

As many as **1 in 6** Western New Yorkers may be at risk of hunger (or struggling with hunger) due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Rising unemployment, school closures, and an increased burden on social support structures have created an unprecedented need for food assistance in communities across our country.

To combat hunger in our region, FeedMore WNY's pandemic response is providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training to our Western New York neighbors in need.

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In 2020, FeedMore WNY provided nearly 16 million meals to our community members in need - approximately 4 million meals more than in 2019.



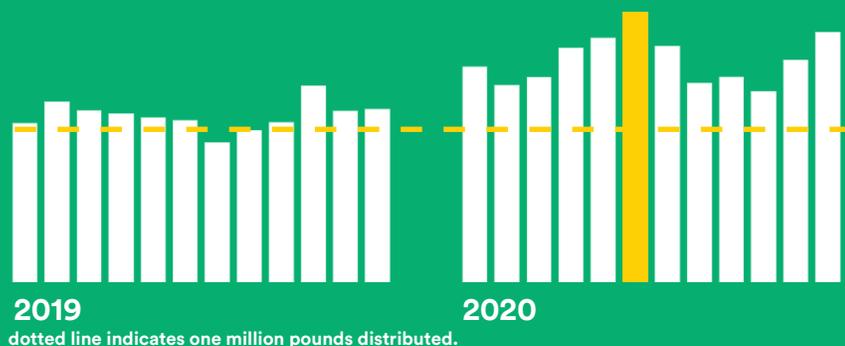
In one year since the start of the pandemic, 3,615 of our most vulnerable neighbors in Erie and Niagara counties have signed up to receive home-delivered meals, allowing them to stay safe at home.



More than 550 mobile food pantry distributions have supported our neighbors in need from March 2020 to March 2021, including 136 distributions added due to COVID.

In 2019, FeedMore WNY distributed an average of 1,095,684 pounds of food each month to partner food agencies in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties.

Food distribution increased by 33% in 2020, to an average of 1,458,457 pounds of food distributed to partner agencies each month.



In June 2020, FeedMore WNY delivered 1,765,241 pounds of food through partner agencies and distributions, an increase of 65% over the previous year.

“FeedMore WNY continues to do everything in its power to ensure our vulnerable community members of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances have enough nutritious food to eat, especially during this time of unprecedented need.”

- Tara A. Ellis
President & CEO, FeedMore WNY

a region of good neighbors.

When our region closed to protect those most at risk, we were met with an outpouring of support from Western New Yorkers looking to make a difference. In one year since the start of the pandemic, **1,544 new volunteers helped FeedMore WNY respond to the community crisis.**

In 2020, our dedicated team of more than 3,000 volunteers contributed 119,393 hours to help FeedMore WNY - equating to more than \$3.3 million in value to our organization!



"I've always been treated like an old friend; they're so nice to me."

- Charlotte
Home-delivered meal recipient



"You're a godsend."

- Cynthia
Food pantry participant

nourishing the heart.

FeedMore WNY's Board of Directors, Community Ambassador Council and volunteers worked together to meet another important need of those we serve - mental health.

Our "companion calls" are social lifelines for many, providing warm conversation and a listening ear for clients living alone. For those in need of additional assistance, psychology students provided mental health check-ins.



- 4,965 total companion calls made as of March 2021.
- Approximately 100 hours of mental health support provided by students.

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We've distributed **76,704** "backpacks." Each pack contains food for students and families affected by hunger.

More than **70,111** emergency food boxes, filled with a variety of nutritious nonperishable goods, have been deployed to families and individuals in need.



1,255 emergency food kits have been directly delivered to people in need based on referrals and requests from government and community partners.

In a single week, **31,861** home-delivered meals were delivered to homebound individuals and those living with disabilities in Erie and Niagara counties by our volunteers.

This is the highest recorded weekly count for our program and nearly a 57% increase compared to our weekly average.

1,037 organizations donated toward our food relief effort.

630+ food drives organized by community members.

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