

FOOD AS MEDICINE PROGRAM

# **IMPACT REPORT**





### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Housed in Grady's Jesse Hill Market, the Food as Medicine program launched in 2020 in partnership with Atlanta Community Food Bank and Open Hand. The program aims to tackle chronic disease through healthy eating, particularly for those living in food deserts across our community.

- Increase access to healthy, affordable food
- Provide nutrition and cooking education
- Improve the health of our patients



### WHO WE SERVE

1,696 household members655 patients



53% receive SNAP



**60**% of patients have a household member 60 years or older **63**% live in Fulton Co.

28% live in DeKalb Co.



20% experienced housing insecurity



31% have children under the age of 17

"Now instead of feeling weak and craving unhealthy foods, I have more energy than ever before"

A graduate whose AIC decreased from 15% to 7%

### **OUTCOMES FOR FOOD PRESCRIPTION PATIENTS**

from January 2022 to December 2022

### **Food Pharmacy**









# **Teaching Kitchen**



**4.89/5.0**Average Review



179 cooking classes



932 patient visits

# Improved Physical Health

**1** 2.4%

1.3%

Average change among with severely high with AIC

Average change among of all graduates

The smallest reductions make a difference!

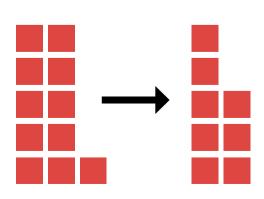
Higher A1C levels are linked to diabetes complications. A change in A1C can lead to improved health outcomes.

# Improved Perceived Health

# Self Reported Health 100% 75% 50% Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

 Percentage of patients describing their health as "good" or "better"

### Poor Physical Health Days (last 30 days)



**3 fewer days** (5 fewer at episode 3)