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Fast Facts

Community Food Bank distributes more than 10 million pounds of food through member partnerships with more than 200 agencies.

Through our network of member partners we serve nearly 75,000 people every week in Fresno, Madera and Kings Counties

Since 1992, Community Food Bank has been supporting partnerships to create a hunger free Central Valley in our service area.

Community Food Bank manages:

- The Food Bank Pantry Program - Solicitation, acquisition, warehousing and distribution of donated, purchased and rescued food for food insecure families and individuals.
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program - USDA commodities for Fresno County through 40 distribution sites.
- Nutritional Education Program – Providing information about healthy eating and lifestyles to individuals and groups of all ages.
- Food Stamp Outreach Program – Assisting eligible individuals in obtaining consistent access to supplemental food.

Community Food Bank is a proud member of the Feeding America which provides:

- Rigorous standards and accountability for food handling and safety and product tracking for product donors.
- Information to donors to prevent usable food from being wasted.
- A unified voice to raise awareness of hunger issues.

Community Food Bank is supported by private foundations, corporations, faith-based organizations, individuals, United Way of Fresno County, and local, state and federal government agencies.

Because of the relationships established with growers, food distributors, etc., Community Food Bank can turn one donated dollar into eight dollars worth of food.



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*Our Vision:
To Create a Hunger Free Central Valley*

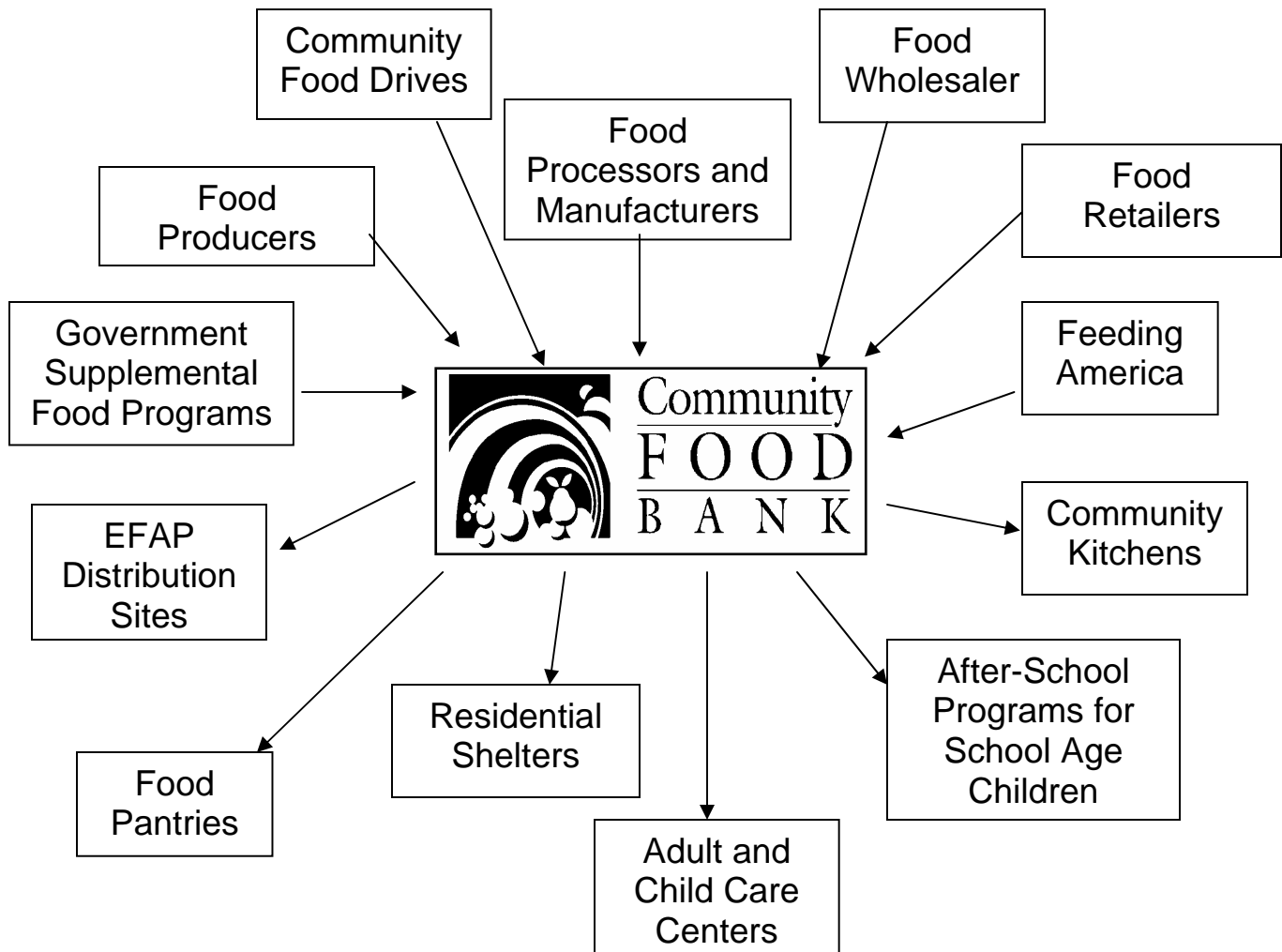
*Our Mission:
To address the immediate nutritional
needs and provide sustainable solutions
for the food insecure through the
operation of an efficient food acquisition
and distribution system, community
outreach and public education.*



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Where does the food come from? Where does it go?





