



# HUNGER FACTS

*Food Gatherers believes that in a land of plenty no one should go hungry.*

- Food Gatherers is part of Feeding America—the nation’s food bank network. Feeding America provides food for 37 million people a year including nearly 14 million children and nearly 3 million seniors.
- On average, Food Stamp benefits only last 2.5 weeks.
- Nearly 70% of Food Gatherers’ labor is provided by volunteers.
- Food Gatherers annually distributes more than 5 million pounds of food to a network of 150 local community programs serving our neighbors in need.
- As many as 138% more people sought food assistance from Food Gatherers’ community partners in 2009 than in 2006.
- Food Gatherers provides enough food for more than 8,300 meals a day in Washtenaw County.
- Since Food Gatherers’ inception in 1988, Food Gatherers has distributed more than 40 million pounds of food!
- In examining access to healthy food, we learned that only 13% of households surveyed eat the USDA recommended daily five servings of fruits and vegetables. Among those eating fewer than five servings, 70% indicated that high cost contributes to preventing them from eating more.

**There is a role for everyone to play in the fight against hunger!**

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