

# Charlottesville Emergency Food Network Assessment

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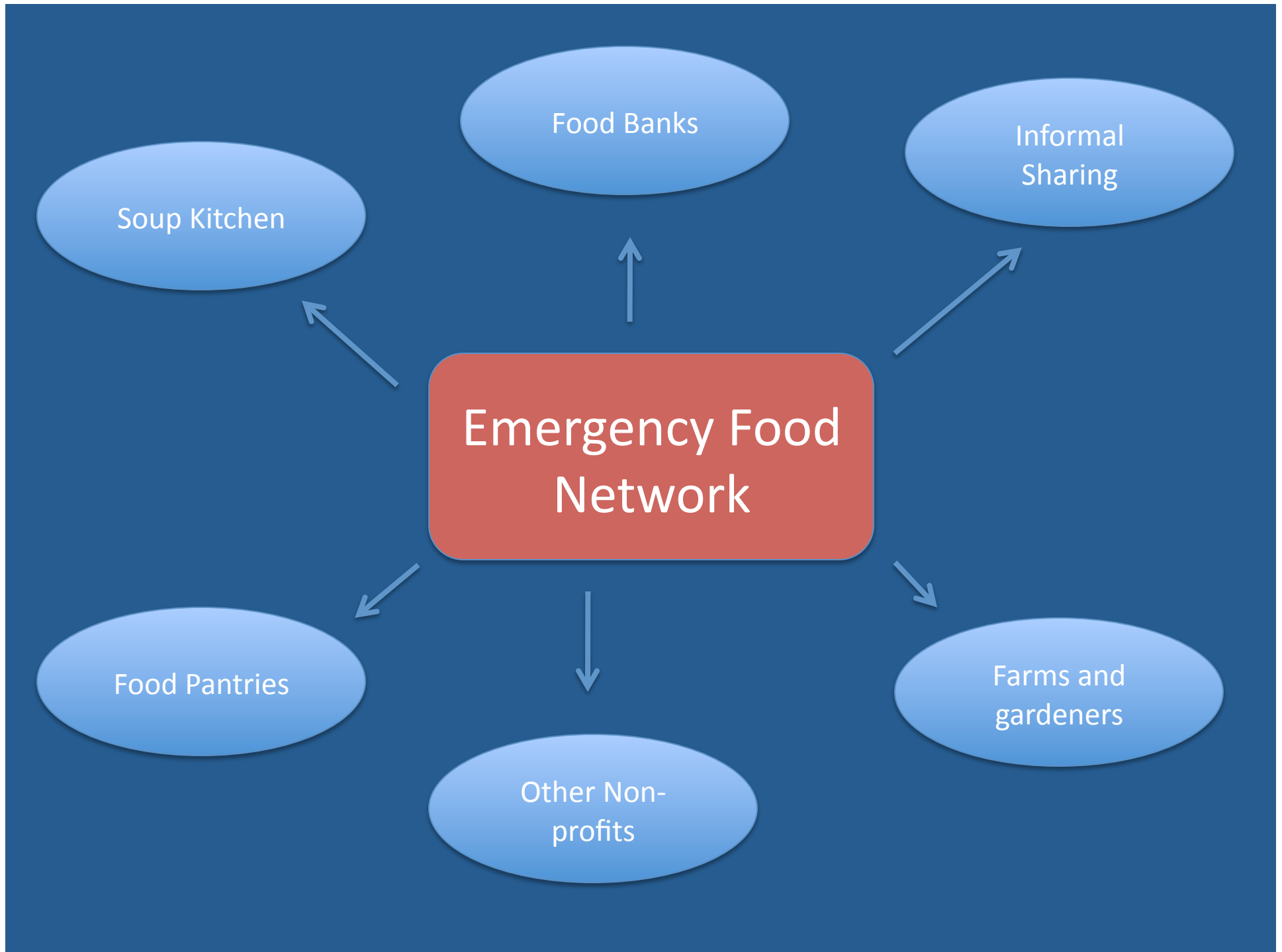
# Who uses the Emergency Food System?

