

MOBILIZING PARTNERS TO FIGHT HUNGER DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS IN NEW HAVEN

Before COVID-19, New Haven residents experienced disparities in food insecurity. While 14% of Connecticut residents reported food insecurity, the rate across New Haven was 22% and 33% in low-income neighborhoods. With the economic downfall from COVID-19, the rate in Connecticut has grown to 23%. We can assume that the rate has also increased in New Haven neighborhoods.



Initiated as part of the REACH grant, CFAN is a network of community partners that strategizes to address gaps in the food assistance system in New Haven with a focus on access to nutritious food for all residents.

CFAN was able to quickly pivot to respond to the dire impacts of COVID-19 crisis on the emergency food system. Serving as a task force for the City of New Haven during the crisis, CFAN members are organizing comprehensive program and policy changes to ensure residents are accessing food throughout the pandemic. **As partners have come together, CFAN membership has doubled.**

Growth of Network



PANTRY TO PANTRY IMPACT

CFAN mobilized its network and implemented the Pantry to Pantry (P2P) program within two weeks of the State of Connecticut COVID-19 shutdown. The program provides free, weekly home deliveries of food to those who are homebound or facing economic hardship due to COVID-19.



1,310 
Households Served

3,200 
Total Volunteer Hours

11,500 
Total Deliveries to Date

"As a local food pantry, our lines doubled in size and we were in serious need of additional resources to meet the demand. CFAN came to our rescue and supported us with fresh, healthy, and nutritious food. Without the resources CFAN supplied, we would have not been able to effectively support the community. We are eternally grateful for all of their support!"

- Pastor Boone,
Cathedral of Higher Praise

NEIGHBORHOOD POP-UP PANTRIES

As part of CFAN, in partnership with United Way, a Neighborhood Pop-Up Pantry has occurred once a month in New Haven's low-income neighborhoods. In addition to increasing access to healthy foods, these Pop-Ups also offer COVID-19 testing, US Census outreach, and voter registration for clients.

1,045 
households served

49% 
first time
accessing a food pantry

#GIVEHEALTHY

#GiveHealthy uses a web-based platform for people to donate fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and other healthy food requested by local hunger-relief organizations.

1,899  pounds of
food donated

Fight Hunger



#GIVEHEALTHY
BECAUSE HUNGER IS A HEALTH ISSUE

SUSTAINABILITY

Currently, the Pantry to Pantry program is transitioning their work by collaborating with other local partners to ensure that clients who need continued home delivery will receive it. Planning is underway to ensure food access during a potential second wave of COVID-19 and other local emergencies.

\$307,155 
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