The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) works with 14 partner pantries and 14 mobile pantry sites to feed an average of 16,000 individuals every month.

We also partner with schools and senior centers to provide on-site pantry and backpack programs.

In 2017, we served 48,000 individuals (many who visited pantries every month) and distributed 1.9 million food items.

It’s not enough just to feed people, we want them to be healthy. DMARC provides a three-day supply of healthy food once per calendar month to our neighbors in need. In addition to offering fresh produce, we stock our shelves with items high in nutrients and low in sugar, fat, and salt.

DMARC partner pantries also offer AnyTime Items for those who have already received their monthly supply.

DMARC partner pantries have no income requirements and are open to serve all people regardless of where they live. DMARC does ask for identification and demographic information for each person in the household. We record this information to help us better understand and share the story of hunger in our community.