The Butler County Foodbank provides nonperishable canned and dry goods to a network of 27 food pantries in our community. Thirteen of these pantries are “closed sites”, and the remaining fourteen are open to the community.

The three biggest pantries in our network; North Butler “Feed My Sheep” (272 families), St. Vincent DePaul (1433 families), and The Lighthouse (712 families); are located in the northern, central, and southern parts of the county respectively. The remaining pantries are located throughout Butler County. Each pantry covers a service area of the County. Because of the varied locations of all of the pantries, families in every community have access to food assistance.

The majority of food pantries are volunteer operated. These volunteers work tirelessly every month picking up food at the warehouse, purchasing additional food, gleaning food from other sources, packing boxes and bags for distribution, and completing required paperwork and reporting. The food distribution network would not exist without these dedicated volunteers. We thank them for their dedication and hard work.

Recruiting volunteers to help at the warehouse has been a major focus for us this year. While we are still concentrating our efforts to recruit additional volunteers to help operate equipment and unload trucks, we have partnered with several individuals and business partners to provide volunteers to help build orders and pack senior boxes. We thank them for their time and commitment.

Butler County is a giving community, and that is demonstrated through caring community partners that have raised money and/or conducted food drives. Baglier Buick, Armstrong “Breaking Bread”, Butler Big Lots, US Postal Carriers “Stamp Out Hunger”, Butler Paper Pantry, Cranberry IRS Office, Butler County 4H Bunni Bunch, and Butler County employees in partnership with Armstrong all have generously donated to the Foodbank in 2019. We thank them for their generosity and care.
Starting in 2019, additional commodities were made available to foodbanks by the USDA. In the seven month period of April - Oct 2019, **128,363 pounds** of food valued at **$151,630** were received and distributed over and above the regular SFPP and TEFAP program.

### 2018/2019 Demographics

The Butler County Food Bank has served **3378** non-duplicated families this year, consisting of **7818** individuals.

- **4191 Adults / 54%**
- **2136 Children / 27%**
- **1491 Senior / 19%**

### State Food Purchase Program

The State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) grant is used to purchase nonperishable canned and dry food items. From July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019, **137,570 pounds** of food valued at **$157,622** were purchased and distributed.

### Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program

The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) consists of free USDA food commodities made available to Butler County. For the period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019, **88,499 pounds** of food valued at **$86,521** were received and distributed.

### Commodity Supplemental Food Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is also known as the “senior box”. CSFP food is received at the warehouse and then packed into individual boxes by a group of volunteers. The boxes are then distributed to individuals through the food pantry network. From October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, over **350 seniors** participated in this program.

### 2018/2019 Volunteer Hours

An estimated **29,000+** volunteer hours are contributed to the food distribution network each year!