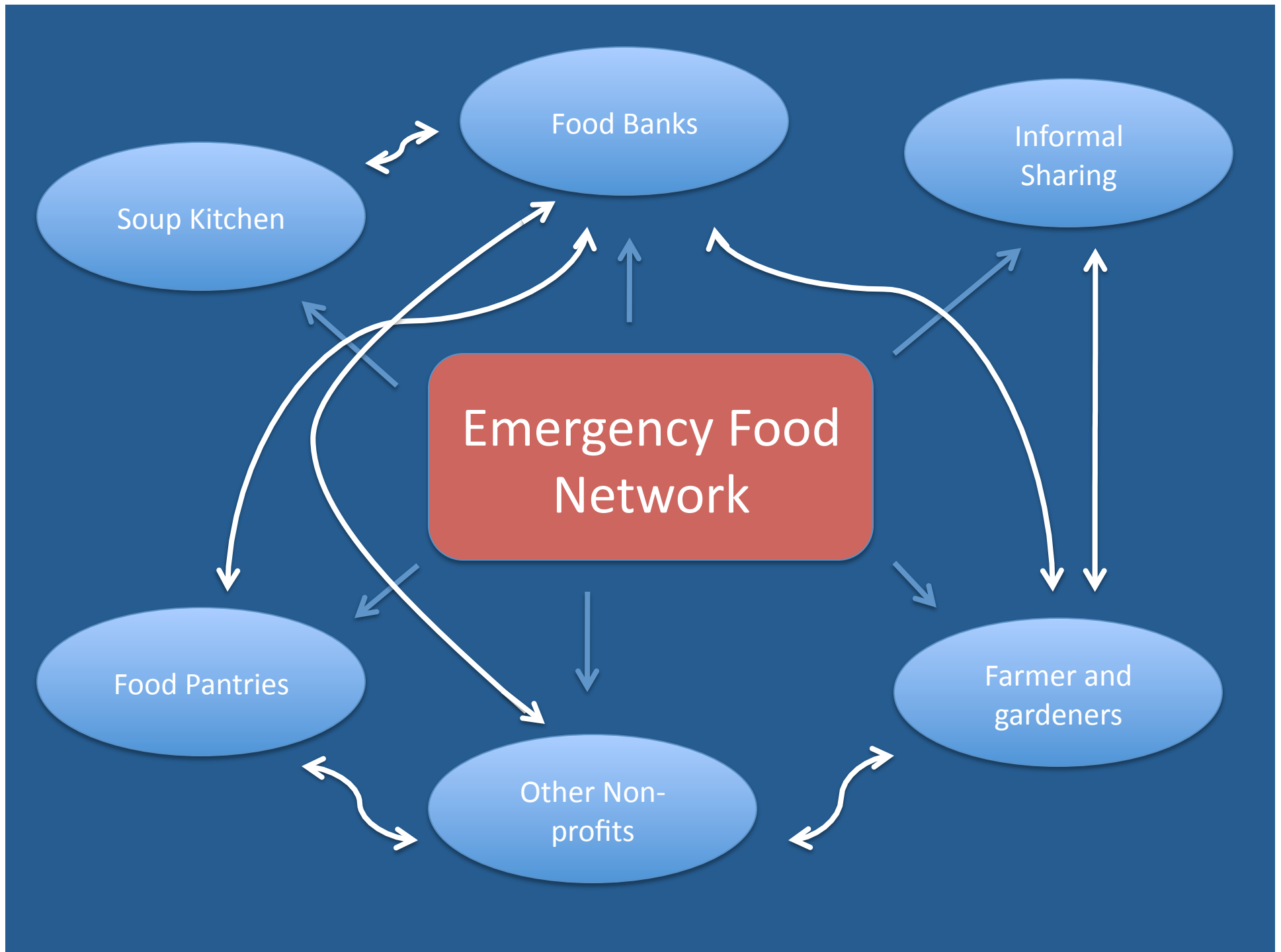
Chronically Homeless

Households below  
poverty line

