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Vision

A hunger-free UMD, where all students, faculty and staff have reliable access to an adequate supply of affordable, safe and nutritious food.

Mission

To alleviate food insecurity among the campus community by providing emergency food to students, faculty, and staff in need.

Fall 2021 UMD Campus Pantry Program Updates

- Opened the Campus Pantry's permanent location in the South Campus Dining building.
- The new facility includes:
 - » Refrigeration and freezer space for fresh and frozen foods
 - » Expanded storage space
 - » Direct, dedicated exterior access
 - » Resource room
 - » Teaching kitchen
- Expanded hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.
- Serves over 700 visitors per month.

Background

Since October 2014, the UMD Campus Pantry has served over 24,000 visitors, and provided more than 60 students with employment. The Pantry has transformed attitudes about food insecurity from disbelief to awareness. This change has affected faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni and extends to local, statewide, and national non-profit organizations.

The UMD Campus Pantry has facilitated dozens of student research projects and the *Food Access and Student Well-Being Study**. This study (2017-18) surveyed 4,901 UMD undergraduate and graduate students (12% of total enrollment) and found:

- 20% of UMD students are food insecure and lack reliable access to nutritious food
- An additional 21% of UMD students are at-risk of food insecurity



Every year, an estimated 8,000 UMD students not only experience hunger but also related and significant vulnerabilities and barriers to their health and wellbeing.

Hunger-Free UMD Workgroup

The UMD Campus Pantry received a three-year Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic AmeriCorps VISTA grant to build capacity for the Campus Pantry Program to achieve its vision of a Hunger Free UMD.

- Created the Coalition for Terps Essential Needs (C-TEN) with the Fostering Terp Success program and meets every other month.
- More than 25 active members and a distribution list of 80 members including students, faculty and staff from across the campus and off-campus partners.
- Developed a campus-wide action plan to advance the realization of a Hunger Free UMD.

*Food Access and Student Well-Being Study available online: <https://studentaffairs.umd.edu/student-life/food-access-student-well-being-study>