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History

Community Food Bank began to serve the community in May 1992 with the name Food Opportunities Organization and Distribution, Inc., or F.O.O.D., Inc. The food bank was formed through the efforts of a steering committee of United Way. The first food distributions were made in April 1993 from the food bank's temporary home in the Photography Building at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

In 1994, F.O.O.D., Inc., became the local management agency for the U.S.D.A. Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) and became a recipient of funds to support the provision of emergency food for the local FEMA Board. The following year, F.O.O.D., Inc., merged with Fresh Food Link, a group started within Fresno Farm Bureau to direct raw farm products into the food bank network. In 1995, the food bank moved to a larger facility just southeast of downtown Fresno.

In early 1997, F.O.O.D. Inc. changed its name and began doing business as Community Food Bank and became a certified affiliate of Feeding America—the Nation's Food Bank Network, which is the nation's largest charitable hunger-relief organization. This affiliation, along with increased cooperation with other food banks throughout the state, made much more food available and allowed Community Food Bank to greatly increase food distributions.

In September 2000, CFB relocated to a 30,000 square foot Distribution Center at 210 North Thorne Avenue, near Roeding Park in Fresno. In 2003, we were able to acquire the entire build which gave us a total of 48,000 square feet to store product. In 2005, we were able to complete our Freezer and Cooler Project. Through the efforts of local business and community members we were able to finally accept donations of frozen and perishable products.

Community Food Bank has continued to grow through the leadership and guidance of its Board of Directions and serve more food insecure people. To accommodate the growth we needed to find another location. In May of 2007, we complete our move to the current location of 3403 E. Central Ave. in Fresno. We are very excited about the new distribution center and our expanded opportunities to meet the needs of our neighbors in the Central Valley.



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Programs

Pantry Program - We oversee a network of community-based organizations to provide food to hungry children, families, individuals and the elderly. Purchased and donated food comes from many sources – food producers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers – locally and through the national network of food banks known as Feeding America. Our network member partners distribute the food to hungry people in their area.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) - It is a program of the USDA that helps to supplement the diets of low-income individuals, in Fresno County, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. We distribute the food received from USDA to member partners throughout the county. These partners – which include food pantries, shelters, community centers and community kitchens – distribute the commodities for household consumption or use them to prepare and serve meals in a group setting. Clients in this program must meet state income eligibility criteria.

Kids Cafe - It is a national after school program that provides children with a safe place to go to and nutritious meals to eat before they go home. The program also provides them with tutoring, nutrition education and mentoring, physical activities and life skills.

Nutrition Education and Food Stamp Outreach - We are actively involved in teaching the community about proper nutrition as part of a healthy lifestyle. We also partner with Fresno County and our partner pantries to provide food stamp application assistance training to our clients.

Hunger 101 - Hunger 101 is an interactive presentation that shows you the true face of hunger in the Central Valley. It is an exciting class presented to students, businesses and other organizations during the class session, business meeting, etc. The goal is to understand the tough decisions many of our neighbors make everyday just to feed their families and how we can make a difference in their lives.

Mobile Pantry Program - Mobile Pantry promotes the importance of a healthy lifestyle to low income children, parents and seniors through Community Food Bank's service area. We provide participants valuable information about healthy eating, they learn fun ways to exercise and we provide them with a bag of healthy groceries.

Neighborhood Markets - A supplement to our other services, this program brings fresh produce and other kinds of food directly into the community, "farmers market" style so that individuals can choose which foods they want.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an essential resource for Community Food Bank! Volunteer labor helps to get food into the community faster and keeps our operating costs to a minimum. Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Teresa Thomas, at (559) 234-3663 ext 106, to ask how you can become of a member of this important team and help create a hunger free Central Valley.

Examples of volunteer opportunities are....

Distribution Center Assistant – Volunteers help in the Distribution Center by...

- ❖ Sorting donated food
- ❖ Filling agency food orders
- ❖ Assisting with delivery of orders and pick-up of donations
- ❖ Repairing and maintaining Distribution Center and equipment

Office Assistant – Volunteers help out in the office in various ways by...

- ❖ Typing / word processing / data entry
- ❖ Filing
- ❖ Copying
- ❖ Answering phones
- ❖ Basic bookkeeping

Kids Cafe Helper – Volunteers must submit to an interviewing process, which includes fingerprinting and a background check

- ❖ Walk children from school site to Kids Cafe site
- ❖ Tutor/assist children with homework
- ❖ Facilitate enriching activities i.e.: physical, cultural, etc.

Intern – Specialized experience, providing opportunity for real life application to academic learning and goals



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