Temporary Homeless

Households above  
poverty line with  
temporary needs







# Methods (carla)



## Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Thomas Jefferson Branch

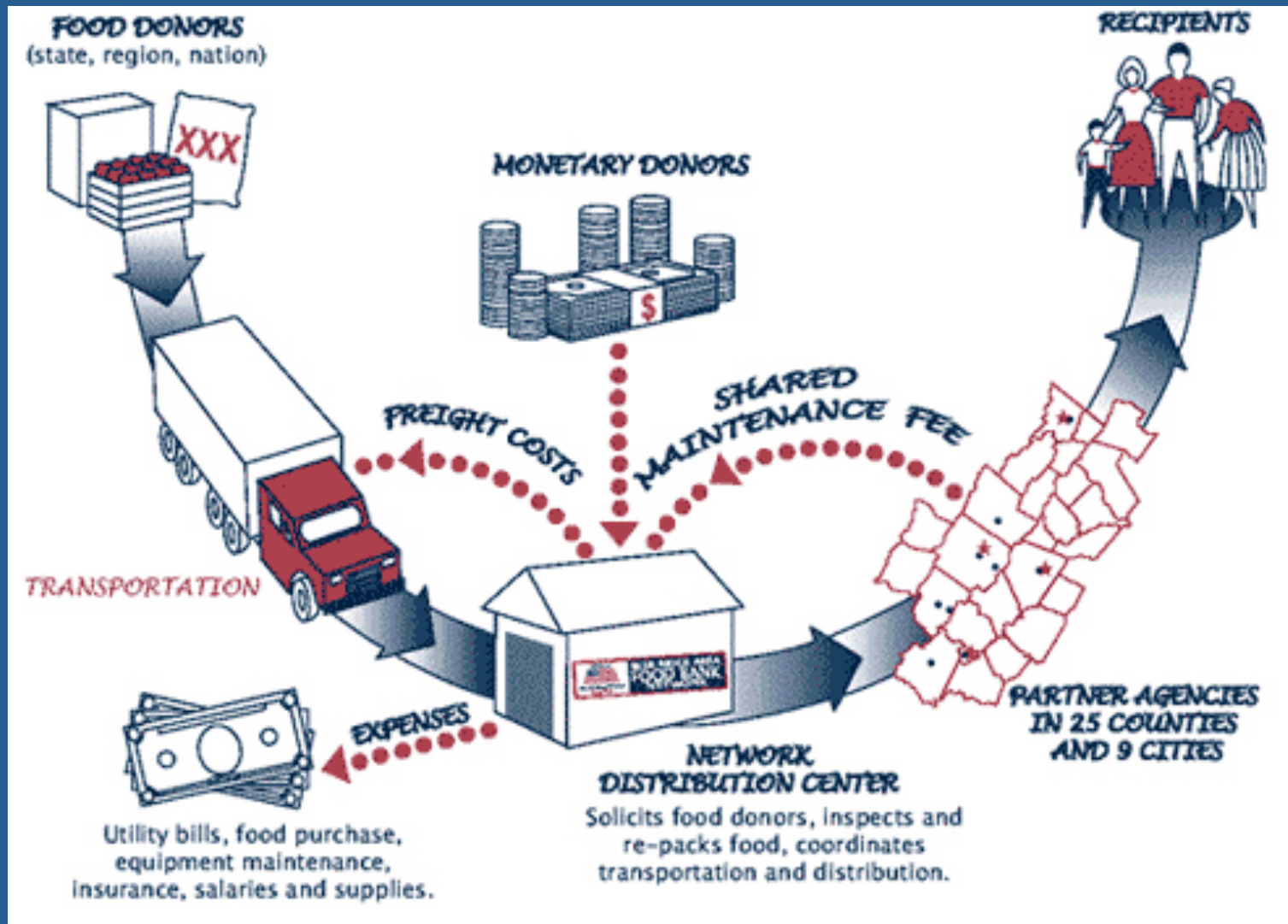
