



LOWCOUNTRY
FOOD BANK

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2025



Meeting the Need. Every Day.

Letter from the President & CEO



As we reflect on the past year and the impact we have made together, I am filled with gratitude for the community that makes our work possible. This annual impact report highlights the progress we achieved in 2025 on behalf of neighbors we serve across coastal South Carolina, even amid continued uncertainty.

Families continue to face rising costs, economic pressures, and changing circumstances that can make it difficult to put food on the table. Yet, through every challenge, **one thing has remained constant: our commitment to our neighbors.** Guided by our mission and strengthened by the generosity of our community, we will continue working to ensure that every neighbor has access to the food and resources they need—not only today, but for years to come.

Our Mission is Reflected in the Work We Do for our Neighbors

At the heart of everything we do is **our mission to unite our community in pursuit of equitable, dignified, and consistent access to food.** As you read this report, you will see that mission reflected in the partnerships we strengthened, the innovations we embraced, and the millions of meals distributed throughout our region. **Together, we are advancing our vision of a nourished and thriving coastal South Carolina, guided by our values of integrity, respect, commitment, equity, collaboration, and kindness.**

In 2025, we proudly distributed more than **42 million pounds of food** and essential products—the equivalent of more than **35 million meals.** Behind those numbers are neighbors facing challenges with resilience and determination, and a community that continues to come together in support of one another. Throughout the year, we focused on meeting neighbors where they are, listening closely to their evolving needs, and adapting our approach to better serve them.



Nick Osborne

Nick Osborne
President & CEO



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WHO WE ARE

Mission: To unite our community in pursuit of equitable, dignified, and consistent access to food.

Vision: A nourished and thriving coastal South Carolina.

Values: Integrity, Respect, Commitment, Equity, Collaboration, Kindness

Guiding Principals: Feed. Advocate. Empower.



2025 IMPACT

42.4

Millions Pounds Of Food And
Essential Items Distributed

35+

Million Meals Distributed

200,000+

Neighbors Served

19.4

Million Pounds Of
Produce Distributed

16.6

Million Pounds of Food From Retailers
That Would Otherwise Go to Waste

225,233

Meals Prepared in the
Zucker Family Production Kitchen

145,775

Senior And Adult Meals
Distributed

1.9

Million pounds of food
distributed at mobile pantry and
Fresh for All distributions



- 39% Retail Partners
- 20% USDA
- 19% Produce (Local & Regional Farms)
- 13% Local Donors
- 7% Purchased
- 2% National



- 46% Corporate Support
- 22% Individual Gifts
- 17% Grants
- 11% Federal Funding
- 3% Special Events
- 1% In-Kind and United Way

96%

Of Our Charitable Dollars Are Spent
On Direct Programs And Services

315,000

Miles Driven By
LCFB Trucks

240

Partner Agencies Distribute Food To Our
Neighbors Who Experience Food Insecurity

53,204

Volunteer Hours Worked

185,600

Contacts Reached Through
Nutrition Education

64,555

Boxes Packed In The Lowcountry
Food Bank Volunteer Center

89,586

BackPack Buddies Packs
Distributed at 58 School Partners



LCFB Consistently Meeting the Highest Standards of Excellence

Since 2015, our three regional facilities have consistently earned exceptional AIB scores, reflecting a decade of excellence in food safety and quality. These results reflect our ongoing commitment to providing safe, high-quality food for our neighbors.



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Strengthening Food Access Through Our Partner Agency Network

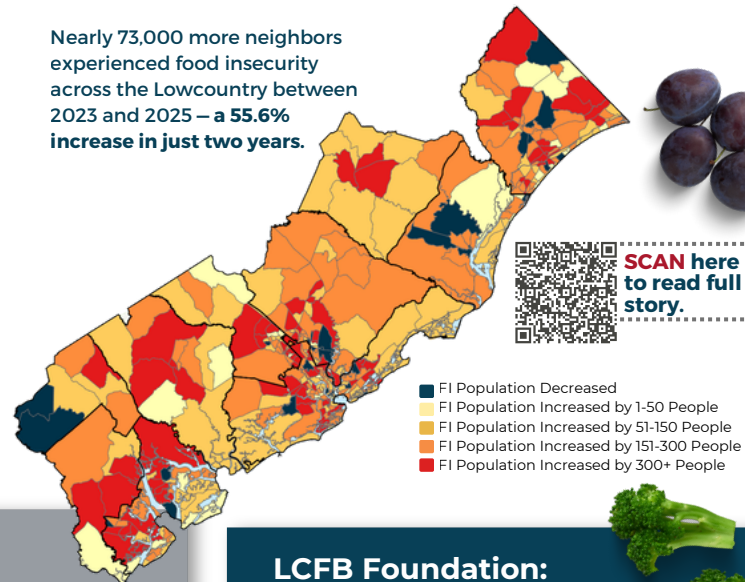
Providing neighbors with dignified, consistent access to food is at the heart of our mission – and it wouldn't be possible without our network of dedicated partner agencies.

