FORGOTTEN HARVEST PROGRAMS

Mobile Pantry
Our Mobile Pantry Program enables us to feed hundreds of families in underserved areas and deliver up to 26,000 pounds of food at one location in a farmers’ market setting. Recipients are assured of a healthy assortment of meats, dairy, produce and fresh fruit, foods that would otherwise be unaffordable and unavailable to families without the help of the Forgotten Harvest Mobile Pantry Program.

Harvest Heroes
Forgotten Harvest trucks traverse the metro Detroit community five days a week, rescuing food from various sources, but some pickup requests are too small to send a box truck — that’s where Harvest Heroes comes to the rescue. A team of 45 volunteers, using their vehicles, hit the road weekly, making stops at independent grocers, caterers, restaurants, and many others. The volunteers then deliver the food to nearby pantries.

FH on the Go
Forgotten Harvest On-the-Go Mobile Pantry program distributes food to high-poverty, under-served neighborhoods without permanent emergency food distribution partners. New Forgotten Harvest On-the-Go sites will be chosen based on the food insecurity index developed in coordination with Data Driven Detroit.

Veteran Support Program
Those who have served our country bravely shouldn’t be forced to endure the agony of not knowing if they can feed their family. In 2021, Forgotten Harvest worked with six veteran-specific agency partners, providing over 600,000 lbs. of food. Additionally, Forgotten Harvest continues to establish additional veteran partnerships to support an unacceptable situation for the many men and women who have given so much of their lives for the safety of our nation.
USDA Child Nutrition – SFSP/CACFP

The SFSP, also known as Meet Up and Eat Up, is operated at the local level by program Sponsors and is administered by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) during summer months. The CACFP is also a federally funded, State-administered, program. Forgotten Harvest is concentrating on the At-Risk, after-school meals component of CACFP. Children (< 18) who participate in structured, after-school programs in lower income areas will be served healthy suppers and snacks.

Youth Snack Program

Forgotten Harvest’s youth snack program has provided nutritious snacks to kids from kindergarten to high school attending after-school and summer educational programs at enrichment programs throughout metro Detroit. The snacks encourage children and teens to attend programming to receive help with school work and participate in various educational programs.

School Pantry

The school pantry program enables Forgotten Harvest to target distribution to vulnerable families with children where they are already gathering — at agencies with early childhood education programs and schools. As a result, nutritious food can nourish children in the evenings, on weekends, and during school vacations when they lose access to school-funded food programs.

FH Summer Lunch

Created to ensure that children (< 18) in lower-income areas continue to receive nutritious meals during summer vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs.

Healthy Food / Healthy Senior

Forgotten Harvest’s food rescue program addresses the critical need to increase access to nutritious fresh food for low-income metro Detroit seniors. More than 19,000 of these seniors live in the City of Detroit, where 21% of seniors live in poverty. Forgotten Harvest works with a diverse network of pantries, including four that are solely focused on supporting the lives of seniors, providing them with nearly 250,000 lbs. of nutritious food annually.

Farm

Forgotten Harvest Farms is situated on 95 acres of donated land in Fenton with an annual yield goal of approximately 775,000 lbs. of fresh, healthy produce. Forgotten Harvest grows and harvests crops such as: potatoes, sweet corn, green beans, cabbage, collard greens, zucchini, watermelon, chili peppers and eggplant. The farm allows Forgotten Harvest to ensure that metro Detroit families will consistently benefit from fresh, healthy foods that are often unavailable or unaffordable to them.

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