

FEEDING
AMERICA +



SOLVING HUNGER TODAY ENDING HUNGER TOMORROW

Knit for Food Knit-a-thon
February 12, 2022

**IN YOUR
COMMUNITY AND
ACROSS THE
NATION, PEOPLE
FACE HUNGER.**

**FOR FEEDING
AMERICA,
NEIGHBORS ARE
AT THE CENTER
OF EVERYTHING
WE DO.**





Hunger Is a Devastating Reality



In 2020



60M OR **1** IN EVERY **5**
PEOPLE

sought charitable food assistance,
an increase of 50% over the prior year

Who We Are

A proven leader in hunger relief



As the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, Feeding America is leading the charge to end hunger in America.



Charity
Navigator



Accredited
Business

99%

Charitable
Commitment
Rating

2nd

Largest
Domestic
Charity
Forbes



Gold Seal of
Transparency
from GuideStar

Fighting Hunger on the Local and National Level



In **your community**, your local food bank distributes millions of meals each year.



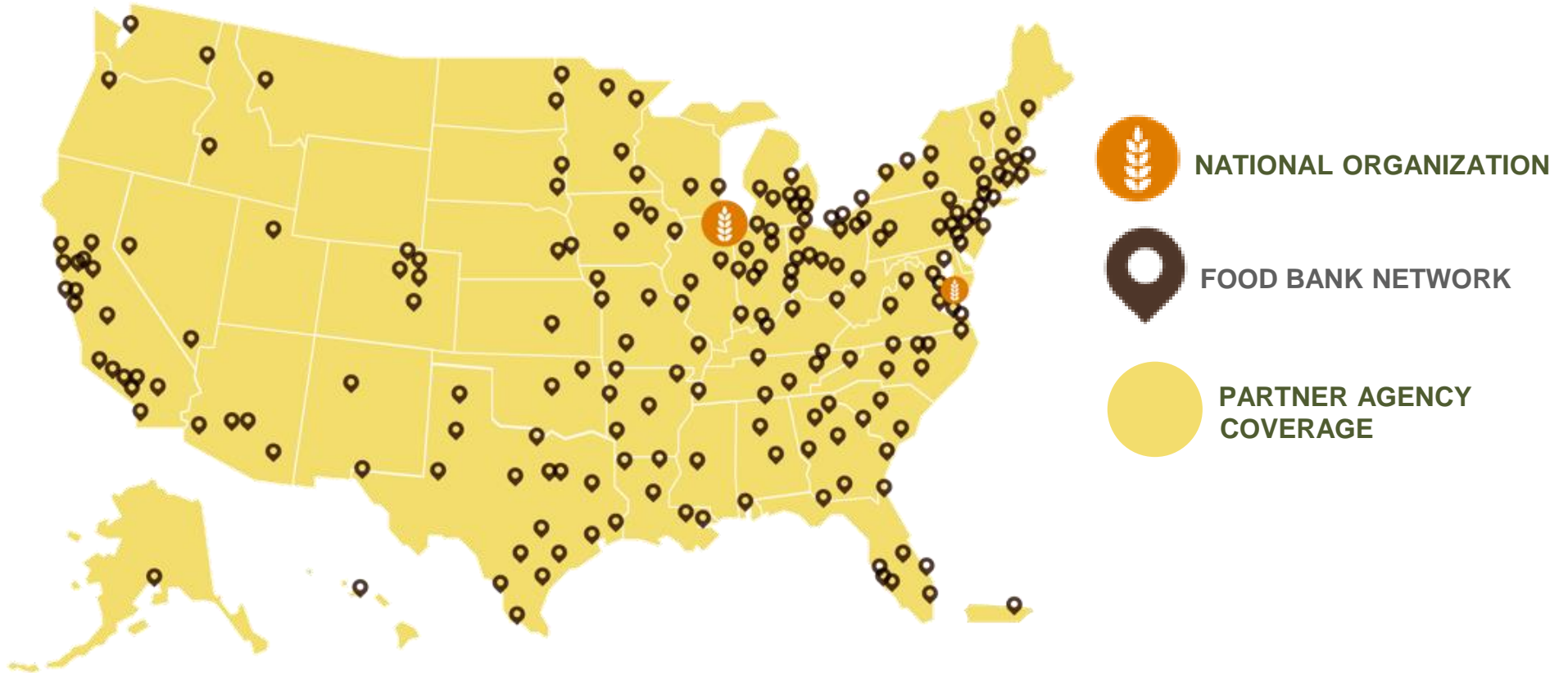
Nationally, Feeding America supports food banks by connecting funds, food, expertise and partners so food banks can feed more people today and help communities build better futures.



