

GLEANERS

Senior Hunger Initiative



Seniors are often faced with the difficulty of gaining access to resources in their communities. For this reason, the *Senior Hunger Initiative* was created featuring both food pantry and mobile pantry distributions. This program was designed to provide clients with choice, along with a variety of nutritious foods, including fresh produce. These programs work to fulfill the needs of seniors age 55 and over that fall outside the reach of other agencies in the area.

Senior Mobile Pantry: In order to serve as many seniors as possible, *Mobile Pantries* carry an average of **7,500 pounds of food**. The trucks are specifically designed with both dry and refrigerated bays to accommodate frozen meats, dairy, and produce. *Senior Mobile Pantries* allow individuals to select nutritious foods that meet their dietary and personal needs. We provide monthly *Senior Mobile Pantries* to ten counties within our service area.

Senior Food Pantry: There are nine *Senior Food Pantries* in four counties, with more to come in the months ahead. These pantries operate in two ways; some locations hold Senior Shopping Days for persons 55 and over while others provide a separate shopping area with foods geared towards additional senior nutrition.

Together, these programs serve over 25,000 senior households annually.

Senior Meal Boxes: In partnership with CICOA Aging & In-Home Solution, we serve over 800 seniors each month distributing food packages at area community centers.

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