The Maverick Food Pantry (MFP) aims to contribute to UNO’s culture of caring by providing resources to campus community members experiencing food insecurity. The motto of the MFP is "when you need it, take it; when you have it, give it."

**Usage Through the Years**

- **2013-14**: 329
- **2014-15**: 342
- **2015-16**: 345
- **2016-17**: 422
- **2017-18**: 768
- **2018-19**: 1,371
- **2019-20**: 2,122
- **2020-21**: 1,296
- **2021-22**: 2,767
- **2022-23**: 6,386

130% increase

**2022-2023 Distribution**

- **UNO**: 5,870 bags distributed | 866 guests served
  - 369 bags distributed | 40 guests served
  - 147 bags distributed | 30 guests served
  - 63% Repeat Guests
  - 10% Incomplete Guests
  - 27% One-Time Guests

**Community**
- Whispering Roots
- Christ Child Society
- Wenninghoff’s Farm
- UNMC Sustainability
- Nebraska Diaper Bank
- Big Muddy Urban Farm
- Food Bank for the Heartland

**Partner Spotlight**

- **UNO**
  - Sodexo
  - SustainUNO
  - Criss Library
  - Alumni Association
  - Student Involvement
  - Student Government
  - Women & Gender Equity
  - Housing & Residence Life
  - Service Learning Academy
  - Maintenance & Operations
  - Campus Recreation & Wellness
  - Environmental Health & Safety
  - Community Engagement Center
  - Gender & Sexuality Resource Center
  - Office of Hardship & Resiliency Support

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**Guest Narratives**

**The MFP has been a lifesaver for me living on a very limited budget.**

With welcoming smiles they will make your life a bit less stressful!

Maybe the MFP doesn’t know that they are impacting on a global scale! My family lives outside of USA, and with the support and help I get from the MFP, I can meet my weekly food needs, and the money I can save through this is being utilized for supporting my family back home. During this COVID challenging time, with wars, inflation and everything, I see that the MFP is doing its best for humanity to survive and thrive. This helps me to concentrate on my education with less anxieties, too.

The burden of making sure there is enough food on the table is always a background stress that never goes away, which can make focusing on school difficult, but the pantry helps to ease that stress.

Days that I can’t afford food or am struggling financially, the MFP has helped. I can’t stress enough how food insecurity is a thing in our world and MFP aids in ending food insecurity.

The MFP is very accessible to all students regardless of their economic situation and has truly made my life and college experience so much better :]

Period products are a non-negotiable necessity, and it helps ease my anxiety to know that the food pantry will supply those for me.

Thank you for improving student life in hard times!

Not having to worry about my breakfast and hygiene/monthly needs is such a game changer and gives me a sense of freedom to focus on other important areas of my life such as school and work.

The MFP provides so much more than food! They are a true example of caring for the community. I have used many food pantries & the MFP is intentional about staying well-kept, safe, clean, smelling fresh, having natural light, being accessible, having words of encouragement throughout, & even plants! I hope UNO grows the pantry into all it has potential to be!

It’s great to not have to choose between eating and keeping my house warm/cool with the seasons.

You never know when food insecurity will hit you.

I first used the pantry because I hadn’t eaten in days. My family thinks I can live off of ramen. I was eating ramen for so many meals I got sick. I tried eating healthier but it was financially impossible. I think the narrative that eating garbage because you are a poor college student needs to change! Not only does it positively effect my mood and outlook to eat healthy, but rid’s my pain.

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