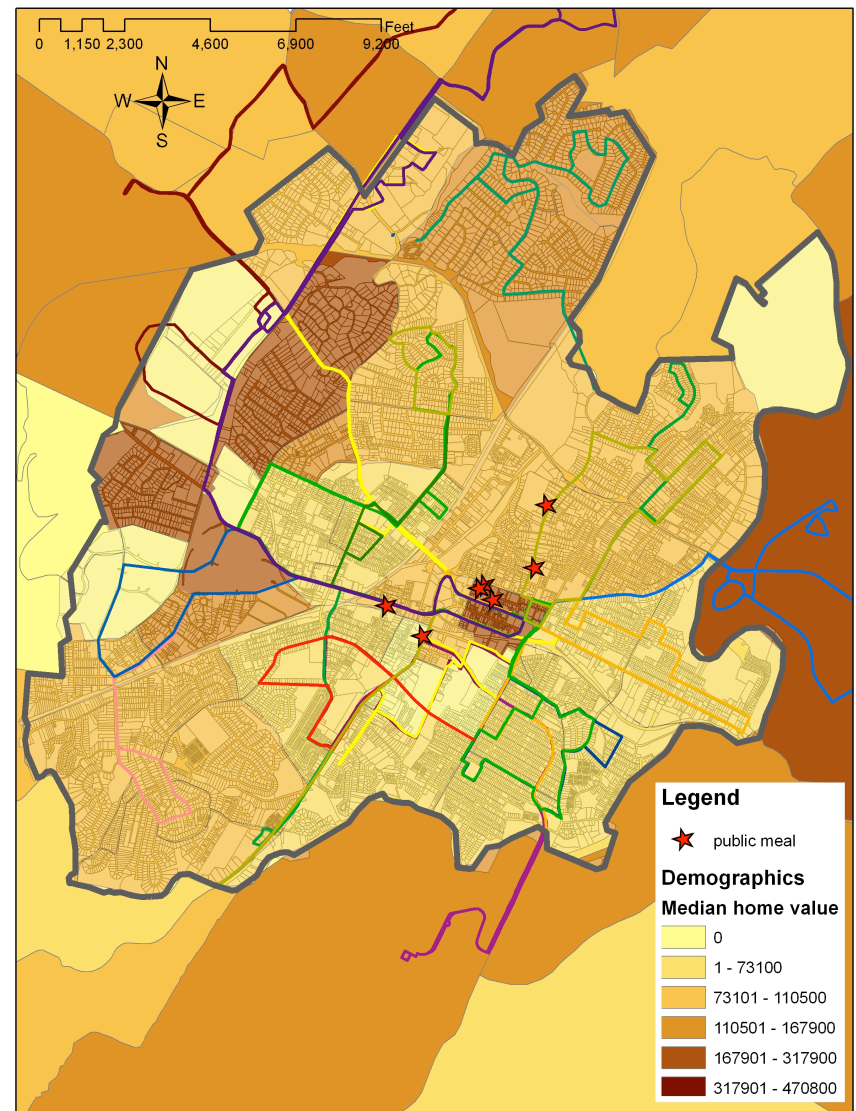
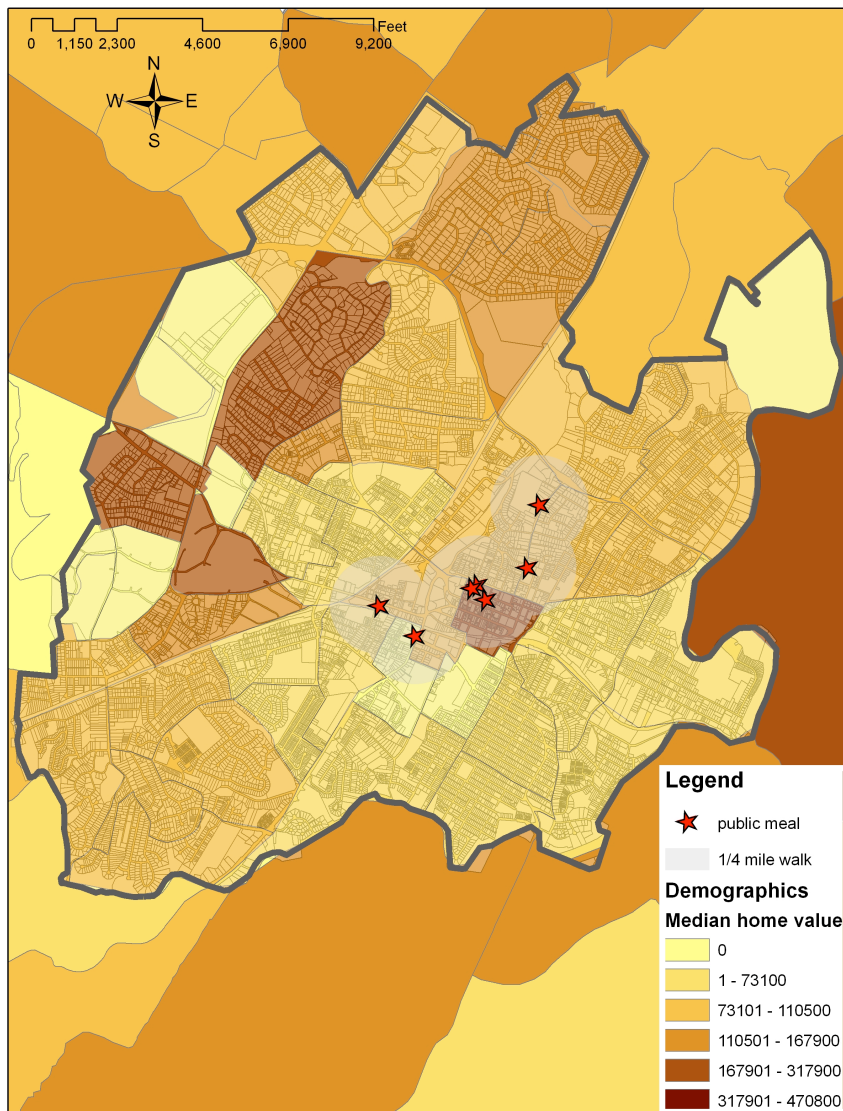


