

Virtual Conversation on Food Stability

Wednesday, October 14 | Noon - 1:00 p.m.

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Thank you to those that could join us for this important conversation around how our community is working together to help feed our neighbors. [Click here for the recording of this event.](#)

Resources Mentioned Today

- **Meals On Wheels** Meal Delivery: <http://www.freshmealsonwheels.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FreshMealsOnWheels>
- **Sheboygan County Food Bank:** <https://sheboygancountyfoodbank.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/shebctyfoodbank/>
- **Sheboygan Area School District** Food Information: <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/families/nutrition.cfm>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SASDsSchools>
- **Salvation Army** Community Food Pantry and Meal Calendar (English and Spanish available):
<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/cure-hunger/>
- **211:** <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

Fast Facts

NEW Barriers for Food Security in Sheboygan County:

- More People Homebound
- Reduced number of In-Person Volunteers
- Safe Collection of Food
- Food Sites/Drop-off to reach all corners of our county
- Food Sources keeping up with need
- People think it is for other people not them; pride
- The cost and extra precautions needed to safely deliver food/meals

Other Facts & Solutions

- On any given day, about 11,000 people in Sheboygan County may struggle with hunger.
- 1 in 3 people in Sheboygan County live below the [ALICE threshold](#). Food security is one of the biggest challenges for ALICE households.
- “Even when our schools are closed, food continues to be provided for FREE,” Meredith Nitka, Sheboygan Area School District as she references the approved additional funds awarded recently.
- Last year, serving an average of 1000 clients per month and now the Sheboygan County Food bank is serving up to 9,500 a month; distributing an average of 214,000 pounds of food each month (approximately 300% increase from 2019's monthly average distribution). Also, their annual food purchase expenses have increased 445% (over \$300,000 already spent through September 2020).
 - Sheboygan County Food Bank
- In 2019, 30,000 meals were provided through the Sheboygan Area School District’s Summer Food Program. This summer 133,000 meals were provided.
- Feeding 300 homebound community members a week; food costs have increased 40% – Meals On Wheels
- “We don’t see hunger necessarily, but the need is there!” Allison Thompson, Meals On Wheels.

How to Help?

- **Harvest for the Hungry | October 22nd from 3:30p to 7p**
Details: <https://www.uwofsc.org/news-and-events/harvest-for-the-hungry/>
- **Drive-thru Scouting for Food | October 17th from 8a to Noon**
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- **Host a Food Drive for the Food Bank**
Details: <https://sheboygancountyfoodbank.com/ways-to-give/host-food-drive/>
- **Play Santa or be an elf for special December Meals On Wheels deliveries**
Email: freshfood@FreshMealsOnWheels.org
- **Donate Enrichment/Gift Items to Meals On Wheels**
Details coming soon on their website: <http://www.freshmealsonwheels.org/>
- **Volunteer for Making Spirits Bright**
Details: <https://makingspiritsbright.com/ways-to-help/>