Have you ever wondered where the fresh local foods from the Donation Station go? In order to better tell the Donation Station story, I went behind the scenes, tracking the food from start to finish with Good Works, as they use fresh foods to serve free lunches in The Plains this summer. Good Works, a local non-profit, is known for managing the only homeless shelter in the region. In addition, they have numerous programs to help people meet their basic needs and maintain their dignity. The summer free lunch program in The Plains is one such program, helping food insecure children and families.



Good Works volunteers come to Donation Station
Distribution twice a week, procuring fruits, vegetables,
breads, meats and anything else they can incorporate into
their menu.

After making their choices, CFI volunteer Doris weighs the amounts and wishes them well.



In The Plains

United Methodist kitchen, Good Works volunteers and staff prepare delicious and nutritious meals, made in part with the Donation Station food.



At last, the meal is ready to serve and the dining room set. Soon the doors will open and the feast will begin!

Today is taco salad! Chris Linscott, Good Works' Community Development person, reports that children come to their summer free lunch program every day, and that people of all ages in the community join in the meal, making the total served between 40-60.







The collaboration between the CFI Donation Station and Good Works helps meal programs like this be possible, and helps improve healthy food access for all. A win for everyone!