Together, we are bigger, better and stronger than the sum of our parts.

Where We Are

We serve every community across the U.S.



Find your local food bank at <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

How We Work



200

Food banks

+

21

Statewide food bank
associations

+

60,000

Partner agencies, food pantries
and meal programs



Surplus
food



Local
food banks



60,000
meal programs



Tens of millions of
people served

Feeding America's Impact

In 2020



Helped
**TENS OF
MILLIONS
OF
PEOPLE**
in America



Reached
**EVERY
COUNTY**
in the U.S.



Provided
6.6B
meals



Rescued
4.7B
pounds
of groceries
from going to
waste



Enabled
226M
meals
through
SNAP
application
assistance

Hunger in America

IN 2020

38M

PEOPLE FACED HUNGER

THAT'S

1 IN 8

INDIVIDUALS



Economic and Social Drivers Lead to Food Insecurity

HOUSEHOLDS ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY IF...



They include **Black, Latino and Native American** individuals



They include **children**



They are headed by a **single parent**, especially if the parent is female



A child or parent is **disabled**



A member is the **veteran** of a recent war

ADDITIONAL DRIVERS OF FOOD INSECURITY...



Unemployment



Income shocks



Fewer assets



High living costs

Our Nation's Children Are at Risk

LAST YEAR,
FOOD INSECURITY
AFFECTED

12M

CHILDREN

THAT'S

1 IN 6

CHILDREN



Seniors Struggle to Access Enough Food

After a lifetime of working and raising families, 5.2 million seniors face hunger

Before the pandemic, they faced unique challenges:

- Fixed incomes
- Low SNAP participation rates
- Mobility and transportation barriers
- Physical limitations for meal prep

COVID-19 created a dire situation:

- Higher risk for illness
- Isolation
- Barriers to accessing food amidst closures and social distancing orders



People of Color Are More Likely to Face Hunger

FOOD INSECURITY AFFECTS

1 in 4

Black, non-Hispanic
individuals

1 in 5

Native American
individuals*

*Based on a five-year average, 2016-2020

1 in 5

Hispanic
individuals

1 in 13

White, non-Hispanic
individuals

COVID-19 ALSO HAS A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON THESE SAME POPULATIONS

Higher rates of:



Unemployment



Hospitalization



Mortality

Rural Counties Are Hardest Hit



63%

of U.S. counties
are rural

YET



91%

of counties with the
highest rates of
overall food insecurity
are rural

AND



86%

of the counties with the
highest rates of
child food insecurity
are rural

COVID-19: Exacerbating the Hunger Crisis

For the millions of people who already faced hunger, COVID-19 created a crisis within a crisis

- ✓ Lost wages and unemployment
- ✓ Missed school meals
- ✓ Health risks

Millions more faced hunger for the first time

40%

individuals served early in the pandemic who had never sought help before

Today, the crisis is far from over

55%

increase in people served throughout the pandemic



We were in awe. We were in tears. It has been a blessing to have those feelings during a time when we were mostly feeling panic, doubt and hopelessness. We are overjoyed, and that excitement has carried us many days.

Ferdinand, furloughed without pay during the pandemic, upon receiving food assistance from his local food bank.



