

Combating Food Insecurity and Hunger in the Commonwealth

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Beginning in March 2020—when the students were sent home to learn, parents were working from home, testing sites started popping up, and business were on hold—support for food security efforts intensified and were broad and robust. Partners within Food Justice Network and beyond began collaborating in earnest to ensure students received meals at home, residents could receive groceries to their door, food pantries flourished with fresh and shelf stable foods, and we could aim to ensure access to healthy food across our area.



In October during the first year of the pandemic, Governor Northam's office also launched the Virginia Roadmap to End Hunger which "identifies a set of cohesive goals and strategies aimed at moving the needle on food security in Virginia." One of the 10 key steps to end hunger is to Support Community Organizing to Combat Food Insecurity and Hunger.

→ Richmond Food Justice Alliance and Cultivate Charlottesville Food Justice Network were profiled as examples of groups doing just that. In an effort to amplify and advance community organizing and collaboration across initiatives, a statewide network of Hunger Action Coalitions were launched. While Cultivate Charlottesville was selected to be the backbone organization for our region in May 2021, in March 2022, we passed the baton to our partners at Blue Ridge Area Food Bank who, with the leadership of Joe Krieter, are now steering this program. To learn more about how you can engage with our regional Hunger Action Coalition, check out these resources:

- [Virginia Roadmap to End Hunger](#)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Model of Community, Local, Regional Food Systems
- FEEDVa
- Virginia Hunger Action Coalitions

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*Supporting a just and local food system
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