



FY26 Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) Fact Sheet (Data from end of FY 25)

About

- **Mission:** To **feed our neighbors in need** by providing **dignified access** to nutritious supplemental groceries.
- Providing **free weekly groceries** allows families to dedicate limited financial resources to other obligations such as housing, utilities, medication, and other basic needs.
- A referral is **required** to be eligible for our services. Referrals come from the Arlington County Department of Human Services, Arlington Public Schools, and 20 other partner organizations.

Impact: Client Numbers over FY25

- **199,820** total family visits - an **84% increase** in the last 4 years
- **8,455** distinct families served - **20,596 individuals**, including **6,822 children** (33%) and **2,510 seniors** (12%).
- Average **over 3,850 families** served **every week**.
- **55%** Hispanic/Latino, **19%** Black/African American, **11%** white

Food Distribution

- **The Choice Model** gives our clients a dignified way to select grocery items that their families will enjoy, including fresh produce, dairy, protein, and pantry staples.
- **Over five million pounds** of groceries were distributed to families in need last year.
- **30%** of the food distributed is donated from corporate and community food drives, providing families with variety and choice.
- The remaining **70%** of food distributed — totaling **3.6 million pounds** — was purchased by AFAC.
- Groceries are distributed at **21 sites** across Arlington County.
- A home delivery program serves **214 households** with elderly or disabled family members who do not have a local support system.

Budget

- **AFAC receives no federal or state funding.** Arlington County provides **only 9%** of what it takes to operate AFAC. The remaining **91% comes from private donations**.
- AFAC had an annual budget of \$9.8 million in FY25. The budget for FY26 **increased to \$11.7 million**.
- Volunteer time: 1,830 individual volunteers gave **51,657 hours** in FY25, valued **\$2.1 million** - the equivalent of **25 full-time employees**.
- AFAC's overhead rate in FY25 was 12.5%.