

From Farm to Shelf

The journey of food to our food hubs, shelves, and other CVOEO programs

Nearly a year ago, we launched Feeding Champlain Valley, our new name that encompasses the full breadth of our efforts throughout the Champlain Valley region. Alongside the rebrand, we unveiled the Fund to Feed Champlain Valley, a comprehensive campaign to build the infrastructure required to make it easier for our neighbors to get the nourishing, fresh, and diverse food they need.

Keep reading to learn about some of the updates and innovations we've been able to introduce this year.

With gratitude,

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Rob Meehan, Director of Feeding Champlain Valley

Thank you for continuing to work with us to end hunger, promote health, and build strong, resilient communities. FEEDING CHAMPLAIN VALLEY IN 2024

2,208,322 POUNDS OF FOOD donated

14,509

NEIGHBORS received food and essential items

4

FOOD SHELVES provide groceries to our neighbors

3

FOOD HUBS store and distribute charitable food

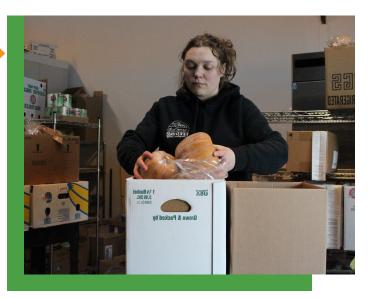
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Follow food from local farms to hungry community members

Sheldon Food Hub

In October of 2023, the Sheldon Food Hub opened in partnership with Healthy Roots Collaborative, the Abbey Group, and NorthWest Family Foods.

This warehouse and fulfillment center allows staff to prepare online orders from healthcare providers, Head Start families, migrant farm workers, and people in temporary housing across Franklin County.



"When you give to Feeding Champlain Valley, you're not only providing nutritious food, you're supporting local farmers, reducing food waste, and taking a stand against hunger."

- Rob Meehan, Director of Feeding Champlain Valley

Gleaning in Grand Isle

The Healthy Roots Collaborative team has been hard at work this Spring! Staff and volunteers work to strengthen the local food system and rescue (or "glean") quality vegetables and fruits from farms.

This local food is redistributed to charitable food sites within Feeding Champlain Valley and other community partners.

Recently at Grand Isle's Finn and Roots Farm, they gleaned a spring mix of spinach, lettuce, and basil. These fresh greens were included in our CSA food boxes in partnership with the Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH) and packaged for home deliveries.



Burlington Construction Updates



The food shelf and Community Resource Center (CRC) renovation in Burlington is full steam ahead! Most of the Feeding Champlain Valley programs have moved to Winooski's O'Brien Community Center during the construction, while the CRC is temporarily sharing space with the Community Health Center on Pearl Street in Burlington.

THE FOOD SHELF'S TEMPORARY HOME IN WINOOSKI.

These temporary changes allow us to continue offering essential services without interruption. Guests can still access a variety of nutritious food options including fresh produce, assorted frozen meats, and shelf-stable canned goods.

We will continue to prepare meals out of the kitchen at our food shelf in Burlington to increase local access to healthy and nutritious pre-made meals. Meals are available at CVOEO shelters, including Champlain Place, the CRC, the Family Shelter in Williston, and the Elmwood Pods Community.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this transition! Our

dedicated staff and volunteers are committed to maintaining the same level of care and service for guests. We're here to ensure that no one goes without the nourishment they need.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please don't hesitate to stop by—we're here for you.



For updated hours, follow us on Facebook or Instagram or at feedingchamplainvalley.org.



FIGHT HUNGER

your way

many ways to make an impact

Volunteer

We couldn't do this work without volunteers! To help pack boxes of food, deliver groceries, stock shelves, and much more, submit an application on our website.

Start a Fundraiser or Virtual Food Drive

Get creative - celebrate a birthday or wedding, honor a loved one, and more. It only takes a minute to set up a fundraiser as an individual, businesses, or team.

Make a Gift

Visit our website to make a secure donation or send a check or cash to Feeding Champlain Valley, Attn: Philanthropy, PO Box 1265, Burlington, VT 05402.



Become a Monthly Donor

You can join the Full Plate Club, a group of dedicated donors who provide food and support all year long with a recurring gift. These gifts are a budget-friendly, automatic gift on a credit card or through bank transfer.

Give Food

Donated food helps us stock the shelves with a variety of in-demand items. Visit our website for a list of current needs and donation hours.

Remember Feeding Champlain Valley in your Will or Trust

You can make an impact for years to come by including Feeding Champlain Valley in your estate planning or as a beneficiary of your retirement account, life insurance, donor-advised fund (DAF), and other assets.

Questions? Contact us at philanthropy@cvoeo.org.

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