

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



MENDOCINO FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM
FORT BRAGG FOOD BANK

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GUIDING US FORWARD



“ People coming together to create hope for a dignified and abundant life for everyone. ”



A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

A message from the Food Bank director.



As 2021 ends, one thing is for sure; **adaptability is a skill we have all learned and practiced.** This last year we had an opportunity to take the changes made necessary in 2020 and to refine and improve our service to a community still so much in need. I am most proud of the people I work with daily. Our staff has increased, and the volunteer workforce is returning and growing. Together we have created a culture that welcomes you in and truly sees the need of each individual. The strength we have built together has made this organization more vital than ever. In 2021 we were able to evaluate the needs of the community and stretch our hand even further.

In total, **we distributed 1.7 million pounds of food.** We streamlined our food distribution process, providing a safe and efficient way to pick up food through our curbside distribution and offering a community farmstand available to all in need.

Home deliveries are still in high demand, and we are happy to provide those without cooking facilities with a simple and easy bag of easy-to-eat food. Our **farmstand invites all community members** to take what they need and give what they can.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers, donors, and many partners of the Food Bank.

Amanda Friscia
Executive Director

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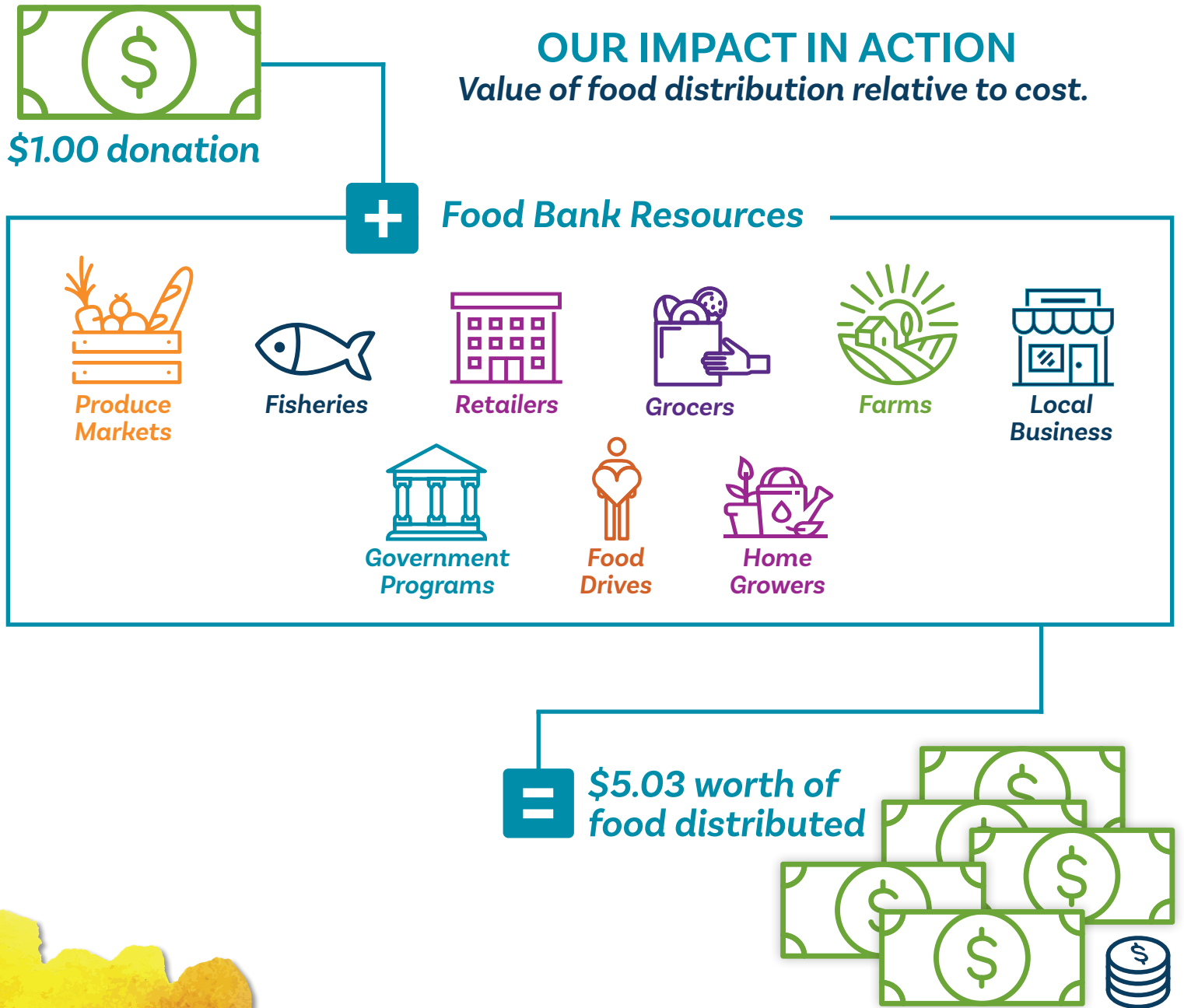
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BRINGING LASTING CHANGE

