



SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY

United is the Way we ensure our neighbors have enough to eat.



» Why Partner?

For thousands of our King County neighbors, having enough food to feed themselves and their families is a concern. 13.2% of Washington residents experience food insecurity. The number of people seeking food assistance has increased over the last year, with nearly one million people in Washington relying on SNAP benefits.

At United Way, one of our priorities is to listen to people experiencing hunger and ensure dignified and equitable access to nutritious, culturally specific, food so no one has to worry about their next meal.

We believe that as a community, we must reimagine the food system to better serve all our neighbors—including low-income and households of color. That’s where our programs’ focuses lie:



Home Grocery Delivery Program:

We work with community partners like Amazon and DoorDash to deliver culturally specific food boxes directly to our most vulnerable neighbors in a safe and reliable way.

900,000+

Home Grocery Deliveries since 2020



5,300

King County households served each week



75%

of participants identify as people of color, experiencing poverty at disproportionate rates



Ending Childhood Hunger:

We’re working to make sure that all kids in King County have the healthy food they need to learn and thrive—both during the school year and in the summer, where additional food costs make it hard for many families to make ends meet.

15,000+

youth served daily with Free Summer Meals across 175 meal sites in King County.



7,722

students in Federal Way Public Schools connected to school breakfast



550,000

youth connected to Summer EBT*



*Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) is a new grocery benefit available across most of the U.S. Families with eligible school-aged children receive \$120 per child to buy groceries during the summer.



Food Justice Collaborative:

Launched in 2023, this coalition brings together organizations led by and serving communities of color to fight food insecurity in King County. The goal is to shift power and resources in the food system to those who have historically been excluded. At the same time, it focuses on building community, celebrating culture, and creating joyful food experiences.

Did you know that Black and Hispanic/Latinx households are twice as likely to experience food insecurity than white households?

» Opportunity

Ensuring child nutrition to help them learn and grow. Working on policies to ensure the emergency food system works for everyone. Delivering free home groceries to those who need them most. By partnering with us on our food security work, your company will contribute to ensuring a strong and strategic response to fight hunger in our community.

With nearly a million deliveries, **our Home Grocery Delivery Program is one of the largest food bank delivery services in the nation.** Funding meal-based programs during the school year and into the summer helps kids thrive. With state and federal budget cuts, investing in innovative and equitable programs like these can help us keep them up and running and be responsive to local families on the waitlist.

As a thank you, we'll recognize your company alongside other game-changers in our newsletters, blog posts, podcasts, social media platforms, on our website, and community-facing marketing materials.

» Want to Learn More?

Do you have space, supplies, or resources to share? We'd love to hear from you about your interest in ensuring everyone has enough to eat. For more information about this program and its impact, please contact **Carrie Bates** at cbates@uwkc.org or 206.461.8501.

