

Impact Report

2024



CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF
FOOD BANKS



Letter from the CEO



At the California Association of Food Banks (CAFB), collaboration drives impact. In 2024, we worked alongside our member food bank network, policymakers, and partners to secure critical funding, expand nutrition assistance programs, and strengthen food access across California. These efforts reflect a shared commitment to ensuring that food banks and the communities they serve have the resources they need to thrive.

With growing demand and evolving challenges for our state's food banks, we remain focused on building a more resilient, charitable food system. This includes expanding access to fresh, culturally relevant foods, ensuring that communities not only have enough to eat but also access to food that

aligns with their traditions and nutritional needs. At the same time, we are expanding food banks' ability to purchase fresh produce from small and historically under-resourced farmers, ensuring a more reliable and diverse food supply within their communities.

By strengthening food banks, supporting communities, and driving policy solutions, we are working toward a hunger-free California—one where every person, regardless of their circumstances, has reliable access to nutritious food. Through innovation, collaboration, and advocacy, we are committed to transforming the way we fight hunger, ensuring long-term solutions that create lasting change.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacia Levenfeld".

Stacia Levenfeld



Our Guiding Principles

MISSION

To end hunger in California.

VISION

A well-nourished and hunger-free California, where all people have enough food to lead a healthy life.

VALUES

Dedication

Inclusion

Collaboration

Transparency

Accountability

THEORY OF CHANGE

We can end hunger in California if we:

1

Build a diverse and sustainable charitable food system.

2

Create robust and equitable pathways connecting food-insecure neighbors to food.

3

Prevent hunger from happening in the first place.

Our History

The California Association of Food Banks (CAFB) was founded in 1995 with just one staff member. Today, it has grown into California's leading anti-hunger organization, supporting a vast network that includes:



41 Member Food Banks

Serving communities from Humboldt County to Imperial Valley.

50+ CalFresh Partners

Helping connect families to vital nutrition assistance.

100+ Farms

Supplying over 250 million pounds of fresh, California-grown food to food banks.

6,000+ Network Members

Providing food and resources at the neighborhood level.

Our Network's Impact

(based on 2023 data)

more than
900M
pounds
of food distributed

or around
750M
meals

serving roughly
6M
people
monthly

CAFB'S STRATEGIC PLAN:

A Hunger-Free California



CAFB is committed to ensuring every Californian has access to nutritious food. Our strategic plan is built on our key pillars:

PILLAR 1:

Food

Increase food resources available to feed California.

PILLAR 2:

Advocacy

Drive political and public will to end hunger in California.

PILLAR 3:

Strengthening the Network

Strengthen the California food safety network with expertise, capacity, and connections to drive our shared mission to end hunger.

PILLAR 1

Food

In 2024, CAFB's Farm to Family program partnered with 103 farmers and all 41 member food banks to recover and distribute 274 million pounds of food, ensuring fresh, nutritious options reached communities across California.

To further support small and remote food banks, CAFB established a mixing center in Lodi, repacking and delivering fresh, mixed-produce loads to food banks that previously had limited access.

This initiative was part of the Removing Barriers to Fresh Produce Project, a \$1 million, two-year effort launched in 2023 to enhance food bank capacity



through logistics coordination, cold storage rentals, and equipment upgrades like forklifts and pallet jacks. As a result, produce distribution to these food banks increased by 911% from 2022, significantly expanding access to fresh food across the state.

269M
pounds
fresh produce

\$11.5M

invested in historically socially disadvantaged farms and food hubs

5M
pounds
proteins & pantry staples

to Food
Banks

What's Next for Food?

Looking ahead, CAFB will continue sourcing California's excess produce, with a goal of distributing more than 280 million pounds by 2027 through its Farm to Family program. By enhancing procurement and logistics services, CAFB will better support food banks, ensuring that fresh, nutritious food reaches communities facing the greatest barriers.

"I come from a Hispanic background. We love to feed people, so any chance I get to feed someone, whether it's enchiladas or whether it's watermelons, we're happy."

