

POWERED BY OUR PARTNERS

2021 Annual Report



MISSION

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is the Food Source for people in need. Partnering with organizations to feed the hungry, we advocate and build a community solution to a community problem. By leveraging an abundance of product from a multitude of sources, we “Change the Face of Hunger.”

VISION

Through program expansion, advocacy, and innovative solutions to identifying food resources, the Food Bank and the community will develop a joint, universal response to ending hunger in eastern Michigan. By creating new affiliations and addressing specific needs, the Food Bank will solidify itself as “The Food Source” and become the authority on addressing the needs of the hunger community.

FOOD BANK OF EASTERN MICHIGAN



THANK YOU for your Valued Partnership!

The world entered 2021 with high hopes for recovery from a year of crisis. The global pandemic brought with it unprecedented hardships for so many. Food insecurity rates skyrocketed as people lost their income and battled concerns for their health and well-being. Our partner agencies saw an influx of clientele in need of food assistance. Nearly 40% of those seeking help were doing so for the very first time; unfamiliar with the reality of hunger and uncertain about where to turn in their time of need.

The Food Bank and our hunger relief network stood ready to face these new challenges in 2020, and remained diligent in our efforts throughout 2021. Our goal, as always, was to help fill the gaps for those in need by providing the necessary nutrition that was no longer readily accessible to so many. Together, we distributed more than 43 million pounds of food in 2021, impacting the lives of thousands and easing their worries about when and where they will have their next meal.

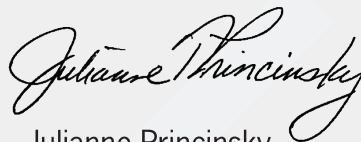
Our work is made possible through partnerships that allow us to collaborate in impactful ways. Our accomplishments are truly powered by our partners. If you have ever donated to our food drives, volunteered in our facilities or made a financial contribution YOU are one of our partners, and we thank you! Together, we provide more meals and reach more people each year. These efforts are especially important during these uncertain times when costs are rising and our neighbors are finding it even more difficult to make ends meet. Your support brings hope into the homes of those who need it the most.

Please take a moment to read about the Food Bank's impact. On behalf of our Board of Directors, our dedicated staff, and the many communities we serve throughout eastern Michigan, we are so thankful for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,



Kara Ross
President & CEO



Julianne Princinsky
Board Chair



The Food Bank partners directly with producers at 20 farms in 13 counties. These farm partners provide free or reduced-cost fruits and vegetables for distribution throughout eastern Michigan. A significant amount of the produce we distribute each year comes directly from farmers who partner with the Food Bank.

In 2021, the Food Bank distributed more than 10 million pounds of fresh produce, over 3.3 million pounds came from the harvests of our generous farm partners!



“Giving back, doing something extra, to help those in need; you can’t put a price on how rewarding that is.”

-Nate Van Den Berg



Products distributed by the Food Bank come from a variety of sources, including partnerships with food manufacturers and distributors. This food is often donated or provided at greatly reduced prices, allowing the Food Bank to leverage our buying power and stretch every dollar that much further.

Many of the products we receive from manufacturers are fresh foods like dairy products, meats and other proteins. In 2021, the Food Bank received nearly a half million pounds of food from manufacturers around the state and the country.



“This is an important initiative for Miller Poultry. We are proud to make these donations; it is a blessing to share.”
-Galen Miller





Several grocery retail chains partner with the Food Bank in an effort to fight hunger and reduce food waste. Products that are ready for donation are immediately packaged or frozen and made available for pick up. Several partners will also work directly with our outlying agencies to save on transportation costs.

In 2021, our retail store partners provided nearly 6 million pounds of food which fed thousands of families throughout eastern Michigan.



DOLLAR GENERAL®



As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Food Bank relies on the generosity of our community to continue our mission. Our donor base is made up of individuals from all walks of life, as well as civic organizations, small businesses, corporations, foundations, and other funders.

Throughout the year, our valued community partners host events, food and fund drives on our behalf. In 2021, nearly 40 drives were hosted collecting almost 7,000 pounds of food and over \$70,000!

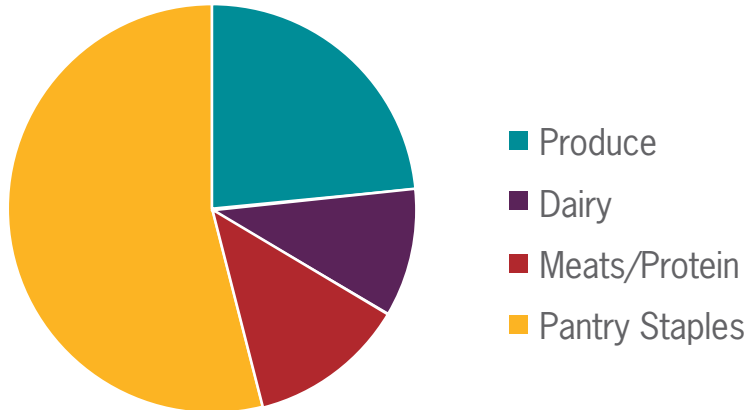




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In 2021, the Food Bank distributed over 43 million pounds of food, nearly half of which was fresh! This includes 10 million pounds of produce, 5 million pounds of meat and proteins, and 4 million pounds of dairy products.

