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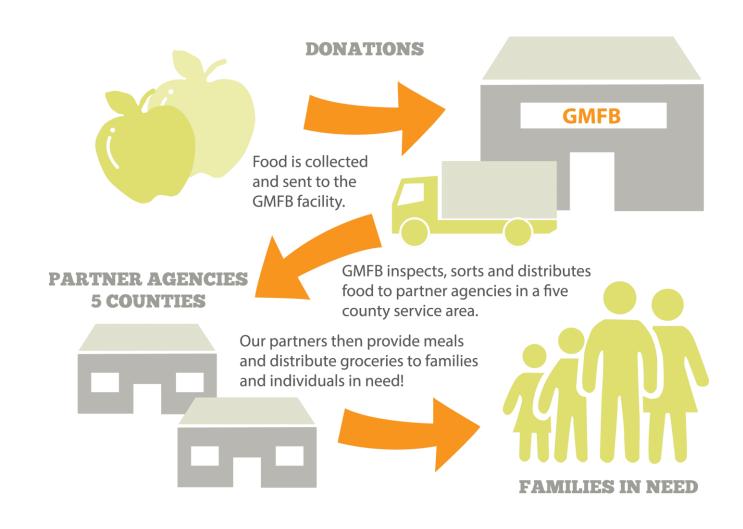


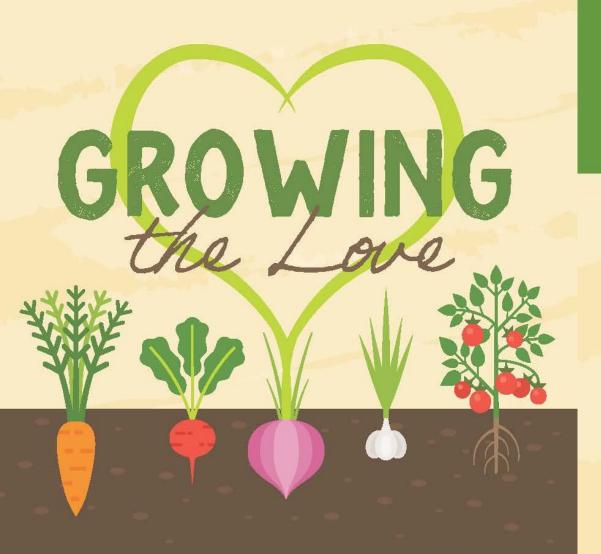
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# **Boomershine Family Distribution Center**

- Founded in 2007 by the North Georgia Community Foundation
- Incorporated in Georgia and contracted with Atlanta Community Food Bank in 2007
- First distributions received at Hollis Transport and Logistics in Flowery Branch Georgia, October 2008
- Broke ground on GMFB's first and current home November 2011
- Ribbon cutting & occupancy August 2012, 1642 Calvary Industrial Drive SW
- Almost 60 million pounds of food distributed since operation began

## **HOW IT WORKS?**



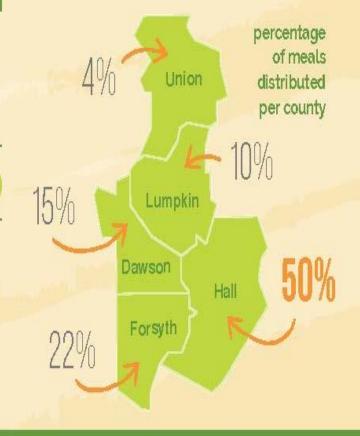








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# Feeding America's Map The Meal Gap



For the eleventh consecutive year, Feeding America conducted the annual *Map the Meal Gap* study to improve our understanding of food insecurity and food costs at the local level. The most recent release is based on data from 2019.

For Georgia Mountain Food Bank, the 2019 data show a short fall of 9 million meals (Dawson, Forsyth, Hall, Lumpkin and Union counties). We use missing meals to develop effective strategies to reach people at risk of hunger.

In FY21, GMFB distributed 5,750,000 meals. We have more than 3 million meals to close the gap on hunger in our service area.

# We must protect our safety net programs



The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) works to end hunger and obesity through the administration of 15 federal nutrition assistance programs including WIC, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and school meals.

In partnership with state and tribal governments, our programs serve one in four Americans during the course of a year. Working with our public, private and non-profit partners, our mission is to increase food security and reduce hunger by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthful diet and nutrition education in a way that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

No American should have to go hungry.

### SNAP OUTREACH – PROGRAM INFO ACTIVITY

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

- SNAP is the cornerstone the nation's nutrition assistance safety net, and is one of the most powerful tools available to ensure low-income people have access to healthy, affordable food. Research has shown that SNAP reduces food insecurity and lifts millions of people out of poverty each year.
- Program informational activities, or SNAP outreach activities, are a critical tool to ensure vulnerable populations are aware of the availability, eligibility requirements, application procedures, and benefits of the SNAP program.



#### **DOLLAR STORE EXPANSION**

Sale inexpensive product

Some food – mainly processed food for a longer shelf life

Very little, if any fresh food, or fruits and vegetables\* although there is some movement to offer more produce as a trial in a small percentage of stores.

There are 42 "Brand" Dollar Stores in the Georgia Mountain Food Bank

service area. If successful with produce, this will have a huge impact on access to more healthy food for thousands here in northeast Georgia.

# Partnerships with Farmers Markets



There is at least one farmers market in each of our five counties.

Potential partners

Are there significant barrier to accepting EBT?

How many are seasonal or open all year long?

Cost to purchase – easy to negotiate? Implement "grow an extra row"?

# GMFB Build Agency Capacity & Programs

- To distribute more fresh and frozen food through our agency network, we must first build their capacity. Increasing the times of service, and the number of times a client can visit. Increase storage capacity. Increase access.
- To distribute more fresh and frozen food through our programs, such as Neighborhood Fresh and Mobile Food Pantries, we must build our capacity and build relationships.



# Growing the love together



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