Charitable Food System
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Feeding America Federation of Foodbanks

Our Network of Foodbanks . . .

- The largest private food recovery and feeding charity in the US.
- 200 Foodbanks 3143 US counties and Puerto Rico
- 60,000 partner feeding agencies
- 2.5M volunteers
- FY2020 6.3B pounds or 5.0B meals
- FY2021 estimating over 7B/LBS

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COVID-19 Impact on Hunger in America

Unprecedented Increase in Demand

• 17.1 million more people estimated to be food insecure – for a total of 54.3 million; or 1 in every 6 Americans up from 1 in 9 before the crisis
  o 46% increase over pre-Covid estimates
  o An estimated 18M children will be food insecure in part as a result of this crisis; up from 1 in 7 children before the crisis to as much as 1 in 4 children.

• Nearly all food banks seeing dramatic increases in need
  o 60% average increase in demand for food assistance
  o 40% of those seeking assistance are first-time users of charitable food system
COVID-19 Impact on Feeding America Network

Impacts on Operating Model ‘The Perfect Storm’

- 70% average decrease in volunteers
- 20% of agency partners not open
- **Purchasing** higher volume of food/supplies; lead times longer than normal
- **Social distancing** food box prep & warehouse operations
- **Innovations** in low-contact / no contact distributions, drive through and grab and go food distributions & home delivery
- With combination of public and private sector actions our food banks, since March 1 have distributed 40% more food than this same time last year.

Learned it was a child’s birthday!
Feeding Westchester, NY
Feeding America’s 12 Month Outlook on US Charitable Food Demand/Supply

- **Pre-COVID**
  - Demand: 9B/Lbs
  - FA Supply: 5B/Lbs
  - GAP: 4B/Lbs

- **Post-COVID**
  - Demand: 17B/Lbs
  - FA Supply: 7B/Lbs
  - GAP: 10B/Lbs

**Two Challenges:**
- Affordable Access to Food
- Distribution Capacity
- Public/Private Solution
Thank You.