WHO USES SNAP IN TENNESSEE?

- **543,000** HOUSEHOLDS
- **1 IN 8** LOW-WAGE WORKERS
- **40,000** VETERANS
- **103,000** OLDER ADULT HOUSEHOLDS
- **477,000** CHILDREN

HUNGER SOLUTION

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program that supports hundreds of thousands of low-income adults, children and seniors across the state with funds to purchase groceries. Benefits are used at superstores, supermarkets, convenient stores, and specialty stores like local farmers’ markets. SNAP supports Tennesseans. Without SNAP, Tennessee’s hunger problem would quadruple.

SNAP HELPS TENNESSEE

- **53% reduction in childhood obesity rate among participants**
- **SNAP participants averaged $1,409 less in health expenditures than non-participants**
- **For every $1 in SNAP benefits, an additional $1.70 is added to the local economy**
- **SNAP brings $1.6 billion to Tennessee’s economy**
- **Over 6,900 SNAP Retailers across Tennessee**
- **SNAP lifted 262,000 Tennesseans out of poverty in FY 2016**

SOURCES

1. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
2. U.S. Department of Agriculture.

967,300 Tennesseans don’t know where their next meal will come from.

10.4% of Tennessee’s older adults are food insecure.

295,600 children face hunger in Tennessee.

1 IN 7 TENNESSEANS IN TN STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER*