



“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 ...**

- Nearly **49,000 individuals** in the Hagerstown service area are food insecure.
- Of those struggling with hunger, about **22,000** are children.
- In FY 2015, the Western Branch distributed **more than 5.9 million meals**—quadruple the number of meals distributed in the region prior to 2012.
- Hungry families in the region miss about **9.5 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>	
Frederick	8.4%
Washington	13.3%
Allegany	14.1%
Garrett	12.0%
<b>Total Number of Meals Distributed</b>	
FY 2015	5.9 million
FY 2014	4.3 million
FY 2013	2 million
Prior to MFB	1 million



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UNTIL HUNGER ENDS.

Western Branch

“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.”

*Amy Rupp, Managing Director,  
Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch*

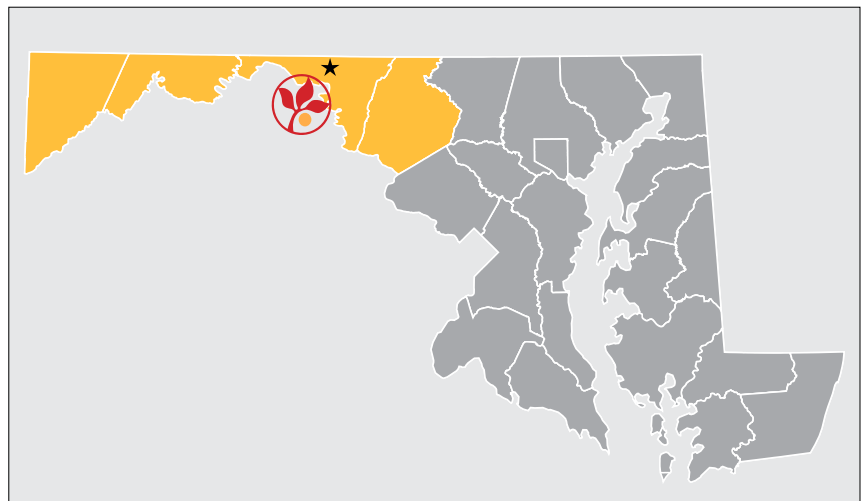
### Ways to get involved:

**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.

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