

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, food insecurity is defined as a “household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.” Food insecurity is more common than we think. Many individuals and families choose between paying for food or receiving medical care. Some of our neighbors have to get a “prescription” just to access fresh produce, and college students are most likely to experience food poverty, which often goes undetected.

The RISE Together Mentorship Network is collaborating with Atlanta-based Black woman farmer, Lovey Gilliam, founder of Gilliam Farmers Market, and food justice experts to help address food insecurity in the metro Atlanta area. We will make an immediate impact by collecting monetary donations to support [Gilliam Farmers Market](#), and local women of color college and seminary students with food during their time in school. But that's not all. We will also activate the power of our voices by telling our own stories and receive information from Bread For the World on ways to push for policy change in our communities. Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a lunch and learn, “Black, Brown and Hungry: Food Insecurity and Community Mobilization,” to gain knowledge on how the farm bill impacts everyone, and how to organize their communities toward change. We believe, if God set a food policy in Genesis 1:29 that everyone would have access to food, then that means food insecurity is antithetical to the Gospel. It will take the power of our voices and the telling of our stories, through the lens of advocacy, to bring God's food policy to fruition! You can support our efforts and [sponsor our food insecurity community service initiative](#), as we mobilize to support women of color college and seminary students suffering from food insecurity in the metro Atlanta area.