



## We Move Food – Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the We Move Food program?

Launched in 2017, We Move Food is a hunger relief program developed by Thermo King to increase access to fresh, nutritious food for people who need it most.

Through We Move Food, Thermo King and its dealer network provide transport refrigeration equipment and service discounts, grant funding and volunteer support to food banks so they can safely recover, store and distribute food. While many food banks can source shelf-stable products, access to fresh foods like produce, dairy and proteins are often limited due to lack of cold storage and transport capacity. The We Move Food program is helping to equip food banks with temperature-controlled transportation solutions they need to close these nutrition gaps.

### How does We Move Food work?

There are three components to the program:

1. **Grant program:** The We Move Food program includes a grant program to support food banks and pantries' hunger relief missions including, but not limited to, mobile pantries, food rescue and recovery, food distribution and nutrition education. The grant program is made up of funding from the Trane Technologies Foundation, Thermo King Corporate and the Thermo King dealer network.
2. **Volunteerism:** Employees throughout Trane Technologies and Thermo King's dealer network volunteer their time and expertise to support food banks and pantries in communities across the United States.
3. **Partnership with food banks:** Thermo King partners with food banks across North and Latin America, including Feeding America and its 200+ food banks in the United States and Puerto Rico. Thermo King dealers can offer discounts on Thermo King products and services to make refrigerated storage and transport more accessible, keeping more fresh, nutritious food items in supply.

### What factors are contributing to lack of food access?

In the U.S., 92 billion pounds – or \$473 billion worth – of food is wasted annually according to [Feeding America](#). Whether at the farm or consumer level, much of this waste is perishable food that poses more logistical hurdles to reaching people experiencing food insecurity.

Food loss happens before food reaches store shelves (i.e., farms with surplus harvest); food waste happens once it does (i.e., grocery stores or chain stores with unsold food). Farms and retailers often donate this surplus but keeping it fresh requires temperature-controlled transport or storage. The We Move Food program partners with food banks to provide those resources, helping rescue nutritious food and deliver it safely to families in need.



### **How is the We Move Food program shaping the future of food access?**

Fresh food access is limited by logistics. Many food banks don't have enough refrigerated storage or transport to handle perishable donations without risking food waste. The We Move Food program, backed by Thermo King's innovative cold chain solutions and telematics technology, helps overcome these barriers by making it easier to safely move fresh food where it's needed most – closing gaps in food insecurity and nutrition.

### **What sets We Move Food apart from other hunger relief initiatives?**

We Move Food leverages Thermo King's cold chain technology and expertise to more deeply impact the issue of food insecurity. By addressing the infrastructure challenge of fresh food access, the program goes beyond financial aid to create long-term solutions for making fresh, nutritious food accessible.

### **What makes access to fresh food a growing concern today?**

As of 2023, food insecurity is at its highest rate ([13.5%](#)) in the last decade. Food banks fill a critical need for food insecurity in the U.S. but face limitations around transportation – specifically, cold chain logistics and cold storage options for perishable goods. There is a disparity in access to fresh, and often more nutrient-dense, foods. For example, [recent research](#) suggests that 46.5 million food bank clients received *less than one gallon of milk annually*. Thermo King and the We Move Food program are working to break down some of the barriers food banks face when it comes to providing perishable food staples like milk, eggs, produce and proteins, to families in need.

### **What discounts do Thermo King dealers offer hunger relief organizations?**

To help alleviate some of the financial burden that hunger relief organizations face with the cost of equipment, some Thermo King dealers may offer the following discounts:

- 20% off trailer transport refrigeration units (TRUs)
- 15% off truck and van TRUs
- 10% off extended warranties

### **What measurable impact has the We Move Food program had so far?**

- **Grant funding:** Since the program's launch, approximately **\$588,000 has been donated** by Thermo King, its dealer network and the Trane Technologies Foundation to support hunger relief programs with the We Move Food mission. **36 food banks** affiliated with Feeding America have received grants under the We Move Food program. Examples of recent donations are:
  - In honor of Hunger Action Month in September 2025, Thermo King teamed up with a local dealer to donate \$10,000 to the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (Franklin County, Ohio)



- In honor of Hunger Action Month in September of 2024, Thermo King teamed up with its network of dealers and customers to donate \$15,000 to Feeding America food banks in Orlando, FL (Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida) and Kansas City, MO (Harvesters).
- In 2024, the Thermo King Arecibo, Puerto Rico facility celebrated its 50th anniversary with a \$10,000 donation to The Food Bank of Puerto Rico.

This cumulative monetary donation equates to over **5.8 million meals provided** to people in need. This is calculated using a [formula developed by Feeding America](#) suggesting for every \$1.00 donated, at least 10 meals can be provided.

- **Volunteerism:** Since the We Move Food program's launch, **30** Thermo King dealers have supported the program.

#### **Does We Move Food partner with any other organizations?**

We Move Food is proud to partner with Feeding America and would welcome partnerships with any food bank, pantry or hunger relief 501 (c) (3) organization, especially those in need of a cold chain logistics partner to help increase access to fresh food.

#### **Where can I learn more information about the We Move Food program**

For more information on the We Move Food program, click [here](#). If you are looking to get involved in the We Move Food program, you can reach out to [marketing@thermoking.com](mailto:marketing@thermoking.com).