No one goes hungry

We have faced many challenges that came with the uncertainty of COVID. A year later and we are still seeing the effects of the pandemic. The Food Bank has been a hub of resources for clients that has been essential to the Community of Fort Bragg. We have been able to shift from pre COVID ways to pandemic proof distribution.



COMMUNITY FARMSTAND

Cultivating compassionate giving

The Food Bank is thrilled to introduce our new Community Farmstand. We have rented space across the street from the main warehouse and we have created a space where the overflow of donated fresh and local produce is accessible to everyone including current clients and members of our community.

“ I love fresh fruit and vegetables. I’m not a strict dieter. I don’t think that anything in life should be so regimented that you’re not having fun or can’t enjoy it like everybody else. Just know that fresh food is always going to be better for you. ”

Carrie Ann Inaba



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED

Our programs

Weekly Food Program

Once a week clients may visit the Food Bank to pick up food to supplement their weekly groceries. The average client leaves with 25-30 pounds of food. So what do they leave with? They can choose from dairy, meat protein, vegetarian, canned goods, dry goods, fresh produce, bread, beverages, and of course dessert.



4,250
Individuals served

3,094
Senior Boxes
Distributed



Commodity Supplemental Food Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides a 30-40 pound box of nutritious food monthly for income-eligible seniors age 60 and older. CSFP Senior Box services are currently provided in Fort Bragg, Leggett, Laytonville, Willits, Ukiah, Anderson Valley, Point Arena, and Gualala.

Pay It Forward Pantry

Pay It Forward Pantry is a new pantry located at Fort Bragg High School. The pantry has items such as food and toiletries to clothing and school supplies. Kids can go before, during and after school to look at what is available. There are also microwaves and ways to heat up the food that the pantry has for the children. This is a successful program and we hope to keep this program and create others like it in the future at the other schools.



460
Reached
annually

2,760
Kids bags
distributed
monthly



Kids Bag Program

This program provides families on the Mendocino Coast with a weekly supplemental bag of food. Families do not have to be clients of the food bank. This great program is funded by the J. G. Cummings Foundation and The Mendocino Coast Children's Fund.

Home Delivery

For seniors and homebound individuals we offer a delivery service. Food Bank clients can request a home delivery up to once a week. Clients will receive their weekly food upon request.

