



United Way of Forsyth County Facts About Food

- In partnership with the Forsyth County Post Office and Georgia Mountain Food Bank, United Way of Forsyth County met the critical needs of more than **11 local food pantries** through the **National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive** in May, 2016. Over **19,000 pounds** of food was collected at mail boxes and distributed to food pantries, allowing them to increase their support to families during the summer months when the need is at its highest.
- In 2016, The Place of Forsyth County served over **4,500** households through the food pantry, including over **880 lbs** of fresh veggies from their garden. **12,810** clients benefited from their surplus food pantry and **3,983** meals were served through the Noon Day Meal program.
- Through a partnership with Outreach, Inc. and the support of local businesses and civic organizations, **130,000 meals** were packaged and distributed to eight local food pantries during United Way of Forsyth County's **2016 Day of Caring** event.
- With the support of United Way, Lambert High School's **Blessings in a Backpack Program** has packed over **5,000** backpacks of food and delivered them to hundreds of food insecure students in Forsyth County each weekend during the school year.
- The **Georgia Mountain Food Bank**, which serves Hall, Dawson, Forsyth, Lumpkin and Union counties, provided more than **510,000** pounds of food throughout the year, to food insecure families and individuals.
- **22.27%** of Forsyth County students are eligible to participate in the Free & Reduced Meal program. Cumming Elementary has a participation rate of **67%**, Otwell Middle School has a participation rate of **41%** and Forsyth Central High School has a **36%** participation rate.
- **12,000** sack lunches were delivered to students in need through the **Bags of Love** food supplemental program in 2016. This program feeds hungry children during the summer months.

OUR MISSION:

To improve lives in our community by mobilizing the caring power and spirit of our citizens.