



# Operation Food Search





## Organizational Overview

**OFS is a hunger relief organization that serves 200,000 people every month in the bistate region with food, nutrition education and innovative programs. We work on meeting the immediate need for food, while also looking for long-term solutions to solve the problem of hunger.**

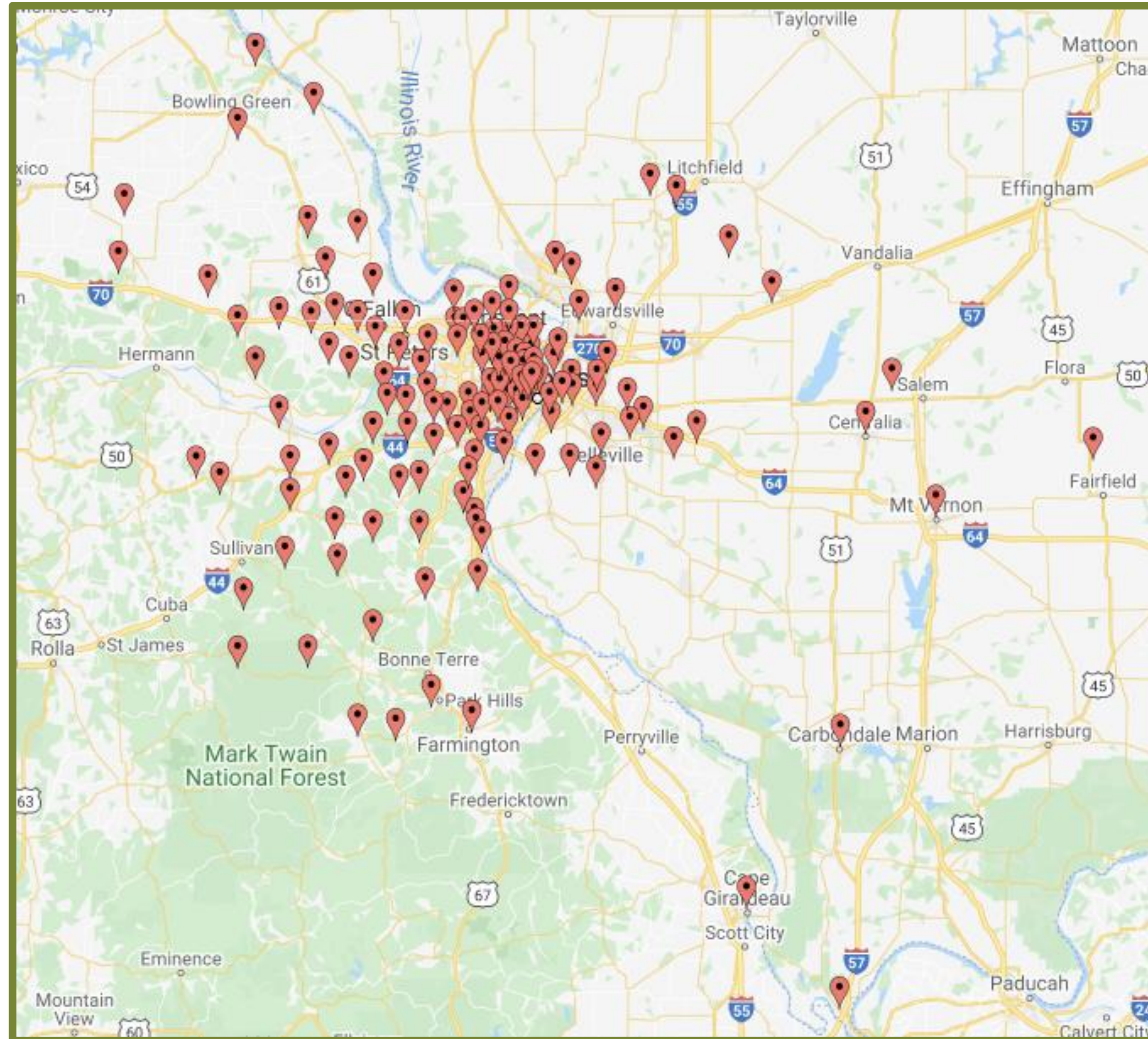
# Service Area

## Missouri Counties

Cape Girardeau	Pike
Crawford	St. Charles
Franklin	St. Francois
Gasconade	St. Louis City
Jefferson	St. Louis County
Lincoln	Warren
Montgomery	Washington

## Illinois Counties

Alexander	Madison
Bond	Marion
Clinton	Monroe
Jackson	St. Clair
Jefferson	Washington
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# HEALING HUNGER. STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE.

## OUR MISSION

We heal hunger with innovative and collaborative solutions that provide food today and help create a hunger-free tomorrow.

## OUR VISION

We envision a region where everyone has equitable access to the food they need to lead healthy lives.

# CORE VALUES

We believe that food is a basic human right and that all people should have access to the food they need to live healthy lives. We are committed to solving the problem of hunger while strengthening individuals and communities.

## **EQUITY**

We strive to address disparities to ensure that everyone has equitable access to sufficient, nutritious food.

## **INNOVATION**

We are committed to enacting bold solutions through courageous leadership and continuous organizational improvement.

## **COLLABORATION**

We empower each other by working in partnership with individuals and organizations in our community.

## **RESPECT**

We recognize the inherent worth of every person and treat all with compassion.

## **INTEGRITY**

We deliver on our commitments and hold ourselves accountable for our words, decisions and actions.

We practice our core values within our organization and with our partners, our supporters and all those in the communities we serve:

**Our work is divided into three pillars that align with our strategy to alleviate food insecurity in families.**

**Meet the  
Immediate Need**

**Build  
Nutrition IQ**

**Champion  
Change**



# Meet the Immediate Need



## AGENCY DISTRIBUTION

We provide food to nearly 200 partner agencies working to feed the need in their community—free of charge.



## OPERATION BACKPACK

We provide weekly sacks of kid-friendly food to help students get through the weekend when school meals are not available.



## OUT-OF-SCHOOL MEALS

Our Summer Meals program and Afterschool ReFuel provide vital nutrition to children when school is out.



# Build Nutrition IQ



## OPERATION CHEF

Courses empower families at risk of hunger with skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare healthy, affordable meals at home.



## COOKING MATTERS AT THE STORE

Guided grocery store tours teach low-income adults how to get the most nutrition for their budget.



## DEMONSTRATIONS

On- or off-site demonstrations for groups and organizations show how to cook nutritious meals at home and on a budget.





# Champion Change



## **POLICY**

**We work with lawmakers and stakeholders to advance both public and institutional policies that help families put food on the table.**



## **ADVOCACY**

**We educate, train, and empower people to engage in the policy-making process to ensure that all voices are represented.**



## **INNOVATION PROGRAMS**

**Our innovative solutions address the root causes of hunger to improve the overall health of individuals and communities.**



# Food Access





## Donate

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## Volunteer


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## Give Food

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**Thank You!**

