



SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY

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



» Why Partner?

Everyone deserves reliable access to nutritious food. Yet rising costs, systemic inequities, and policy barriers leave too many families in our community struggling to afford food. United Way of King County works to ensure that every child and family has consistent, equitable access to healthy food.

We invest in community partnerships, advocate for stronger federal nutrition programs, and advance solutions that address immediate needs and the root causes of hunger. Together with our partners, we're building a food system that works for everyone. We do this in two ways:



Community Food Access:

We expand access to food by investing in community-led organizations, supporting innovative models like our free Home Grocery Delivery Program, and connecting families to benefits like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

1 million

Home Grocery Deliveries to date



5,000+

King County households served each week



\$667,000

Deployed in rapid response support for anti-hunger organizations last year



Ending Childhood Hunger:

United Way works with partners statewide to expand access to school meals, afterschool meals, and summer nutrition programs, while connecting families to federal benefits like SUN Bucks (also known as Summer EBT).

15,000+

Youth served daily across 175 Free Summer Meals sites last year



400+

Washington schools now offer breakfast as part of the school day



800,000

Students now have access to universal free school meals





Advocacy in Action:

Ending hunger means ensuring people have enough to eat today while also confronting the systemic barriers that put people at risk of going hungry tomorrow.

This is why United Way advocates at both the state and federal level for increased food access in our community. Recently, United Way joined statewide partners in advocating for increased investment in Washington's emergency food system, including \$93 million in state funding for food banks and pantries.

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These days it's hard to afford food. I appreciate you guys sending me the [grocery] boxes. It helps me take care of my kids, my dad, and myself—especially with [me] being pregnant now.”

—Home Grocery Delivery Participant

» Opportunity

Food is a basic need. And it's not just about nutrition; it's about well-being. **When people are nourished, they experience less stress, better health, and more stability.** Your dollars feed families, expand free school meals, and increase investments in the emergency food network. By partnering with us on our food security work, your company will help ensure a strong, strategic response to fight hunger in our community.

» Want to Learn More?

Do you have space, supplies, or resources to share? We'd love to explore how your company can ensure our neighbors have dignified and equitable access to food. For more information about this program and its impact, please contact Carrie Bates at cbates@uwkc.org.

