Volunteer your time and talents to fight hunger in Northeast Ohio! Volunteers are crucial to the operation of the Food Bank. Without volunteers, we could not collect, sort and repack all of the food that comes through our warehouse every day.

GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK 2019 VOLUNTEER STATS
• 21,118 volunteers
• 92,436 hours
• Equivalent of 44 full-time employees
• $2.2 million saved to invest in the community

No one in Cleveland should go hungry, especially not children or seniors. Knowing that I’m really doing something to help solve hunger…it’s so gratifying. This place makes our community better. — Kathy H, Volunteer

HOW IT ALL WORKS

COMMUNITY DONATIONS
• Food is donated by retailers, manufacturers, and food drives
• Food is acquired through government nutrition programs
• Food is purchased with funds donated by generous individuals and organizations: $1 can help provide 4 meals

GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK
• Donations arrive at our 122,000 sq. ft. facility (imagine a large Sam’s Club or Costco!)
• Volunteers sort, repackage in our warehouse, kitchen and repack center and prepare the food to be distributed to the community

PARTNER AGENCIES & PROGRAMS
• Local churches, community centers, schools, and other organizations partner with the Food Bank to order bulk food from our warehouse or meals from our kitchen

FOOD INSECURE NORTHEAST OHIOANS
• Partner agencies distribute food and serve prepared meals to hungry people in their communities
• Nearly half of these clients are children or seniors
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PRODUCT REPACK
Product repack volunteers are needed to sort, screen, and prepare in-coming food donations to make it easier for the Food Bank to efficiently distribute food into the community through our partners.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-8:00PM, Friday 8:00AM-2:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM-12:00PM

KITCHEN SUPPORT
The Greater Cleveland Food Bank Kitchen relies on volunteers to provide 6,500 meals a day. For children's programs, about 95% of food preparation is completed by volunteers before being distributed to our agency and program partners.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-2:00PM

SKILLS-BASED VOLUNTEERS
Skills-based volunteers help with special projects, administrative tasks and other office-related assignments at the Food Bank. To learn more about open skills-based volunteer roles, including receptionists, photographers, brand ambassadors and more, visit GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Volunteer.

GROUP VOLUNTEERS
The Food Bank can accommodate groups of 50 volunteers from companies and other organizations who are interested in group volunteering and team-building activities.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-8:00PM, Friday 8:00AM-2:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM-12:00PM

VOLUNTEERS MUST COMMIT TO 2-4 HOUR SHIFTS. YOU MUST WEAR CLOSED-TOE AND CLOSED-HEEL SHOES FOR ALL PROJECTS.

AGE REQUIREMENTS & FAMILY NIGHTS
Volunteers must be at least 12 years old for regular volunteer shifts; however, families with children age 6+ are invited to participate in Family Night at the Food Bank, helping to repack and sort donated product in our warehouse. Please contact the Volunteer Experience department to sign up for an upcoming Family Night shift on the second Thursday and third Monday of each month from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to volunteer unaccompanied by an adult.

Youth volunteer groups must have 1 adult present for every 10 children volunteering.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE CONTACT INFO
Contact the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Volunteer Experience department with any questions or to schedule a volunteer opportunity:

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