The need for food assistance has increased drastically as the COVID-19 situation has continued and Houston Food Bank’s response in the month of January demonstrates that. We will remain operational, while utilizing the best available safety precautions. We are adjusting daily to meet the needs of the community and adapting our logistics and operations to help people in the safest and most effective ways possible.

The Need:

- **259,313 people** in our service area applied for unemployment benefits in December 2020.
- **59%** increase in number of households served on average each week in January ‘21 vs. January ‘20.

The Response in January:

- **18,436,357 pounds of food** and product distributed in January ‘21.
- **104,076 households** served each week on average.
- **2,966 individuals** volunteered their time to help Houston Food Bank sort, pack, and distribute food and product.
- **801,581 pounds** distributed on average for each distribution day in January.
- **151,776 meals delivered** to homes safely and with no contact with help of volunteers, staff, and partners such as CrowdSource Rescue and TaskRabbit.
- **5,615,640 pounds of produce** distributed to the community through our partner sites, deliveries, and programs.
- **31,753 ready to eat meals** distributed to kids in the Kids Cafe program.
- **41,020 food sacks** distributed to kids through Backpack Buddy.

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Our Mission: Food for better lives
Our Vision: A world that doesn’t need food banks

A gift of $10 provides access to 30 meals for someone in the community.