Credit Card, Cash, Paypal
- Donor Advised Funds
- IRA Charitable Rollover / QCD
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Appreciated Securities

Join Our Legacy Society

With thoughtful planning, you can help families facing food insecurity thrive. Including the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana in your will or estate plan creates a lasting legacy and helps address hunger at its roots.

Visit foodbanknela.org/legacysociety to learn more

Volunteer

Volunteers are at the heart of our mission. By sorting, packing, or distributing food, you help provide meals to neighbors facing hunger and make a real difference in our community.

Sign up today at foodbanknela.org/volunteer

Other Ways to Help: Donate Food; Attend Our Events; Advocate; Join Our Monthly Donor Club. Learn more at foodbanknela.org





"To help people who are in need of food is one of the best things you can do."

– Barbara, Richland Parish

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