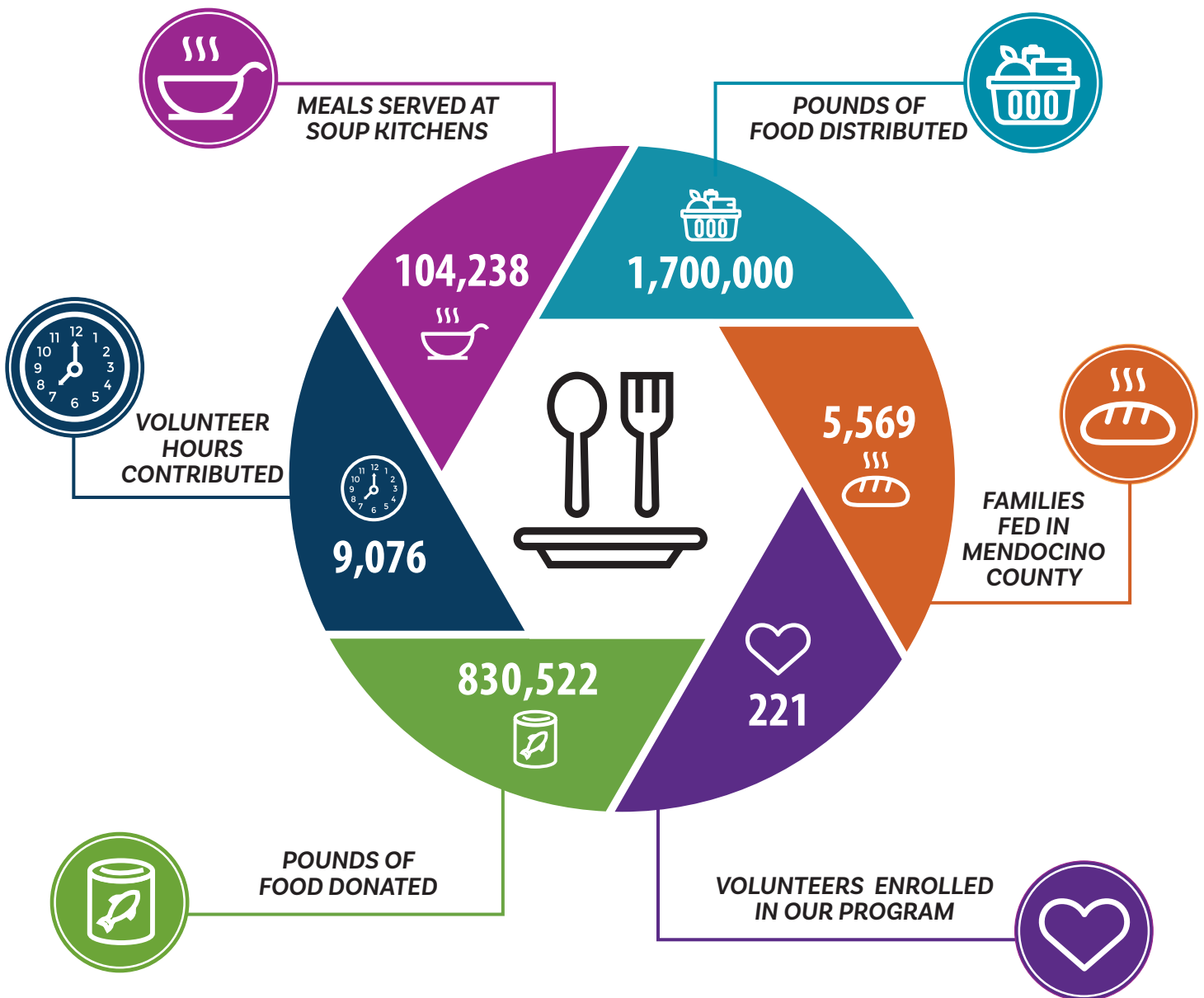


3,094
Home deliveries

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Proudly serving all of Mendocino County

The Fort Bragg Food Bank had an immense impact on our community in 2021. The increased need for our services combined with the unending generosity of volunteers and donors allowed us to thrive and expand to accommodate for the increased demand.



OUR PARTNERS

We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to our monthly donors!

