MISSION
To provide emergency and supplemental food to the people in need in Nebraska and western Iowa

VISION
To eliminate hunger in our community

VALUES
In everything we do, we serve with respect, integrity and urgency

28.1 MILLION MEALS PROVIDED
5.5 million more than the previous year

296,000 PEOPLE
in the Food Bank’s 78,000-square-mile service area are considered food insecure

610 NETWORK PARTNERS
to which the Food Bank distributes; including pantries, shelters, schools, and other nonprofit organizations

6.8 MILLION POUNDS
of fresh fruits and vegetables distributed to neighbors in need

$4.8 MILLION
spent by the Food Bank to purchase food

Figures from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
One in four kids in the Food Bank's service area is at risk for hunger. The BackPack program is a partnership with area schools to provide food for children in need during weekends, when other resources may not be available. Each week during the school year, approximately, 8,440 packs of nutritious food are distributed to children in 259 schools across Nebraska and western Iowa.

The Mobile Pantry program delivers food directly to communities that have a high need but limited food resources. The one-day distribution is free for individuals and families and may include fresh produce, bakery goods, dairy products, meat and various shelf-stable items. In FY 2020, the Mobile Pantry program distributed nearly 3.2 million meals helping 55,149 Heartland families.

The Kids Cafe program serves evening meals to children in partnership with community organizations that offer a safe environment after school. The Food Bank provides meals for 18 Kids Cafe sites around the Omaha metro area. The Kids Cafes serve 3,399 meals each each week.

Kids Cruisin' Kitchen (KCK) is a summer feeding program for children. The Food Bank partners with the Salvation Army of Omaha to serve hot, nutritious meals for free to children in need when school is out of session. Due to COVID-19, KCK did not operate in FY 2020. Instead the Food Bank launched its Mobile BackPack program on March 20 to provide critical meals for children when schools closed because of the pandemic. The program distributed healthy meals from 13 sites then expanded to 18 sites in July. When the Mobile BackPack program ended on August 7, it had provided 421,175 meals.

Our Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach efforts help eligible citizens across Nebraska and Iowa who meet the stringent requirements apply for this valuable nutrition assistance. Outreach specialists helped 11,296 Nebraska households and 9,429 Iowa households receive benefits. Our team completed nearly 2,500 P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer) applications in 76 Nebraska counties from June 22 to July 19, 2020.