The pandemic has triggered major challenges throughout everyday life

MEETING

THE CHALLENGE

TOGETHER



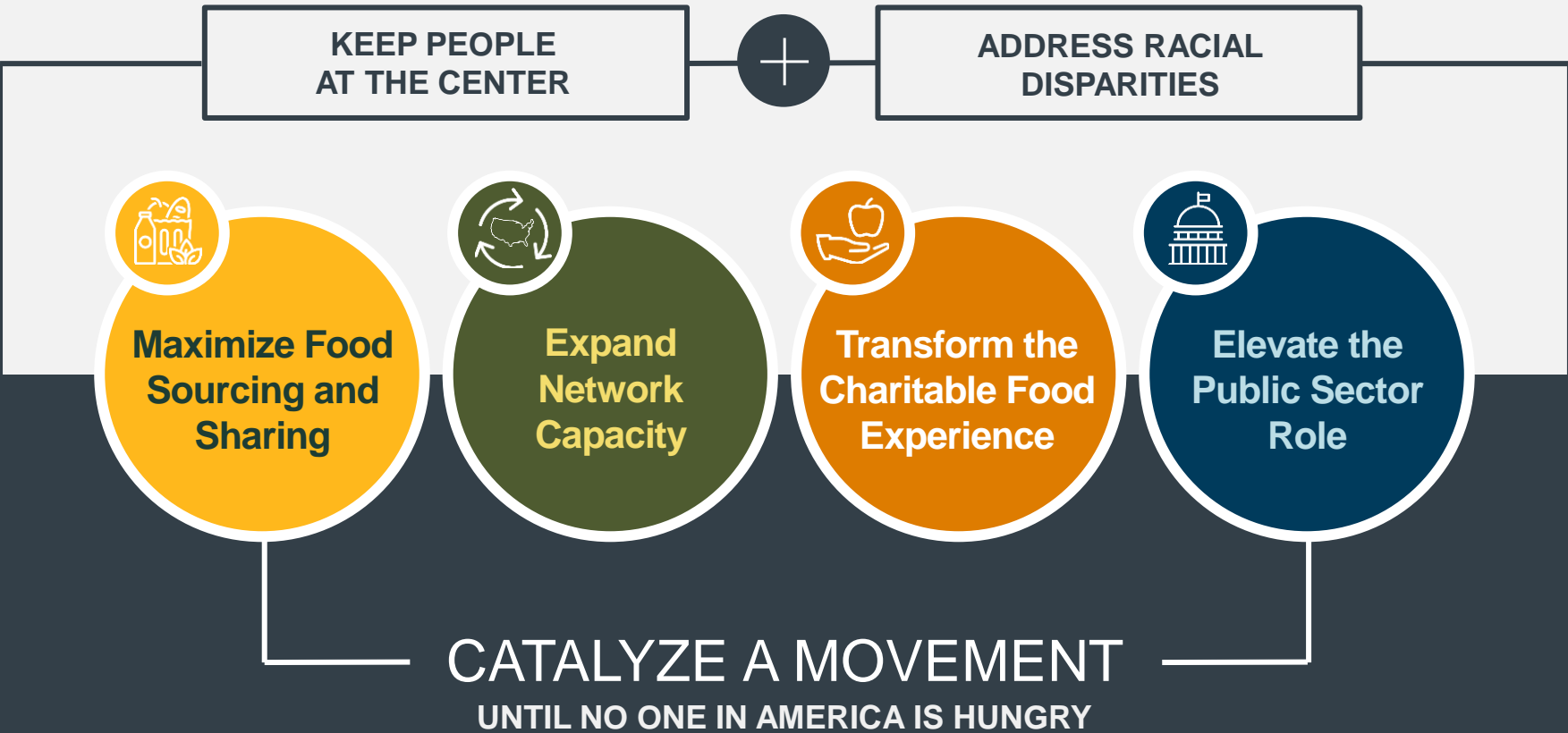
Our vision is an America where no one is hungry.

Our mission is to advance change in America by ensuring equitable access to nutritious food for all in partnership with food banks, policymakers, supporters, and the communities we serve.



Where We're Going

Our priorities to bring more meals to people facing hunger



NOW IS
THE TIME
TO MOVE
FROM
WHAT IS
TO WHAT
CAN BE.

Join us on this journey.

We Invite You to Partner with Feeding America



LEARN: Visit feedingamerica.org to learn more.



FOOD: Let us know if you have contacts in the food industry.



FUNDS: Financial donations are the most efficient way to help food banks.



FRIENDS: Use your voice to raise awareness of hunger and advocate for change.



Thank You

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