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# GLEANERS

## MOBILE PANTRY

### WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

There are counties within Gleaners service area that are in desperate need of fresh, perishable food for their families struggling with hunger.

### HOW DO WE SOLVE IT?

***More food, more often, to more counties, serving more people.*** Gleaners' *Mobile Pantry* takes hunger relief "on the road" nearly every day of the month. We go as far away as the southeast corner of the state, where Indiana and Kentucky meet at the Ohio River. Our amazing truck has sides that roll up and refrigerated units on both sides, transforming it into a full-service food pantry wherever it goes.

We load it with an average of 8,500 pounds of high quality food like frozen meat, fresh produce, and other nutritional foods to assist in meal planning. Hungry clients can choose exactly what they know they will eat. There is very little waste, and everyone benefits.

- More than 300 *Mobile Pantry* events planned in the next 12 months
- Each event helps an average of 400 individuals receive healthy food
- Each event provides enough food for more than 7,000 meals

### DOES IT WORK?

Gleaners works with member agencies and community partners to schedule *Mobile Pantry* visits exactly when the community needs one. By bringing desperately needed food directly to hard-hit areas and food deserts, Gleaners attacks the problem of hunger head-on. Here's a story from a rural county:

*As a mobile pantry distribution was coming to an end, I looked across the parking lot and saw this man and five kids running. They ran straight to the registration table out of breath, "Did we make it in time? Can we still get food?" He told our driver that his car ran out of gas and was parked about 3 blocks from the church. So he and the kids ran 3 blocks...to get food.*

