

## THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

With your help, Feeding the Gulf Coast is reaching more people facing hunger. Through investing in new ideas and partnerships, we are providing more food than ever before. These meals are strengthening people who truly need help, including struggling veterans and seniors, so they have the energy to reach for a better day. Thank you for helping us build a more nourished world.

### SERVICE AREA DEMOGRAPHICS\*

Households with Low Food Security:  
**15.7% | MS 19.2% | U.S. 12.5%**

Child Food Insecurity:  
**21.6% | MS 22.9% | U.S. 17.0%**

Est. Individuals in our Service Area who Struggle with Food Insecurity:  
**354,120 | MS 573,610 | U.S. 40,044,000**

\*(Map the Meal Gap, 2017)



 <p><b>FEED</b></p> <p><b>REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY</b></p> <p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand partnerships to source and distribute more nutritious food.</li> <li>Increase food distribution in high need areas.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>NOURISH</b></p> <p><b>IMPROVE DIET QUALITY</b></p> <p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner with healthcare professionals to screen for food insecurity.</li> <li>Increase client access to fresh produce.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>EQUIP</b></p> <p><b>BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY</b></p> <p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase partnerships with community-based services to help families move to financial security.</li> </ul>
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### WAYS TO ENGAGE

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Identifying vulnerable populations in your district who are food insecure and in need of food assistance.
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Visit our facility or attend a food distribution at one of our community partner sites.
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Take a hard look at policies affecting hunger. Help prevent unnecessary rules and restrictions.
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Preserve the core safety net for the most vulnerable citizens.

# 2018 MISSISSIPPI PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

OUR NETWORK OF OVER **400 COMMUNITY PARTNERS** HELPED DISTRIBUTE OVER **22 MILLION MEALS** IN 2018.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Agency Partners: **73**
- Est. Individuals Served Monthly: **3,652\***
- Meals Distributed: **1,533,248**

### Mobile Pantry/Produce Drop Program

- 41** Distributions
- 197,867** Meals
- 11,827\*** Individuals Served

## SNAP OUTREACH

(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

- Estimated Economic Impact\*\*: **\$12,318,260**
- Meals Generated: **2,317,074**
- Total Applications Submitted: **1,835**
  - 688** Seniors (60+) Reached
  - 460** Children (18-) Reached

\*\*Impact based on applications submitted for 2018, based on government estimated average acceptance rate, average benefit amount, and 1.8 economic impact multiplier per benefit amount.

## CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

### Afterschool Meal/Summer Meals Program

- Sites: **61**
- Meals and Snacks Provided: **310,635**
- Children Served: **6,977**

### Backpack Program

- Schools: **23**
- Backpacks Provided: **7,217**
- Children Served: **1,972**

## RETAIL STORE DONATIONS

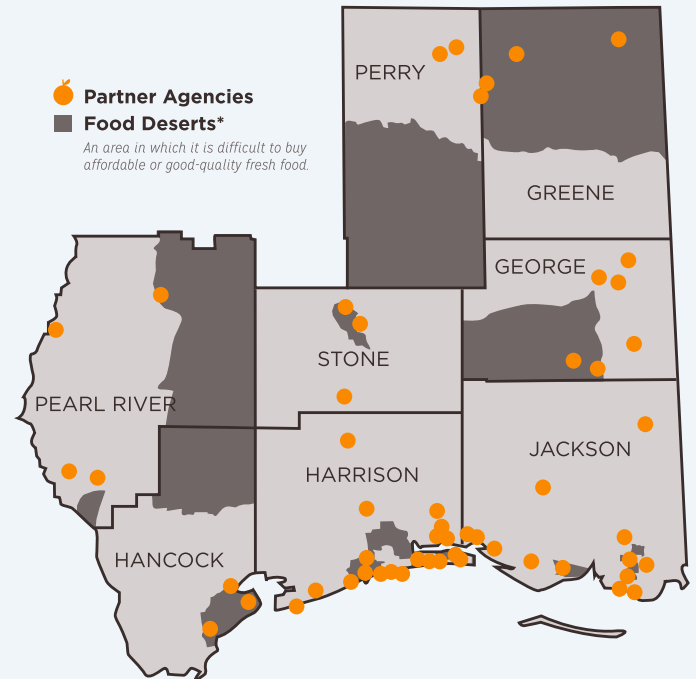
### Participating Stores:

Big Lots                      Southeastern Grocers  
Sam's Club                  Target  
Walmart

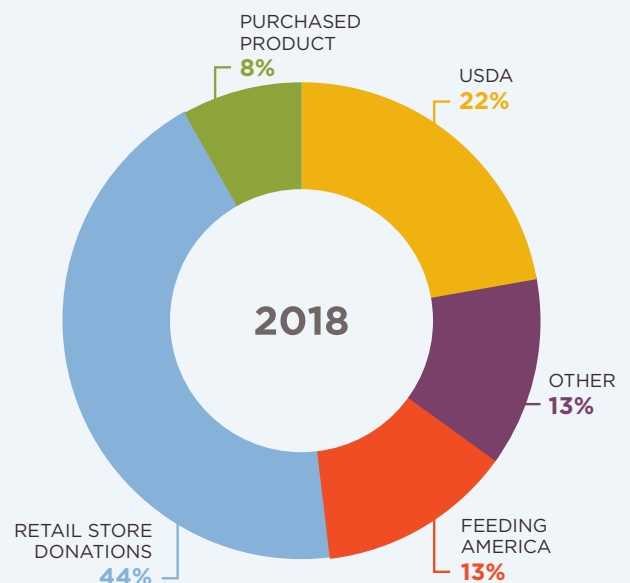
- Participating Stores: **31**
- Pounds Donated: **1,747,541**

\*Possibility of Duplicate Individuals

## MISSISSIPPI SERVICE AREA



## ANNUAL FOOD SOURCES



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