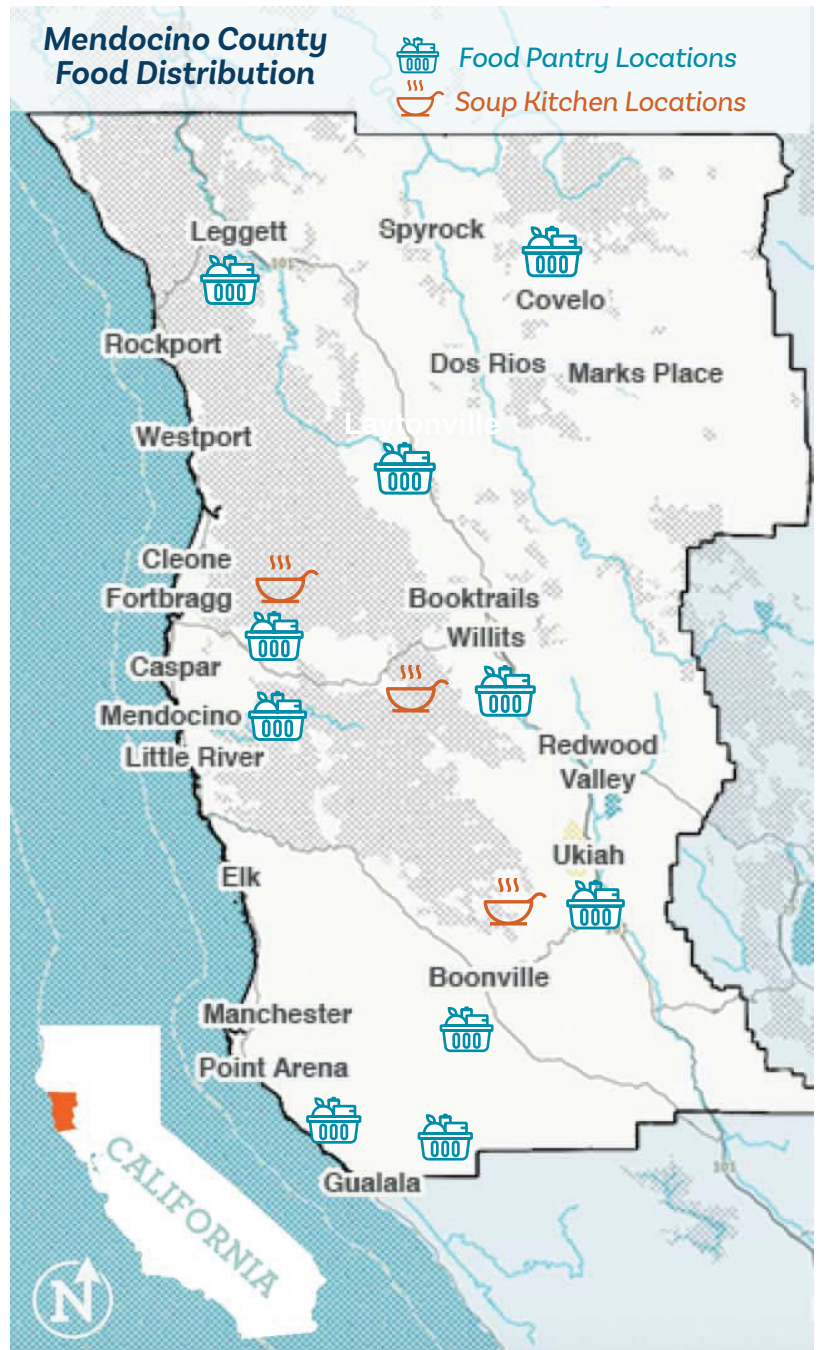
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Thank you to our generous food donors!

Roundman's Smoke House	Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens
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Columbi's Market & Deli	Redwoods In the Meadow Farm
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D'Aurelios	Nello's Market & Deli
Fort Bragg Dollar Tree	Noyo Food Forest
El Yuca	Purity Supermarket
Chico Gleaners	Helen Troxel
Fort Bragg Bakery	Safeway
Garden Bakery	Savings Bank Of Mendocino Co
Harvest Market At Mendosa's	Thanksgiving Coffee
Harvest Market	Thomas Pepper
Hopper Dairy	
Little River Market	

Partner Agencies

Anderson Valley Food Pantry	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Trinity Lutheran Church
Gualala Food Pantry	Nuestra Alianza	Ukiah Community Food Bank
Hospitality House	Pay it Forward Pantry	Willits Community Services
Laytonville Food Bank	Plowshares	Willits Daily Bread
Leggett Food Pantry	Point Arena Food Pantry	
Mendocino Community Pantry	Round Valley Food Bank	



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

Our operation would not be the success that it is without the support and help of our valued volunteers. Our volunteers are up for any task great or small and add joy and love to our organization. These helpful hands do things from bagging produce and perishables into commodity bags, building Kids Bags for the families with children that do not need to be food bank clients to be a recipient, they help stock the farm stand and they help load the groceries into the vehicles at curbside. There is nothing our valued volunteers won't do for the Fort Bragg Food Bank. For them we are truly grateful.

