FY 2026

COMMUNITY IMPACT SUMMARY

From Healthy Food to Thriving Lives



NOURISH TOGETHER

In FY2026, we introduced **Nourish Together**, our new three-year strategic plan to expand access to healthy food, strengthen our network of partners, and invest in pathways to self-sufficiency. To bring that vision to life, we launched the $15 million Nourish Together Campaign, which will help us build the capacity to serve two to three times as many neighbors.



Loaves&Fishes Community Services

By the Numbers

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Our Food Distribution Hub provides healthy food to 13 spoke locations serving DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED

FY 2026

463,325

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

FY 2026

8,662,516

CLIENTS RECEIVING FOOD

56%
Households with Children <18

463,325
Individuals

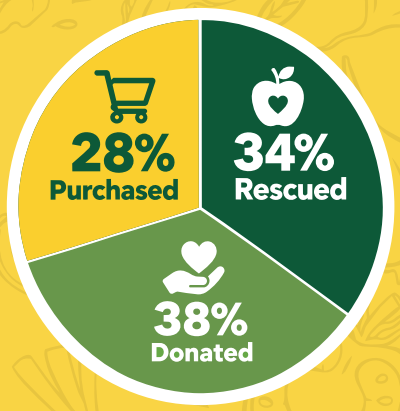
148,245
Children

58,316
Seniors

Average number of people visiting per week
9,456

Average number of visits per household per year
10.9

SOURCE OF FOOD



*Food rescued from local grocers 7 days a week



By the Numbers

CARES PROGRAMS

CARES programs connect families to support beyond food by offering easy access to personalized support **as they work toward greater stability and self-sufficiency.**

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Addressing immediate physical needs, nutrition, and medical well-being.

- Grocery Assistance Program
- Nutrition Education
- Blood Pressure/Diabetes Screenings
- Vaccine Clinics



Health Screenings:
443 clients participated in health screenings & vaccine clinics

FINANCIAL HEALTH

Building financial stability and access to resources.

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Public Benefits: LIHEAP, Medicaid, SNAP
- Tax Preparation
- Resource Referrals
- Financial Fitness
- Legal Aid



Emergency Assistance:*
$1.1M of funds were distributed to **1,736** residents

**Funds leveraged with other agencies*

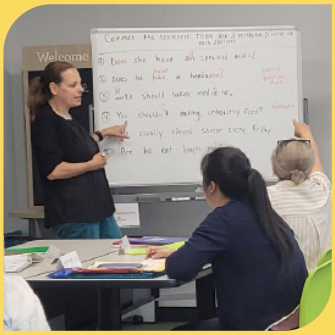
Public Benefits:
499 client appointments

VITA Program:
$2.9M received by clients in tax credits/refunds

EMPLOYMENT HEALTH

Supporting individuals in job readiness, skill development, and career advancement.

- Job Support
- Car Program
- English Classes



English Classes:
203 clients participated in COD's English classes at Loaves & Fishes

Job Support:
109 clients participated in job support

Car Program:
6 households received donated cars

MENTAL HEALTH

Emotional support, psychological well-being, and specialized services.

- Mental Health Counseling Referrals
- Self-Sufficiency Workshops
- Onsite/Virtual Mental Health Counseling



Zoom to Success:
26 clients participated in this new program

Moving Up:
10 clients graduated from this program

Mental Health:
359 clients had meetings about mental health services

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OUTCOMES

Our emergency assistance creates stability and opens doors to self-sufficiency.

100%
Households are housed three months after receiving rental assistance

98%
Utility services are still connected three months after financial assistance

99%
Clients receiving emergency assistance have been able to move up on the self-sufficency scale

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Every day, volunteers are an essential part of how Loaves & Fishes serves our neighbors. **1,536 volunteers donated 110,718 hours this year**—helping rescue, sort and pack food, support distributions, stock our market, assist with special events and provide vital administrative support.



Thank you for being part of a community that nourishes hope and builds brighter futures.

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