

***Middle Georgia Community Food Bank, Inc.***

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**Program Description:** The *Middle Georgia Community Food Bank* solicits, transports, sorts, stores, & distributes food & food products through a network of 501(c)(3) Participating Agencies serving the needy, elderly, children, poverty households, & homeless in 24 Middle Georgia counties. The pre-approved Participating Agencies receive our services based on the total pounds of donated food & food products the Participating Agency receives from the *Middle Georgia Community Food Bank*. The current Service Maintenance Fee for our service (the solicitation, transportation, sorting, storing, & distributing food products) is 18 cents per pound. The *Middle Georgia Community Food Bank* is a certified member of America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network.

**Mission Statement:** "The mission of the MGCFB is to provide the maximum amount of food possible to our Participating Agencies at the lowest possible cost to reach the maximum number of needy people."

**Administrative Structure:** Governance is performed through an all-volunteer diverse Board of Directors. The Executive Director supported by an Administrative Assistant manages the daily operation. In addition, the staff is currently made up of 12 full time employees and 2 part time employees. A well maintained volunteer base of approximately 2000 individuals working approximately 7,000 hours per year compliments the "workforce" of the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank.

**Service Area:** Service counties include Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Lamar, Laurens, Pike, Pulaski, Taylor, Telfair, Treutlen, Upson, Wheeler, & Wilcox Counties.

**Distribution** of food products is accomplished through the network of 313 Participating Agencies, other A2H Food Banks, and programs funded through our operational budget & United Way dollars. These programs have been labeled as Operational Programs funded from the operational budget, and they include:

- **OPCAR (Operation Partnership/Children at Risk)**
- **Brown Bags for Senior Citizens**
- **The Hunger Project**
- **Food Product Distribution**
- **SNAP (State Nutrition Assistance Program)**
- **USDA/TEFAP (USDA/The Emergency Feeding Assistance Program)**
- **The Mobile Food Pantry**
- **The "Toy Room" at Christmas**