—Elio Angel, Co-Founder Cache Produce & Family-to-Farm Donor of the Year



PILLAR 2

Policy & Advocacy

Despite a \$72 billion State budget deficit and shifting political landscape in 2024, CAFB remained steadfast in strengthening California's food safety net.

Through policy advocacy and strategic partnerships, we secured key policy wins, protected critical funding, and ensured food banks had the resources needed to serve their communities.

To support informed decision-making, CAFB expanded interactive dashboards, providing real-time data to help our network refine policies and maximize impact. Our research tracks poverty,



housing, wages, and CalFresh participation, ensuring data-driven solutions that address food insecurity at its root. With a growing coalition of 120+ advocates engaging 120+ legislative offices, CAFB continues to build momentum—leveraging data and advocacy to advance policies that fight hunger and strengthen food access for all Californians.

2024 Advocacy & Public Policy Wins

State Emergency Food Bank Reserve permanently authorized in 2024.

\$146.8M

SUN Bucks funding secured, delivering \$500M in food benefits to 5M children.

9.2%

SSI grant increase maintained, with county-level cost transparency.

\$30B

in prevented SNAP & TEFAP cuts, securing a Farm Bill extension through 2025.

What's Next for Advocacy?

In 2025, CAFB will continue leading the adoption, implementation, and sustainability of policy solutions that strengthen California's anti-hunger programs and food resources. CAFB will also enhance data collection and analysis, improving the understanding of hunger across California and ensuring policies are informed by accurate, actionable insights. Through research, advocacy, and innovation, we are building a stronger, more equitable food system for all.

"CAFB makes it easy for us to stay involved in the fight against hunger."

– Community FoodBank of San Benito, CAFB Member



PILLAR 3

Strengthening the Network

Building a resilient food safety net requires equipping food banks and partners with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to expand food access and address the root causes of hunger.

At the start of 2024, CAFB played a pivotal role in supporting Disaster CalFresh efforts in San Diego, ensuring that families affected by emergencies could access critical nutrition assistance. In May, Food ACCESS, CAFB's biennial conference, brought

together leaders from across California and the nation to collaborate on policy solutions and strategies to strengthen food access and combat hunger.

CAFB continued to provide training to 50+ outreach groups statewide, helping remove barriers to CalFresh enrollment and increase participation among eligible households. Additionally, CAFB delivered critical resources, facilitated impactful peer discussions, and actively supported the strengthening of rural food banks, all in service of advancing our united efforts to end hunger in California.

CALFRESH OUTREACH

28,000

households applied for CalFresh

4,200+

households retained CalFresh benefits with partner support

FOOD ACCESS CONFERENCE 2024

439

attendees

148

participating organizations

15

keynote speakers

31

workshops

7

discussion groups

CAPACITY BUILDING

31

online events, including 12 webinars, equipping food banks with insights on volunteers, SB 1383, rural access, and data.

3

in-person convenings fostering collaboration among rural food banks.

What's Next for Strengthening the Network?

In 2025, CAFB will continue equipping member food banks and the communities they serve with the resources and support needed to strengthen food access across California. As part of this effort, CAFB will launch The Digest and Food Access Speakers Series, inviting mission-aligned organizations and partners to stay connected, informed, and actively engaged in advancing equitable food access statewide.

“As food banks’ primary advocate at both the state and federal levels, CAFB plays a crucial role in securing the funding and resources we need to continue our work, while also making sure that government programs aimed at alleviating food insecurity, like CalFresh, are funded.”

–Yolo Food Bank
CAFB Member



Thank You to Our Sponsors & Supporters

Your support drives CAFB’s fight against hunger, expanding partnerships and funding initiatives that create lasting impact. Together, we are strengthening California’s food system to ensure every person has access to the food they need to thrive. Your generosity, alongside our partners and advocates, drives this collective effort to end hunger in our state.

