

# FOOD ON THE MOVE

Foodbank<sup>®</sup>  
St. Louis Area Foodbank

*Food on the Move* is a direct service program for individuals living in areas of Illinois and Missouri with limited access to healthy food and resources. Our Food On The Move trailer is outfitted as a mobile pantry, allowing the St. Louis Area Foodbank to take nutritious food directly into neighborhoods. This mobile, choice-based food pantry is designed to increase access to food and decrease food waste by encouraging neighbors to take the foods they like and need.

## Benefits of Food on the Move for the Community

- Increases food access for people living in areas with limited access points and transportation barriers.
- Provides fresh and non-perishable foods, essential non-food items, and additional community resources.
- Available to everyone. Neighbors do not need to provide identification or proof of income.
- Allows money that would have been spent on food to be spent on other necessities, such as housing, utilities, and healthcare.

## Partner site FAQ'S

### *Where do Food on the Move events occur?*

Distributions are set up in areas that have high rates of food insecurity, high rates of poverty, high rates of unemployment and have limited food access points. A level, paved parking lot with ample parking space is ideal.

### *How often do events occur?*

Each partner site will host a Food on the Move distribution event monthly, at the same occurrence and time each month. The partnership can continue after 12 months if the site and the Foodbank both agree that the program is beneficial to the community.

### *What do program partners do for Food On The Move distributions?*

A program partner must agree for the Food on the Move trailer to be on the program partner's site for a minimum of 12 distributions, advertise and market the event to the local community, and help communicate any updates to the schedule. A person with the partner site is not required to be on site for the distribution but are welcome to be there if they want to.

### *What does the St. Louis Area Foodbank team do at Food On The Move distributions?*

SLAFB staff and volunteers will handle running the event from start to finish. The trailer typically arrives on site 30 mins before distribution start time to set-up the trailer. Neighbors will be checked in and asked their household size and how many children under 18 in the house. Staff and volunteers will monitor inventory levels during the event to ensure everyone receives and has access to the food provided. Bi-annually we will conduct neighbor surveys to make sure the program is serving the community in the best way possible. After the event staff and volunteers will pack up any remaining food, trash and cardboard and leave the site as we found it.

### *Is the food free?*

Yes! The food is provided at no cost to both the neighbors and host sites.

