# Food resource guide



# **Community resources**

### **National Hunger Hotline**

- Call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (English).
- Call 1-877-8-HAMBRE (Spanish).
- The hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).
- You may text "97779" to reach the automated service. To text a question, use a key word such as "food," "summer" or "meals." You will get an automated response indicating resources that are near you. Cell phone carrier texting rates may apply.

#### Georgia food banks

To find food banks in Georgia, visit feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank.

#### **United Way 211**

- Call 2-1-1 to reach the United Way 211. They can help you find food resources that are near you.
- You may also visit <u>211.org/get-help/finding-food</u>.

# **SNAP food benefits** (formerly called "food stamps")

- SNAP can give money to people and families in need. This is in the form of an EBT card—a debit card that you use for groceries.
- The amount of money you get (and how long you get it for) is based on your family size and income.
- To apply for SNAP in Georgia, you may visit gateway.ga.gov/access.
- You can also call 877-423-4746 or visit your local DFCS office to request an application.

# Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program

- WIC is a program for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women.
- WIC may also help if you are a low-income parent or guardian *and* the sole provider for **children under age 5** who are at nutritional risk *and* are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level
- To apply for WIC, you may visit <a href="mailto:dph.georgia.gov/WIC">dph.georgia.gov/WIC</a>.
- To find a WIC office near you, call 800-228-9173.
- You may also visit sendss.state.ga.us/sendss/!wicclinic.SCREEN.

# Hospital resources

# Hospital gift card

Your family and friends at home can call the hospital gift shop to buy a gift card. You may use this gift card in the hospital cafeteria. The gift shop accepts credit cards over the phone.

- To reach the Egleston gift shop, call 404-785-6178.
- To reach the Scottish Rite gift shop, call 404-785-4516.

#### Cafeteria discount

- Parents and legal guardians of children who are staying in the hospital at Egleston or Scottish Rite may get a 25 percent cafeteria discount.
- You must show your caregiver wristband to get the discount.
- This discount does not apply to food from an outside vendor.

#### Meal bags

- You may request a meal bag from hospital staff.
- Meal bags have shelf-stable foods such as soups, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups and more.

#### **Lactation diet**

If you are a breastfeeding mom, please tell your child's nurse. A member of your child's care team can help get an order for a lactation diet and consult.

Children's Social Work staff are available to answer questions regarding these programs. However, allocation of resources are determined by entities not affiliated with Children's.

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