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Solving Hunger in Oakland

With a single donation to the Solving Hunger in Oakland Smartfund, you can combat hunger on multiple fronts: providing food directly to those in need, improving the efficacy of existing services, and making systems-level change so that fewer people will experience food insecurity to begin with. In this way, every dollar given to this Smartfund will generate both a significant immediate impact and results that grow over time.

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California produces nearly half of the nation’s fruits and vegetables, yet 1 in 5 Californians — that’s about 8 million — currently struggle with food insecurity.

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**DIRECT SERVICE: 60%**

**Alameda County Community Food Bank** works towards a stronger, more nourished Alameda County, where no one worries where their next meal will come from. They distribute millions of healthy meals every year, and are on the forefront of new approaches to ending hunger and poverty.

**Prescott-Joseph Center** is a hub for services for children, youth, families and seniors in West Oakland. Their vision has always been to be a “friendly helping hand” for the community. Their services include a food pantry and community food distribution.

**Farm to Pantry** brings together communities to end food injustice and reverse global warming by rescuing and sharing locally-grown food with those who have been systematically marginalized.

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**SYSTEMS-LEVEL CHANGE: 20%**

**Nourish California** shapes the programs and policies that should connect—but sometimes stand between—people and the food they need to thrive. They work with an urgent focus on improving access to food for Californians who face the greatest needs and the starkest inequities.