# Cargill and Feeding America®

Partnering to fight hunger, increase food and nutrition security and improve food safety

Cargill has partnered with Feeding America since 1986, providing financial, product, volunteer and leadership support in the areas of food safety, product donations, produce capture and farmer engagement. Cargill's donation supports Feeding America's work to combat food insecurity through a network of 200 food banks and over 60,000 partner agencies, food pantries and meal programs, providing 6.6 billion meals to tens of millions of people annually across the United States.

Our work together has expanded in recent years as we pursue an innovative food sourcing and community health strategy to help address the complex paradox of food insecurity and obesity. Cargill has provided more than \$28 million over 35 years to Feeding America, including Cargill's latest \$4.9 million donation, which includes grants tofor food banks within Cargill markets, with a focus on rural communities and/or communities of color with high food insecurity rates.



#### **Our Work Together Includes:**

Innovative food sourcing – We invest in food sourcing to help ensure food that would be otherwise lost make its way to families in need.

**Food safety** – We help strengthen food safety initiatives by supporting curriculum and training.

Community health and nutrition – We support nutrition education and nutrition-based strategies for people struggling with heart disease, diabetes and other serious health crises.

**Product donations** – Over the past five years we have donated an average of over one million pounds of food annually.

Employee volunteerism – Our employees volunteer at Feeding America food banks in local communities.







#### **Food safety**

Supporting implementation of a rigorous food safety program at all 200 Feeding America food banks, including training on best practices. Providing funding for independent audits at all Feeding America food banks to promote food safety excellence and provide assurance that food donations are thoroughly inspected and monitored, as well as capital grants to help make improvements. Sharing our food safety expertise with Feeding America food banks to ensure food is sourced and distributed in accordance with the highest food safety standards.

#### Closing the protein gap

Cargill supports Feeding America's protein strategy with an investment in protein pack rooms at food banks, increased awareness and advocacy in the protein industry, expansion of efficiency-maximizing protocols, and transportation subsidies to ensure the effective movement of protein. The repacking of bulk protein into consumer-friendly packaging ensures that agency partners can distribute protein easily and food banks can accept bulk cartons and reduce food waste at the industry level. These efforts to improve the efficacy of protein repacking while lowering the barriers to protein procurement and distribution and improving awareness, work in tandem to close the protein gap.

#### **Local Community Impact**

Cargill provides support in its operating communities to Feeding America's affiliates, especially during times of natural disaster such as Hurricane Ida in 2021.

#### **Product donations**

We provide product donations to Feeding America – over one million pounds of food annually over the past 5 years – including salt, meat, turkey and eggs that supply much needed protein to food banks across the U.S.

### **Employee engagement**

Our employees volunteer their time through local Cargill Cares Councils to support Feeding America food banks and agencies, including assisting with food packing, sorting, organizing and distribution, coordinating food donations, providing hunger-relief education, sharing skills and leadership insights.

## Retail Agency Enablement and Capacity Work

Cargill supports Feeding America's retail agency enablement and capacity work with grants to food banks serving areas in which Cargill operates, with a focus on rural communities and communities of color with high food insecurity rates. This support enables food banks and their agencies to address barriers to sourcing and distributing more retail product to neighbors in need of food assistance. Additionally, capacity investments support other food channels where distribution and capacity bottlenecks occur, such as protein.

For more information, please visit Cargill.com or feedingamerica.org

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