



Total Meals Consumed

FY 2017 3.7 million

Total Number of Sites

FY 2017 209

FY 2017 Sites by County

Anne Arundel	11
Baltimore City	118
Baltimore County	24
Carroll County	17
Dorchester County	4
Frederick County	10
Somerset County	2
Talbot County	1
Washington County	13
Wicomico County	7
Worcester County	2

For too many children, hunger is an everyday reality. More than 220,000 Maryland children struggle daily to access good, nutritious food needed to thrive and learn.

Hungry Children...

- Have trouble concentrating
- Have less energy for social interactions
- Are at high risk for developmental impairments
- Suffer long-term effects, such as poor health and lack of job readiness

With the generous support of Giant Food, the Maryland Food Bank (MFB) launched MFB Kids™ in 2012 to help Maryland children and teens struggling with hunger. Alongside the Supper Club and the Summer Club Program, School Pantries ensure that a steady stream of nutritious food reaches children in need.



A Unique Program

The School Pantry Program is an innovative partnership between MFB and Maryland public schools. MFB partners with schools across the state to provide a reliable source of healthy food to families and surrounding communities throughout the school year. The School Pantry Program minimizes the stigma sometimes attached to food assistance by offering it in a familiar setting that is already part of families' everyday lives. Parents often serve as pantry volunteers, with the added benefit of becoming more involved in their child's education.

**“Some of our kids
are embarrassed
to admit they don’t
have food at home.”**

*Louis Barnett, School Social Worker
Coordinator, Brehms Lane Elementary School
Pantry, Baltimore City Public Schools*

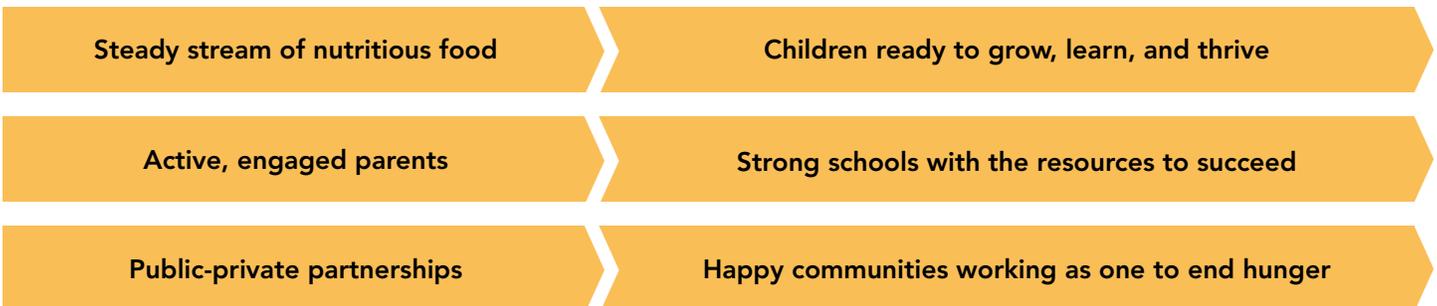
Because schools participating in the program have high levels of participation in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals program, we know we are reaching a pre-qualified audience in need.

Feeding Families

Schools have various options for getting food out to children and families in need:

- Many schools have their pantries open on specific days and times, usually during and after school hours
- Some schools give away food at PTA meetings and other school events
- Schools in select areas may supply weekend survival kits to children identified as especially at risk

The Impact



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