Montgomery County Food Security Plan

What We Know



## **Over 70,000**

people in Montgomery County are food insecure and that number is rising

## 25,009

county households received SNAP benefits in 2015 compared to 8,990 in 2005

**59,480** students in Montgomery County Public Schools are enrolled in Free and Reduced Meals Program

**14,680** of households receiving SNAP benefits in 2015 had children under 18



## Call us to help fight hunger in our community!

Contact the Montgomery Food Council for more information on how to get involved:

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**Donate your Skills** Do you have expertise in communications, accounting, data management, program evaluation or technology? Identify specialized skills you or your employees have that could provide much-needed support to a community nonprofit.

**Volunteer your Time** Coordinate a food drive, deliver food for Community Food Rescue or Meals on Wheels, or organize a team of volunteers for a shift at a local food assistance organization.

**Contribute Financially** Donate funds to a local food security organization or partner with a local philanthropy that coordinates support of anti-hunger programs.

**Share your Resources** Offer extra storage space, refrigeration capacity, trucks, drivers, or even land for a garden that would be useful to food assistance providers on an occasional or consistent basis.

**Support Food Recovery** Use caterers who reduce food waste and fight hunger by donating leftover food to Community Food Rescue. Encourage your local restaurants, grocery stores, and other food businesses to participate in this free program.

Advocate for your Community Food insecurity affects every community in Montgomery County. Learn more about what barriers to food access exist. Sign up for policy alerts and contact your elected officials to voice your support.

**Create a Culture of Action** Establish fighting food insecurity as a priority for your business, neighborhood, school or faith community. Increase awareness of this pervasive issue in our County and lead initiatives to create change.