A day in the life of a Food Bank volunteer

Arrive & Sign In



Meet with Volunteer Coordinator and receive first task



\$35.56
Hourly rate for a
volunteer in CA 2021



9,076
Volunteer hours
for 2021



\$322,743
contributed by
volunteers in 2021



Take a break & eat breakfast made by Kitchen Crew



Build Kids Bags



Find supplies and snacks needed for bag building

Check with Coordinator for next task



Help distribute food at curbside



Keep farmstand stocked rest of the day



Sign out

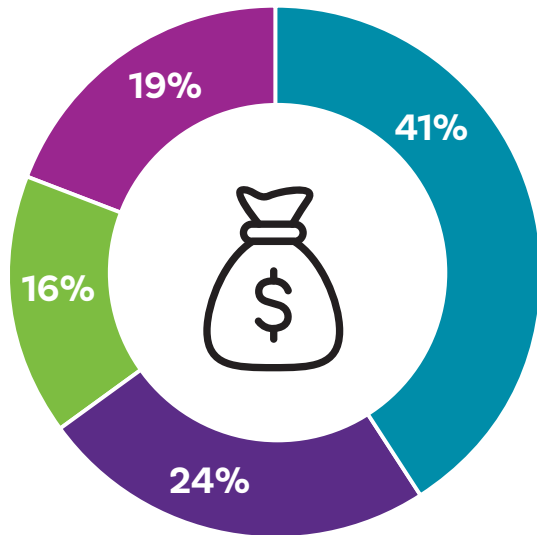


Volunteer shift complete.
Community served & support given!



FINANCIALS

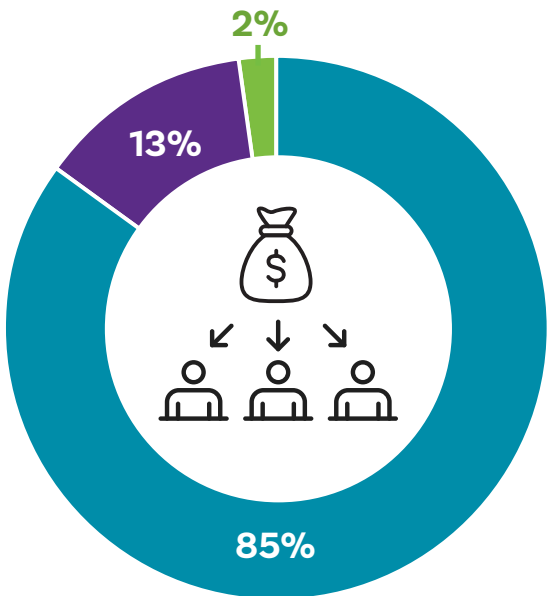
Fiscal year January 1 – December 31, 2021



How is the Food Bank funded?

Donations are our primary source of revenue, comprising 81% of our total revenue. We could not do this great work without support from people like you.

Revenue		
● Donated Food	\$891,286.00	41%
● Individual Contributions	\$515,647.00	24%
● Foundations and Grantors	\$357,525.00	16%
● Government Contracts	\$408,963.00	19%
Total	\$2,173,421.00	100%



How is the Food Bank's funding distributed?

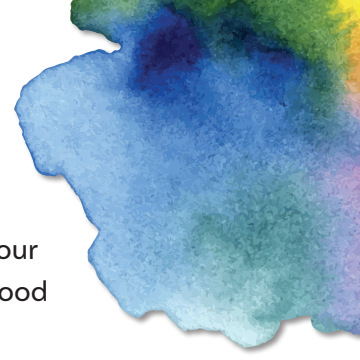
We allocate 85% of our revenue back into our services, funding our programs and offerings to the fullest extent possible. The remainder is used to support our admin and operating costs which make all of this possible.

Expenses		
● Program Services	\$1,823,124.00	85%
● General & Administrative	\$282,434.00	13%
● Fundraising	\$48,404.00	2%
Total	\$2,153,962.00	100%

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

What it takes to run the Food Bank

Without our staff, none of this would happen. The organization of our donors, coordination of our volunteers, administrative tasks that keep things buzzing: all of this combines to create a Food Bank that is open, running and serving its community with a smile.





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Donations may be made on our website.