


MOBILE SCHOOL PANTRY PROGRAM

The Mobile School Pantry program supplies students and their families at high risk of hunger with monthly mobile food pantry services right at their local school. It is Utah Food Bank's most cost-effective childhood hunger program and the best way we have found to provide food assistance to children facing hunger who might not otherwise seek—or receive—help.

Monthly throughout the school year (at a predetermined date and time), a Mobile School Pantry truck arrives at participating schools. Program staff, with the help of volunteers, assist children in signing in. Volunteers provide bags and assist participants as they are provided with a variety of food items. Each household receives approximately 15 pounds of grocery-style food and hygiene products. The program currently serves schools in Davis, Iron, Salt Lake, Utah, and Washington Counties and is free to participating schools' students and their families.

We launched this program during the 2014-2015 school year with just one truck at one school. The growth of this program has been remarkable; during the 2021-2022 school year we served 68 schools and provided monthly food assistance to 31,490 individuals, 18,445 of whom were children.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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YOU CAN HELP

Utah Food Bank designed this program to encourage community engagement.



To make it affordable, we turn to individuals, corporations, foundations and community groups to sponsor services at a school for an entire school year.



Each sponsorship is \$5,000; this covers a quarter of the cost of serving a school for the school year.



To keep costs in check, we ask sponsors (when possible) to provide 6-8 volunteers each month to assist with distributions at their sponsored school.



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