



Off the Shelf

Spring 2026



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Executive Director

Director's Dish

When I tell staff, "Go through the brick wall, around it, under it, or over it," they know what I really mean is there is nothing more important than feeding our neighbors nutritious foods. We also know that we cannot do this alone.

Recently, I visited an evening food distribution and community meal. I recognized many faces, neighbors who first came last fall, as well as a few I've met at other distributions. As I listened to their stories, I was touched by the spirit of community.

One woman had driven others to pick up groceries, while she stayed for the health screening. I spoke with a neighbor who works in the service industry and relies

on the weekly groceries and the meal, to help make ends meet. I also watched as providers and neighbors interacted.

What began as a program born out of necessity when SNAP benefits were disrupted, has grown into a true community effort. Many hands make light work. It takes all of us to feed our neighbors - the partner who organizes, those who offer their services, and the volunteers who prepare the meal and assist with shopping.

And the most important piece is you.

You make this possible. Your caring, passion, and generosity puts food on the table. None of it happens because of one person, but together we create a safe, supportive environment where neighbors and our community thrive.

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Community Partnerships at Work



In Virden, volunteers warmly greeted neighbors and filled their cars with an abundance of fresh produce, dairy boxes, and nourishing protein—a simple yet powerful reminder of what community care looks like in action.



Thanks to the generosity of Friend-in-Deed, students at Jane Addams Elementary headed into spring break with meals in hand and support behind them. Partnerships like this help ensure our children have the nourishment to thrive.

IMPACT IN 2025



HAPPY
National Volunteer
Appreciation Month!

We are so thankful for our volunteers and the impact they make in our community every day. Their dedication and hard work make a lasting difference for our neighbors.

Thank you for all you do!



OVER 3.6M LBS

OF FOOD RESCUED FROM
RETAIL PARTNERS

HELPED DISTRIBUTE
OVER 10 MILLION LBS
OF FOOD



7,650

HOURS





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