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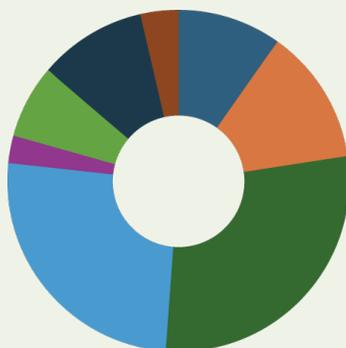
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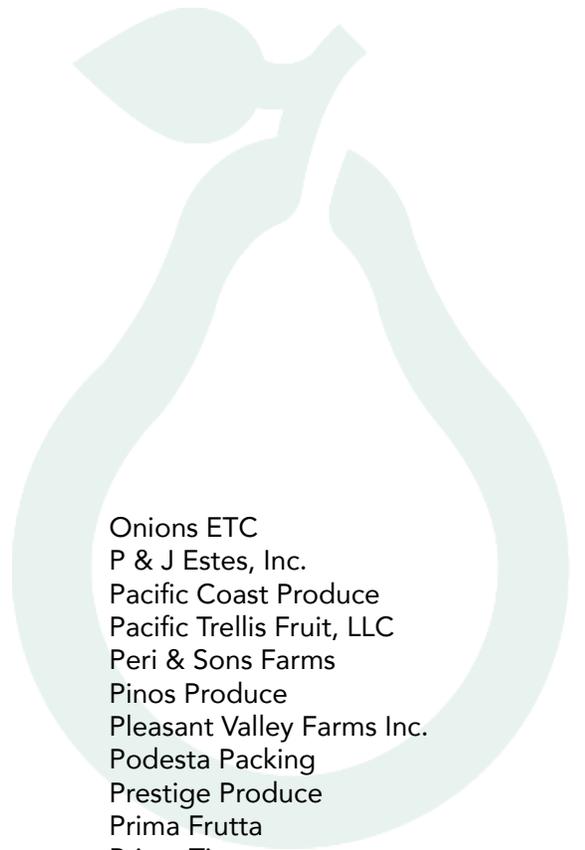
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2024 CAFB Revenue Sources



- Grants 29%
- Farm to Family Net Revenue 25%
- Government Contracts 13%
- Member Dues 10%
- Pass Through to Members 10%
- Interest Income & Other 7%
- Contributions 3%
- Conference Sponsorships & Fees 3%

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Ways to Give

Every gift helps nourish communities and fuel lasting change.

One-Time Donations

A one-time donation provides fresh, nutritious food to families in need, while a monthly gift builds a steady, reliable food safety net across California.



Looking to deepen your impact?

Employer matching gifts

Employer matching gifts double or triple your contribution.

Stock donations

Stock donations offer a tax-efficient way to give.

Legacy giving

Legacy giving ensures long-term support for hunger relief.

Cryptocurrency donations

Cryptocurrency donations provide a modern way to help.

Donor-advised funds

Donor-advised funds sustain long-term solutions, strengthening California's food safety net.

Corporate Partnership

Align your corporate values with action, increase brand visibility, and drive meaningful change in California communities by partnering with us.

Together, we can create a hunger-free California.
To learn more, visit cafoodbanks.org/ways-to-give/



CAFB Member List

Alameda

Alameda County Community Food Bank
acfb.org

Alpine

Food Bank of El Dorado County
foodbankedc.org

Amador

Interfaith Council of Amador
feedamador.org

Butte

Community Action Agency of Butte County - North State Food Bank
buttecaa.com/north-state-food-bank

Calaveras

The Resource Connection Food Bank
trcac.org/the-food-bank

Contra Costa

Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
foodbankccs.org

El Dorado

Food Bank of El Dorado County
foodbankedc.org

Fresno

Central California Food Bank
ccfoodbank.org

Glenn

Community Action Agency of Butte County - North State Food Bank
buttecaa.com/north-state-food-bank

