

The Food Banker's Guide to New York City

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When I started at the Food Bank last July, I changed not just jobs but cities — almost two weeks after my first day here, I went back to Somerville, MA, to finish packing, and the next day my boyfriend and I moved into our new apartment in [Prospect Heights, Brooklyn](#). Until then, I had been a near-lifetime Massachusetts resident, and moving to New York City fulfilled a long-held wish. While much thought and discussion went into which borough to live in, we both felt sure that we wanted to be here.

Almost a year later, I still feel like a recent transplant, exploring my own neighborhood and making only occasional trips to other boroughs, but the Food Bank has taken me all over the city. Because of [my job](#) I've had so many places to go — [Richmond Hill, Queens](#), to visit the [River Fund](#); down to the ferry to travel to [Community Health Action of Staten Island](#); up to the Bronx for a story on [St. Ann's Episcopal Church](#) (stay tuned, it'll be posted here soon!); and back to Brooklyn for a tour of [Oneg : Oneg Shabbos](#), a kosher food pantry in [Borough Park](#) — all members of the Food Bank's [food program network](#). And [volunteering at events](#) has taken me even more places — Chelsea Piers for the [Food Network New York City Wine & Food Festival](#), Times Square for our [Annual Agency Conference](#). And of course, I've been up and down the city visiting the Food Bank's own locations — from our Downtown Manhattan office on Broadway, to the [Community Kitchen & Food Pantry of West Harlem](#), to our [warehouse](#) up in [Hunt's Point, Bronx](#).

These travels have enriched my experience of New York City and introduced me to many more people than I would have met at a different job. I can't wait to see where the Food Bank takes me next.

Want your own excuse to travel around New York City? [Explore our volunteer opportunities today!](#) Plus, fill out our online [Volunteer Application](#) and receive notices about special needs that may not get posted online.