

Working together to meet basic human needs for the greater Des Moines community.

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Once per calendar month, families can receive a free, three-day supply of nutritionally balanced food. It's not enough for us to just fill stomachs, we want to provide nourishing food to those we serve. Families can also receive additional 'Anytime Items' every day at pantries. DMARC serves 16,000-17,000 individuals every month—60% of whom are children, youth and older adults.

How You Can Help

**Donate Funds**

DMARC works with a number of food wholesalers to find the best deals. With our purchasing power, we are able to buy anywhere from 2-6 times the amount of food you could in the grocery store with the same dollar. So, if you want to do more with your dollar, consider donating funds to our Food Pantry Network!

dmarcunited.org/donate/donate-online

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In-kind food donations through food drives and our Red Barrel program are still very important to DMARC's work. When donating food, please use our "Most Needed Items" list to make sure you're donating items that meet our healthy food guidelines. And if you're not sure about something, look for items to donate that are low in sugar, fat and salt.

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