



# A Social Justice Learning & Living Community Service Project

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## Abstract

Through our Social Justice Living and Learning Community project, we were given the opportunity to feed numerous families across the Dayton area. We worked with Foodbank Inc. to help sort and repackage donated food to give to families in need. The Foodbank provides food for approximately 70,000 different people annually.

## Mission

Foodbank Inc. is a company dedicated to alleviating hunger in the community by collecting and distributing food to local pantries, kitchens, and shelters for families of the Miami Valley region.



## Foodbank Inc.



## WHY IT MATTERS: Connections To Social Justice

- Among all client households served by emergency food programs of The Foodbank, 87% are food insecure
- Among households with children, 88% are food insecure
- 38% of clients served by The Foodbank report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel
- 32% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care
- 26% of households served by The Foodbank report having at least one household member in poor health
- As many as 93% of pantries, 93% of kitchens, and 62% of shelters in The Foodbank use volunteers
- Many programs rely entirely on volunteers

## Outcomes

- The Foodbank provides emergency food for an estimated 70,000 different people annually
- 26,785 “weekend food packs” were distributed in 2013

## Reflection:

### What We Learned

Through this service project, we were able to witness the widespread and detrimental effects of hunger. We were able to learn more about the Marianist values of lead, learn, and serve through our work with Foodbank Inc. Our work with this organization showed us how widespread the problem of hunger is in the Dayton area.