FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN NEVADA

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IMPACT REPORT



Feeds Our Community.

Our Community



Together, We're a Stronger Community

This year, our community came together in remarkable ways. Even as our neighbors navigated uncertainty – from a record-breaking partial federal shutdown and surging gas prices to rising costs of living – **we were there to meet the moment, together.** Because of your generosity, we are helping **more than 143,000 people every month**. Your commitment is making a meaningful difference and helping us keep the health and well-being of our community at the heart of everything we do.

With your support, we met this need head-on, distributing **21.4 million meals** to our neighbors throughout the year. This incredible impact would not be possible without our amazing network of **more than 145 partner food pantries and meal programs** working across our **90,000-square-mile service area**. In total, we distributed **24.8 million pounds of food**, with **20.6 million pounds reaching families directly through our partner network.** And we're especially proud that nutrition remained central to our work: **48% of the food distributed was fresh produce, meat, fish, poultry, and dairy.**

These numbers tell an inspiring story – not just of meals and food, but of neighbors supporting neighbors and a community coming together when it matters most. The challenges may continue, but so does our commitment. **We are planning, preparing and staying ready to meet the need – no matter what comes next**. Thank you for standing with us and being such a vital part of this work. **Together, you help put nourishing food on tables, strengthen our community and bring hope to our neighbors every day.**

Healthy Food. Every Person. ***Every Day.***

Nourishing Futures Together

For more than 43 years, we have seen that lasting change is built through bold action and strong partnerships. By listening to our community and keeping our neighbors at the center of our work, we continue to evolve to meet the challenges of today while preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

Over the past year, we engaged our community, assessed the needs across our service area, and identified opportunities to deepen our impact. Those insights shaped our strategic direction for the next decade and our North Star commitment: to reduce food insecurity by 20% across our service area through community-driven solutions that strengthen reliability, dignity, and long-term stability.

Achieving this goal means looking beyond hunger to address its root causes, increasing access to nutritious and culturally preferred foods, building a stronger and more resilient supply chain, investing in the partner pantry network that distributes 80% of our food, and supporting the dedicated people who make this work possible.

This strategy is more than a plan – it is a commitment to creating healthier, more resilient communities. Together with our partners, supporters, volunteers, and neighbors, we are building a future where everyone has reliable access to the food they need to thrive.

Our Mission

Feeding neighbors facing hunger today and solving hunger tomorrow through community partnership.

Pivoting to Meet the Need

The last two months of 2025 was a turbulent time for many of our neighbors. With the partial federal shutdown and the pause in SNAP benefits, thousands of families were left wondering where they would find their next meal. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada acted quickly sourcing food, working with our partner network, the State of Nevada, and private funders to meet the need. Quick response led to families receiving the nutritious food they so urgently needed.

Highlights from the Emergency Response efforts:

- 1.8 million pounds of food sourced
- 37,037 new neighbors assisted
- 8 special pop-up food distributions
- 4.8 million pounds of food distributed (20 new deliveries to partners)

The Food Bank doesn't always know what our communities will face around the corner and we need to be ready to change direction and meet the need. Whether it is a federal shutdown, wildfire, or economic instability in our communities, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada remains nimble and ready to serve alongside the vital partnerships who help make it possible.

Building Capacity, Greater Impact

Last year, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada distributed 24.8 million pounds of food across its 90,000-square-mile service area. An incredible 83% of that food reached our neighbors through our network of 145 partner food pantries and meal programs who provide food, hope, and compassion to communities every day.

Strong partners build stronger communities, but many lack the resources to make improvements that will allow them to increase their impact. That's why the Food Bank is committed to investing in partner capacity.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Thomas Bottom, who has pledged $360,000 over three years, and additional support from the State of Nevada, 17 partner organizations received more than $170,000 in capacity-building grants during the program's first year. These funds provided cold storage, shelving, equipment, technology upgrades, staff training, and other essential improvements that help our partners serve more neighbors more effectively.

We are deeply grateful for this visionary investment in our partner network. Together, we are building stronger organizations, healthier communities, and a brighter future for our region.

Improving Service Through Innovation

Significant progress has been made this year in advancing the **Elko Rural Food Hub**. The building purchased last year is currently being refurbished and is scheduled to open in January 2027. The new rural access hub will include warehouse space with cold storage, a shared community gathering space, and a neighbor-choice pantry market.

Operations will begin with the warehouse, serving Elko County. The neighbor-choice pantry market is expected to open in July 2027. The final phase, planned for later in 2027, will expand food distribution to White Pine, Lander, and Eureka counties.

The Oddie Project in Sparks has also reached an important milestone with the completion of Phase 1. The site now offers SNAP Outreach services provided by the Food Bank and shares space with partners from The Children's Cabinet. Demolition is underway, with construction to follow as the next phase of development.

Once completed, The Oddie Project will serve as a community resource center, providing programs and services for residents of the Oddie Corridor neighborhood and surrounding communities. Renovation plans include high-quality early-learning child care, a neighbor-choice pantry market, a culinary kitchen and workforce training program, and additional space for education, training, and community services.



Tackling College Hunger

Katie sees the effects of hunger every day at Truckee Meadows Community College. As the coordinator of the college's four Wizard Warehouse food pantries, she helps ensure students have access to the nutritious food they need to succeed.

The program has expanded since she joined the team, growing to meet the increasing need on each of the college's four campuses. Her passion for the work is personal. Watching her parents work hard to make ends meet inspired her commitment to helping others.

"There's no way that you can be successful going to class, studying, doing homework projects on an empty stomach," Katie says. ***"It has to be nutritious food. It really does."***

Katie is especially proud that the pantries can offer fresh, healthy food. She hopes support for the program continues because, as she puts it, "Our students are some of the hardest workers I have seen, and they deserve to be supported."



Retail Rescue Fueling More Plates

The program that helps our partner network to receive food donations directly from grocery stores, markets and restaurants. In FY26, we rescued 7,590,773 pounds of food, resulting in a 24% increase in recovered food over the previous year. We love this initiative that takes food that might otherwise go to waste to make sure that it is delivered to the tables of families all over our region.

Together, we are prioritizing the health of our neighbors by ensuring that everyone has access to nourishing food. Because of your support, last year we...

Delivered **21.4 million meals** through partner food pantries & meal programs, plus direct-service programs, serving an average of 143,000 people each month.



1.7 million meals of fresh food to more than 48 neighborhoods through Mobile Harvest

295,803 meals through SNAP Outreach





Supported children with 822,059 meals through school pantries and Kids Cafe Meals

7.8 million lbs. fresh produce

2.2 million lbs. dairy

1.8 million lbs. Meat/Fish/Poultry

268,007 meals were provided through Prescription Pantry



1.1 million meals to seniors through Senior Nutrition & Wellness and Produce on Wheels Programs

4,345 volunteers dedicated 23,497 hours of their time – the equivalent of 11 full-time employees.

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