Feeding GA Families (FGF) is a 501(c)3 state licensed non-profit food pantry aimed at combating food insecurity in our communities with the assistance of local grocery stores, small businesses, local donors, food banks, and volunteers. Founded in 2010, FGF has expanded from feeding the homeless in Atlanta to providing cooked community meals, and to hosting a weekly food pantry to those in need.

FGF is a resource that the food insecure can utilize during their time(s) of need. Our services are provided with no questions asked, as our purpose is to aid those those in need, when they are in need, without restrictions to residency, prior income, or family size.

Goals and Initiatives

1. **Open Door Policy** – Our goal is to make the process of receiving much needed help as simple as possible. We are a no questions asked facility. Anyone in need are welcome to receive assistance.

2. **Healthy Eating Initiative** – Encourages the inclusion of fresh fruits and vegetables in every day meal planning. This includes fresh produce purchases to give away at the pantry and meal planning ideas and recipes highlighted on FGF social media page(s).

3. **Dietary Restrictions Inclusions** – Based on food donations and purchases, we try to work with shoppers dietary restrictions/concerns as much as possible. Dietary Restrictions include food allergies and intolerances, vegetarian and vegan diets, and health related diets (diabetes, thyroid, high blood pressure, autoimmune diseases, etc).

FGF's food assistance service consists of:

- **The Free Market** – A weekly market style food assistance program for Georgia families, individuals, seniors, students and veterans. Clients ("shoppers") are welcome to shop our store shelves for food and other specialty items they may need for the week. The items and quantity of items available on our shelves varies by week, based on donations and food bank purchases.

FGF's meal assistance services include:

- **Emergency Food Boxes** – Pre-made food boxes made available to clients that can’t attend the Free Market Pantry dates/times.

- **Thanksgiving Box Meal Event** – Annually, the Monday before Thanksgiving, we remain open to help provide food for our shoppers Thanksgiving Meals.
FGF’s service programs include:

- **Homeless Outreach** – Food and care kits are packaged and distributed to the homeless in Georgia, Maryland, and Washington D.C..
- **Student Outreach** – Snack kits are packaged and provided to teachers and daycare owners to distribute to low-income area students in grades Pre-K to 12.
- **Community Hot Meals** – Team and volunteers prepare, cook, and distribute food plates at several community planned events at FGF’s location throughout the year.
- **Christmas Gift Give-a-way** – An annual event that provides bikes/toys and shoes/clothing to children ages 0-18. Gifts are purchased year round by FGF board members. In addition, Toys for Tots has generously provided toys and books for 2017.

On average, our organization’s efforts provides food for 1000 or more families per month in Fairburn and partner locations throughout the state. Over 50,000 individuals receive food assistance through FGF’s programs every year. Our goal is to provide for 2000 or more families per month in various locations throughout Georgia.

FGF’s services are provided through our primary funding sources. Primary funding is through crowdfunding, onsite monetary donations, in-kind donations, and board member contributions. We are currently requesting and accepting:

- In-Kind donations of non-perishable food, produce, blankets, socks, personal hygiene items, shelving, building materials, plastic bags, and packaging material that can be scheduled for pick up or shipped to Feeding GA Families, 93 Howell Ave, Fairburn, GA 30213.
- Amazon Wish List Donations from [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/6XXHoBoJQ2FB?pldnSite=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/6XXHoBoJQ2FB?pldnSite=1) to be purchased and shipped to Feeding GA Families, 93 Howell Ave, Fairburn, GA 30213.

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