At Lowcountry Food Bank, we source food to support our communities, but it is our partner agencies that distribute the majority of it. **In fact, 93% of the food we procure reaches neighbors directly through these trusted local organizations.** Together, these partnerships form the backbone of our approach to address food insecurity across the Lowcountry.

Food Insecurity Is Rising Across Coastal South Carolina

This map illustrates the growing rates of food insecurity across our service area from 2023 to 2025. Nearly every census tract had an increase in neighbors who experienced food insecurity during this period – reversing much of the progress made prior to COVID-19. Overall, food insecurity across our service area rose by 55.6%, representing nearly 73,000 additional neighbors facing uncertainty about where their next meal will come from. We expect these numbers to continue rising due to reductions in federal nutrition support, persistent inflation, increasing food and freight costs, and ongoing economic uncertainty. These pressures place additional strain on families and hunger-relief organizations across the Lowcountry.

Nearly 73,000 more neighbors experienced food insecurity across the Lowcountry between 2023 and 2025 – a **55.6% increase in just two years.**



Ready When Disaster Strikes

When emergencies impact our region, LCFB serves as a critical link between donated food and the people who need it most. Our Disaster Response Team ensures that food and other essential grocery items and needed supplies can move quickly and safely into communities affected by a disaster. In partnership with the Feeding America network, Feeding the Carolinas, select LCFB partner agencies and other emergency relief organizations, we proactively coordinate the receipt, storage, and distribution of food and supplies across the counties we serve as needed.

STREET TEAM Volunteers Extend LCFB's Reach Across the Lowcountry

The Lowcountry Food Bank Street Team is a dedicated group of volunteers who help bring LCFB's mission into communities across the 10 coastal South Carolina counties we serve. By representing LCFB at public and private events, the Street Team raises awareness about food insecurity and connects neighbors with helpful information. Whether attending Dorchester Paws Pet Community Day, the Summerville YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, or other local events, Street Team volunteers create meaningful opportunities for community engagement.



LCFB Foundation: Feeding Generations

Since 2021, the Lowcountry Food Bank Foundation has managed and invested monetary gifts, helping build long-term community support and financial stability, and provided a dependable source of annual income. Donors can direct their gifts to one of two endowment funds: **1) Kipp Helping Kids** – this endowment fund provides lasting support for childhood feeding and nutrition education programs, helping children and families access healthy meals and resources they need to thrive; and **2) the general operating endowment** – to help fund feeding programs, essential equipment, infrastructure, and critical projects that support Lowcountry Food Bank.



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Community Engagement in Action

At Lowcountry Food Bank, community engagement helps us better understand the challenges our neighbors face and connects them with the food and resources they need to thrive. By listening directly to people in the communities we serve, building strong partnerships, and advocating for access to nutritious food for all, we work to address both the immediate hunger need for food and the root causes of food insecurity. Only by doing both can we end hunger in the Lowcountry.



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THE FOOD BANK AT WORK

FOOD SOURCES & FUNDS



COLLECTED & SORTED



DISTRIBUTED TO



TURNING STRATEGY INTO IMPACT: Examples across our four strategic priorities

FOOD FOR TODAY



Strengthening Community Food Access Through Retail Partnerships

Retail partnerships helped us recover over 16.6 million pounds of food last year, a 28% increase over 2024.

ENGAGING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY



With Food Access Comes Peace of Mind

Learn how our neighbors find the nourishment, support, and strength they need to thrive.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES



Food Lockers Unlock Access to Healthy Food

Food lockers expand access to healthy food and helped us distribute nearly 70,000 pounds of food to 1,600 families in 2025.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



Expanding Service and Strengthening Communities

Our new Southern Region Facility expands food access, strengthens partnerships, and improves emergency response in the southernmost counties we serve.

Strengthening Food Security

««« HOW WE ARE RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD »»»

Food insecurity is at its highest level in 20 years. Rising costs and ongoing disruptions continue to impact families, farmers, and food systems across the Southeast. Here's how we will continue advancing the needs of the neighbors we serve in the midst of this ever - changing environment.

KEY CHALLENGES:

COST OF FOOD

COST OF TRANSPORTATION

COST OF LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

COST OF CLIMATE IMPACTS

OUR SOLUTIONS:

Increase produce partnerships to distribute at least 40% fresh fruits and vegetables.

Improve route efficiency and warehouse operations to reduce costs.

Diversify food sourcing to stabilize supply.

Support agricultural partnerships to ensure long-term resilience.

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Charleston, SC 29405
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Hours:
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for partner agencies