

Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf

What: The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf (CEFS) works to alleviate hunger by feeding people and cultivating opportunities. As the largest direct service emergency food provider in Vermont, CEFS serves more than 12,000 people each year.

The Food Shelf relies on a broad base of community support to fund its programs. It is funded primarily through the generosity of the local community with over 60% of donations coming directly from individuals, faith groups, local businesses and other community organizations. CEFS receives grants from The United Way, local towns and cities, as well as foundations.

When: Throughout the year by ongoing food donations, including produce from members' gardens during the summer and fall
Annual monetary donation in the operating budget

Who: Mission Committee arranges for donations to be delivered to the Food Shelf

How: A basket is in the sanctuary or narthex at all times for deposit of non-perishable food items for the Food Shelf.

Starting in the summer of 2011, Ascension has been including produce from members' gardens as part of its contribution to the Food Shelf.

The Food Shelf is a line item in the local benevolence category of Ascension's operating budget and also receives additional funds from designated giving throughout the year.

Website: <http://www.feedingchittenden.org>