Diagram courtesy of Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

# Overview of Indicators

- Sufficient Supply
- Sustainability
- Nutritional value
- Information
- Informal Sharing
- Awareness
- Natural Disaster Preparedness
- Accessibility
- Food Rescue

# Indicator: Accessibility





Christ Episcopal



Tuesday Lunch

First Baptist



Friday Lunch

First Pres.



Wednesday Lunch

First Baptist



Tuesday Lunch

Salvation Army



M – F Breakfast, Dinner  
Weekends all meals

First Methodist



Monday Lunch

Holy Comfort



Thursday Lunch



## Gleaning Survey

Food Systems Class  
University of Virginia  
Department of Urban and Environmental Planning

The purpose of this survey is to assist our research into Charlottesville's emergency food network, in order to help us assess the capacity for distribution to the food insecure population in this community.

1. Food gleaning is the rescue of food not served to customers that would otherwise go to waste. Are you aware of any gleaning opportunities for your restaurant?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not Sure

2. Are you now or have you ever participated in gleaning? If no, proceed to question 6.

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure

3. Are you currently participating in gleaning?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure

4. If so, how often do you currently practice gleaning?

- A. 1 or more times per week
- B. 1 or more times per month
- C. A few times per year
- D. Other/Do not currently practice

5. Who is the recipient of the food gleaned from your restaurant?

- A. A Soup Kitchen
- B. A Food Bank or distribution center
- C. Group home or Live-in facility

E. Another Location:

6. Do you have an interest in participating in more gleaning in the future?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Don't know

7. What barriers prevent you from gleaning more than you currently do?

- A. Lack of sufficient leftover food
- B. Not aware of recipients for the gleaning
- C. Concerned about legal implications
- D. Not able to distribute the food to recipient
- E. Other

8. Would you like these results to be kept confidential?

- A. Yes
- B. No

If you would like to know more about the results of the study and receive information about our public presentation on April 28, please leave us an email:

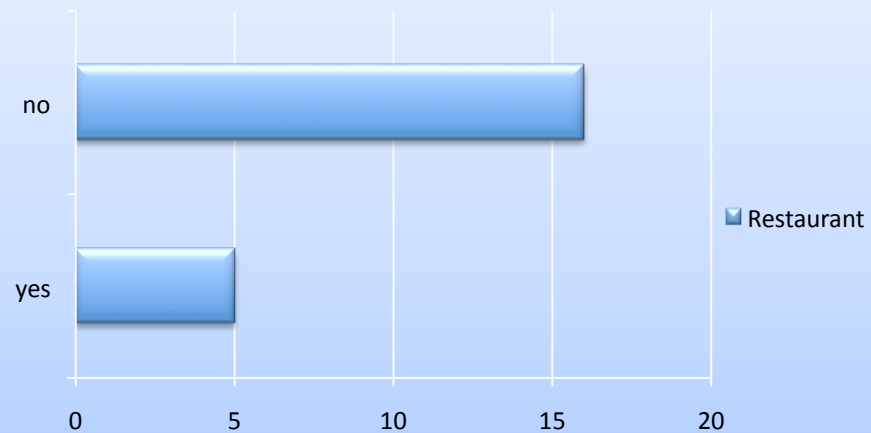
# Indicator: Food Rescue

## Gleaning (v)

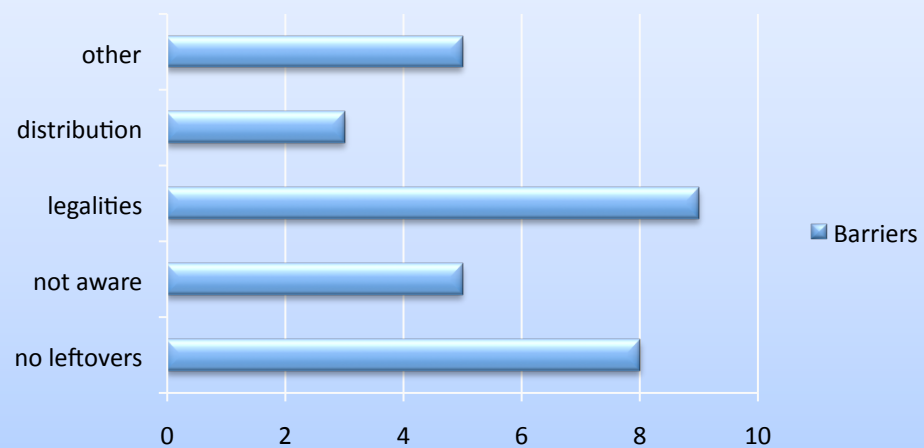
Food gleaning is the donation of leftover food from grocery stores, restaurants and other food retails to charitable organizations.

