



“The Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch has provided enormous benefits to us, providing nutritious food items for our elderly population and giving our residents an opportunity to volunteer and feel empowered.”

*Kathi Geisbert, Brunswick House Apartments*

The Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch service area includes some of the largest cities in Western Maryland: Frederick, Middletown, Thurmont, Hagerstown, Cumberland, and Oakland.

**Western Branch hunger by the numbers ...**

- More than **47,000 individuals** in the Hagerstown service area are food insecure.
- Of those struggling with hunger, more than **20,000** are children.
- In FY 2018, the Western Branch distributed **more than 6.7 million meals**.
- Hungry families in the region miss about **8.5 million meals** each year.

Since opening in 2012, the Western Branch has quickly integrated and expanded its food service programs across Western Maryland. The branch is focused on expanding its Farm to Food Bank partnerships in the region, with the goal of increasing the influx of produce, dairy, game, and fruit into Maryland Food Bank warehouses.

In addition, the Western Branch has organized mobile pantries, school pantries, senior pantries, and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), providing its service area with more access to food aid than ever before.

<b>Counties Served and Rate of Food Insecurity</b>	
Allegany	13.5%
Frederick	7.0%
Garrett	10.4%
Washington	11.7%
<b>Total Number of Meals Distributed</b>	
FY 2018	6.7 million
FY 2017	6.3 million

“With the help of the Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch, food distribution in the region has grown by nearly 500 percent. Not only are more people getting access to the nutrition they need, but they’re also receiving a wider variety of foods.”

Frank Ducey, Programs Manager,  
Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch

**Ways to get involved:**

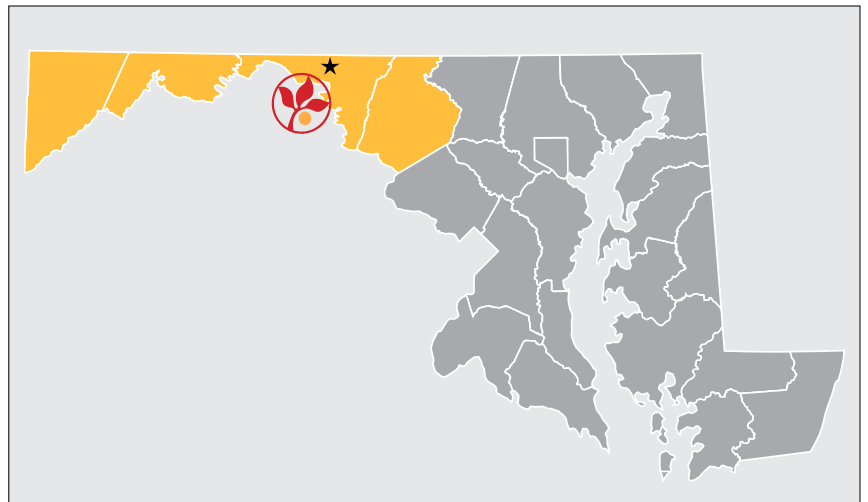
**There are many ways you can join the movement to end hunger in Maryland, and every donation—whether it be time, food, or money—makes a big difference!**

**Donate Funds:** Every \$1 you donate can provide three meals to a hungry Marylander.

**Donate Food:** Any food donated to us is distributed directly to food-insecure Marylanders.

**Donate Time:** We’re always in need of volunteers at our branch location to help sort and pack food for hungry families across the region. Sign up today at [mdfoodbank.org/volunteer](http://mdfoodbank.org/volunteer).

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