Humboldt

Food for People
foodforpeople.org

Imperial

Imperial Valley Food Bank
ivfoodbank.com

Kern

Community Action Partnership of Kern
capk.org

Kings

Kings Community Action Organization
kcao.org

Los Angeles

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
lafoodbank.org

Los Angeles

Westside Food Bank
westsidefoodbankca.org

Marin

SF-Marine Food Bank
sfmfoodbank.org

Mariposa

Merced County Food Bank
mmcfb.org

Mendocino

Mendocino Food & Nutrition Program - Fort Bragg Food Bank
fortbraggfoodbank.org

Merced

Merced County Food Bank
mmcfb.org

Monterey

Food Bank for Monterey County
foodbankformontereycounty.org

Napa

Community Action of Napa Valley Food Bank
canv.org

Orange

Orange County Food Bank
ocfoodbank.org

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Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County
www.feedoc.org

Placer

Feeding the Foothills
feedingthefoothills.org/

Riverside

Feeding America Riverside San Bernardino
feedingamericaie.org

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FIND - Food In Need of Distribution
findfoodbank.org

Sacramento

Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
sacramentofoodbank.org

San Benito

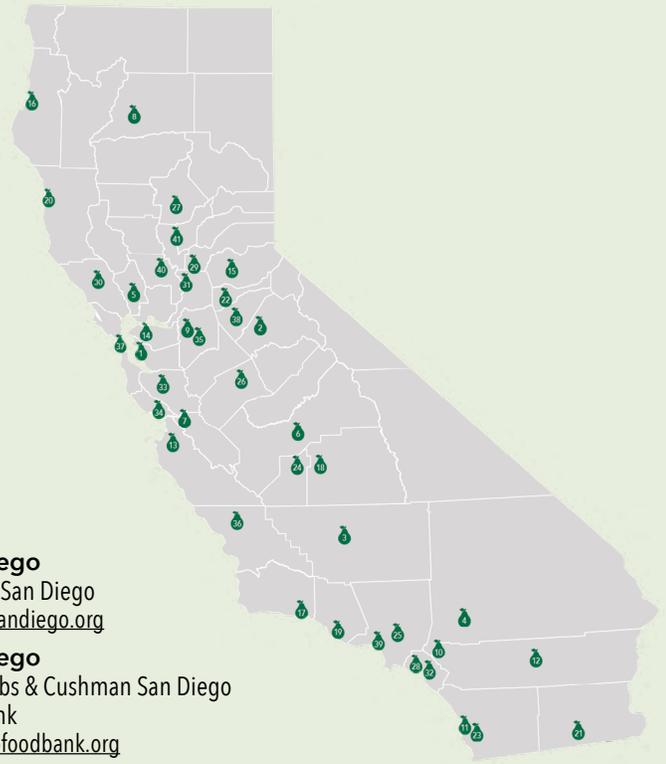
Community Food Bank of San Benito County
communityfoodbankofsbcc.org

San Bernardino

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
capsbc.org

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Feeding America Riverside San Bernardino
feedingamericaie.org



San Diego

Feeding San Diego
feedingсандiego.org

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The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank
sandiegofoodbank.org

San Francisco

SF-Marine Food Bank
www.sfmfoodbank.org

San Joaquin

Emergency Food Bank
stocktonfoodbank.org

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Second Harvest of the Greater Valley
localfoodbank.org

San Luis Obispo

SLO Food Bank
slofoodbank.org

San Mateo

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
shfb.org

Santa Barbara

Foodbank of Santa Barbara
foodbanksbc.org

Santa Clara

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
shfb.org

Santa Cruz

Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County
thefoodbank.org

Shasta

Dignity Health Connected Living
dignityhealth.org/north-state/locations/connected-living/services/food-assistance-for-seniors-living-in-the-redding-area/food-bank

Solano

Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
foodbankccs.org

Sonoma

Redwood Empire Food Bank
refb.org

Stanislaus

Second Harvest of the Greater Valley
localfoodbank.org

Sutter

Yuba-Sutter Food Bank
feedingys.org/

Tulare

FoodLink for Tulare County
foodlinktc.org

Tuolumne

ATCAA Food Bank - Tuolumne County
atcaa.org/food-bank

Ventura

FOOD Share of Ventura County
foodshare.com

Yolo

Yolo Food Bank
yolofoodbank.org

Yuba

Yuba-Sutter Food Bank
feedingys.org/

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