# Survey Results

**Ever participated in gleaning?**



**What are Barriers to Gleaning?**





CHAPTER 545  
An Act to amend and reenact § 35.1-14.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to donations of  
food to charitable organizations; exception to regulations.  
[S 806]  
Approved March 19, 2007

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 35.1-14.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

**§ 35.1-14.2. Donations of food to charitable organizations.**

A. Any restaurant, licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to this title and any processor, distributor, wholesaler or retailer of food, including, but not limited to, a grocery, convenience, or other store selling food or food products, may donate unserved excess foods to any charity organization which that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c) (3), and to political subdivisions for distribution to needy persons. Charitable organizations engaged in food distribution programs for needy persons shall notify the local political subdivision of their programs. Upon the notification of such food distribution programs by such charitable organizations, the local political subdivision shall provide a list of such charitable organizations within its jurisdiction to those restaurants and other food suppliers who request such information. Organizations engaged in such food distribution programs shall be exempt from civil liability as provided in § 3.1-418.1 for the donors of the food.

B. Charitable organizations engaged in food distribution programs for needy persons shall be deemed exempt from state and local regulations and local ordinances that govern food service and preparation. In addition to accepting donations of food as provided in subsection A, such organizations may accept food prepared by their employees or volunteers in private homes or in facilities not otherwise licensed as provided in this chapter.

For the purposes of this subsection, "charitable organizations" shall include nonprofit homeless shelters and hunger prevention programs.

C. The Board may issue advisory standards for the safe preparation, handling, protection and preservation of food by the organizations exempted in subsection B.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

**“Organizations engaged in such food distribution programs shall be exempt from civil liability as provided in § 3.1-418.1 for the donors of the food.”**

# Conclusions



## EMERGENCY FOOD BANK BAG CONTENTS

Revised January 27, 2009 – changed food contents – (reduced tuna and added chicken)–

### NONRESIDENT – Two Bags

- 1 Box of Ready-to-eat Cereal
- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter
- 1 small 6 oz. can Tuna
- 1 can Chicken
- 2 Cans of Vegetables (1 starchy)
- 1 Can of Beans
- 3 Cans of Fruit
- 2 Bottles of Juice (if available)
- 2 Cans of Soup, ready-to-eat
- 1 Eating Utensil Packets
- 1 Can Opener
- (Drivers add one loaf of bread)

### FAMILY OF TWO – Twenty Bags

- 1 Box of Cereal
- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter
- 1 small 6 oz. cans Tuna
- 1 can Chicken
- 2 Cans of Vegetables (1 starchy)
- 2 Cans of Beans
- 1 Can of Fruit
- 2 Soups (dry or canned)
- 1 Box of Macaroni & Cheese
- (Drivers add one loaf of bread, one stick of margarine)

### FAMILY OF FOUR – Twenty-five Bags

- 1 Box of Cereal
- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter
- 3 small 6 oz. cans Tuna
- 1 can Chicken
- 3 Cans of Vegetables (1 starchy)
- 3 Cans of Beans
- 2 Cans of Fruit
- 2 Packets of Dry Soup
- 1 Box of Macaroni & Cheese
- 1 Box or Bag of Rice
- (Drivers add two loaves of bread, two sticks of margarine)

### FAMILY OF SIX – Fifteen Bags

- 1 Box of Cereal
- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter
- 4 small 6 oz. Cans Tuna
- 2 cans Chicken
- 5 Cans of Vegetables (2 starchy)
- 4 Cans of Beans
- 3 Cans of Fruit
- 3 Cans or Packets of Soup
- 2 Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
- 1 Box or Bag of Rice
- (Drivers add two loaves of bread, two sticks of margarine)

### FAMILY OF EIGHT – Ten Bags

- 1 Box of Cereal
- 2 Jars of Peanut Butter OR  
1 large jar if available
- 6 small 6 oz. cans Tuna
- 2 cans Chicken
- 8 Cans of Vegetables (4 starchy)
- 6 Cans of Beans
- 4 Cans of Fruit
- 5 Cans or Packets of Soup
- 3 Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
- 1 Box or Bag of Rice
- (Drivers add three loaves of bread, three sticks of margarine)

Please return this sheet  
to the baggers' easel  
when you leave. It needs  
to stay at the pantry for  
all baggers to use.

*Thanks!*