

A Not So Simple Thank You To Our Volunteers

*It is free but it is priceless.
You can't own it but you can spend it.
Once you've lost it you can never have it back.
What is it?*

Time. The answer is time.

The Franklin Food Bank is incredibly lucky to boast about a very special group of people who, regularly, give to us their time. They do so freely and without any expectation of repayment in any tangible form. It was their idea to do it in the first place and further, they chose to spend that time HERE instead of any other worthy organization doing great work in this community. This group we're talking about? **Our mighty, mighty volunteers.**



"WE LIVE IN A DAY AND AGE OF ENDLESS WAYS TO SPEND TIME- BUT OUR VOLUNTEERS SACRIFICE THEIR REST & RECREATION TIME TO MAKE SURE THEIR NEIGHBORS DO NOT GO WITHOUT."

Were it not for this amazingly generous bunch, the Franklin Food Bank would have shuttered its doors long ago.

In 2023 our volunteers donated over 14,000 hours - that's a five figure number!!! Here's another number: \$542,119.

This SIX figure number represents the total value of those volunteer hours if the organization were to pay our volunteers as staff. **These are dollars we can put right back into our excellent programming** and stay focused on addressing the multi-faceted issue of food insecurity. **All because our volunteers donate to us their time, their talents, their treasures, and more.**

Our volunteers don't just donate their time at the food bank. They assist us in lifting up our neighbors at a vulnerable time. Our volunteers have ears to listen to, mouths to smile, arms to hug, and hearts to care. For some of our shoppers, our volunteers are the only people they interact with that day. For others, our

volunteers add even more spirit and color to their world. For us as staff, our volunteers offer insight, ideas, innovation, feedback, friendship, and support. There's a reason why we request our volunteers fill out a survey twice a year - we want always to be going from good to great. To do that, we need to identify our growth areas and work on reaching the level of excellence our clients, and our community deserve. **There's also a reason our volunteers give the Franklin Food Bank a 100% net promoter score - which means EVERY volunteer would recommend the food bank to a friend or family member, which is, in a phrase, pretty dope.**

Help us give the warmest possible thank you to the unstoppable, unbelievable Franklin Food Bank Volunteers. We appreciate you!

Visit Franklinfoodbank.org/volunteerinterest to find out more & join our talented and dedicated team today!



Our Volunteers are the BERRY best!