

FOCUS



CINCINNATI



Sharing a Table with our Neighbors

The Problem

Food Insecurity is a Major Problem in Cincinnati

- The demand for food has increased 60% since the COVID pandemic
- 270,000 neighbors currently food insecure



Food Insecurity in Cincinnati

OUR COMMUNITY'S CHALLENGE

For ten years, we've seen a steady increase in the demand for food and support services and have outgrown what our current operations are equipped to meet. In that time, we have gone from distributing just 7 million meals to nearly 34 million meals, yet we're 13 million meals short of meeting the need in our community — a gap we only expect to widen as we face the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. But, this is a challenge we can—and should—*do something* about. Together, we can close the hunger gap.

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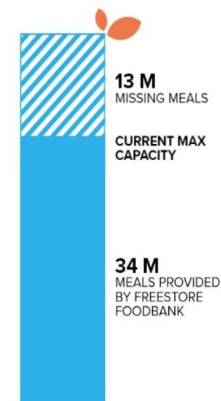
1 IN 7 NEIGHBORS are at risk of hunger.

(Feeding America Map the Meal Gap 2016)

OVER 80,000 CHILDREN may not know where they will find their next meal.

270,000 NEIGHBORS are "food insecure".

THE DEMAND FOR FOOD has increased nearly 60% since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.



Source: Food Insecurity in Cincinnati - Freestore Foodbank

The Cycle of Poverty

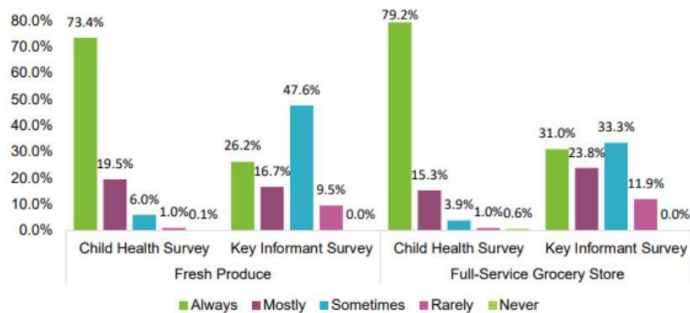
- 12.8% Food Insecurity in 2019 (103,930 people)
- 18.4% Child Food Insecurity in 2019 (34,640 children)
- And those statistics are from before the pandemic

Food Insecurity Across the PSA, 2019 Map the Meal Gap

County	2019 Food Insecurity Rate	# of Food Insecure Persons in 2019	2019 Child food insecurity rate	# of Food Insecure Children in 2019
Dearborn County	10.9%	5,390	13.1%	1,470
Boone County	8.7%	11,420	9.5%	3,270
Campbell County	11.5%	10,680	11.9%	2,350
Kenton County	11.4%	18,960	12.9%	5,110
Butler County	11.8%	45,020	14.8%	13,270
Clermont County	11.5%	23,500	13.3%	6,310
Hamilton County	12.8%	103,930	18.4%	34,640
Warren County	8.5%	19,500	9.0%	5,170
PSA Total	-	238,400	-	71,590

Source: Feeding America, 2019 Map the Meal Gap⁵⁵

Community Access to Fresh Produce and Full-Service Grocery Stores



Source: Cincinnati Children's 2021 Child Health Survey;¹⁴ Cincinnati Children's 2021 Key Informant Survey¹⁶

The Solution

A Multi-Campus FOCUS Center:

- At least one weekly hot meal at main FOCUS Center
- Food pantry open several times a week at main FOCUS Center
- Smaller food pantries in satellite in churches across Cincinnati



How We'll Work

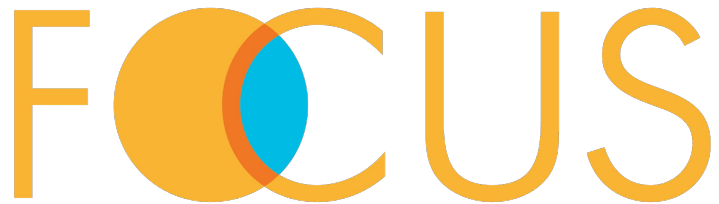
Volunteers and Local Fundraising

- Part-time FOCUS Center Director to lead and coordinate work
- Advisory Board with members from each local parish
- Volunteers from area parishes
- Financial and Food contributions from local parishes and families





Why FOCUS?



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ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- Financial and audit support
- Technical and operational support
- Communications and development support
- Network of 5 established Centers across the country
- Risk mitigation
- Affiliate Ministry with Assembly of Bishops

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Funding Opportunity

- An anonymous donor has offered FOCUS Cincinnati a \$45,000 matching grant
- That means initial contributions will be doubled
- This is critical support to get this new Center going by the end of the year



The Big Picture



- Why This?
 - People are hungry in Cincinnati
- Why Us?
 - God has called us to this moment
- Why Now?
 - We're ready to build this together

Next Steps

Build a team to:

- Develop programs
- Identify a location
- Start raising funds