Over 43 Million Pounds of Food Distributed in 2021



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Donated food is sorted and packaged for distribution by volunteers in our warehouse. Due to public restrictions, at the height of the health crisis, much of this work was performed by the Michigan National Guard.

These service men and women assisted in the processing of more than 70 million pounds of food from March of 2020 through September of 2021.



This food provides essential nutrition to individuals and families throughout eastern Michigan. Our drivers and fleet of trucks traveled well over 435,000 miles to bring loads of fresh food and pantry staples to hunger relief partners in the region.



The Food Bank's Hunger Relief Network consists of more than 700 community organizations, including 360 partner agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and churches.

By increasing the volume and frequency of distributions, our agencies have worked effectively to improve access to food in the neighborhoods they serve during unprecedented circumstances. Together, we delivered more 2,000 mobile pantries and distributed more than 5,000 Senior Boxes and 5,000 Holiday Boxes in 2021.

"Your program has been a blessing to many of our citizens both seniors and non-senior. They tell me that their income sometimes does not even cover the cost of their medication, and if it wasn't for the food that we get from you they go without many, many times."

-Georgette



Feeding children is a top priority for the Food Bank. Multiple partnerships with schools and community programs ensure that more children get the nutrition they need to learn and grow. Our meal programs offer support to children and families before, during and after the school day.

During the school year, 207 schools offer BackPack Programs and 45 host School or College Pantries. Through school and community meal programs the Food Bank provided more than 382,000 prepared meals during the 2021 school year.



When school is not in session, families often struggle to replace that meal source. The Food Bank delivers summer lunches directly into the hands of hungry children. Over 37,000 meals and 10,000 weekend nutrition bags were distributed last year.

Thank You to all
that donate food for
the backpacks.
We appreciate it a lot
and it helps us out.



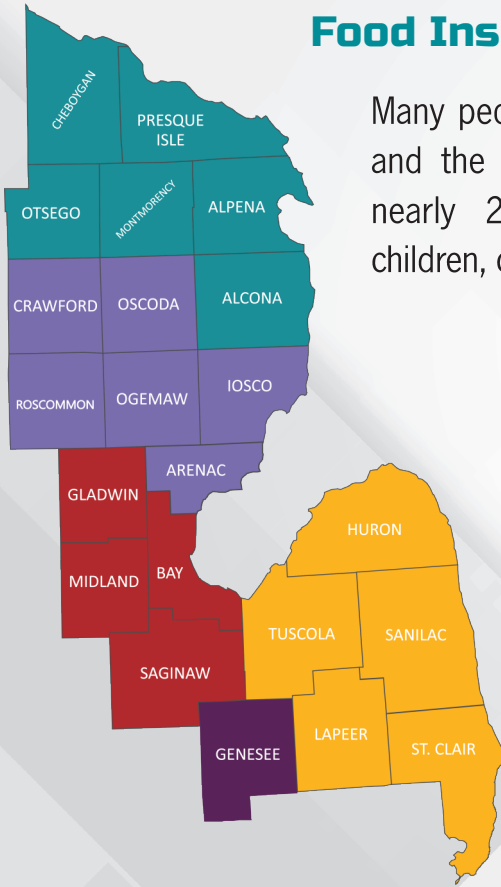
Thank You ♡

Food Insecurity in Eastern Michigan

Many people are still struggling to recover from the effects and the aftermath of the pandemic. In eastern Michigan, nearly 200,000 people, including more than 35,000 children, continue to face hunger on a regular basis.

“I wish you could hear the stories from the families up and down the line of 150+ cars, and how much these groceries are appreciated. People say that without these groceries they would not be able to make their car payment or their house payment. Some people are in tears, so thankful because these are the only groceries they will get all week.”

-Kurt Damrow





According to research by Feeding America and the USDA, food insecurity rates rose significantly during the pandemic and nearly 40% of the people seeking food assistance were doing so for the very first time.



“People are amazed at what they can get when they come into the food pantry. When people enter, they are given a cart to pick out their food. When they leave, they have enough to last approximately two weeks.”

One lady stopped in because she saw the sign. She asked if we could help her because she didn't know how she was going to feed her family that week. She received food to sustain them and a resource when she is in need again.”

-Pastor Wayne

Non Cash: The combined value of food and in-kind donations received.

Contributions: Donations from individuals, companies and other organizations.

Grants: Funds that are received from charitable foundations and government agencies.

Handling Fees: A nominal fee paid by partners to offset a portion of redistribution costs.

Programs: All expenses related to procurement, warehousing and distribution food in the 22 counties we serve.

Fundraising: The cost of communication and fund development activities.

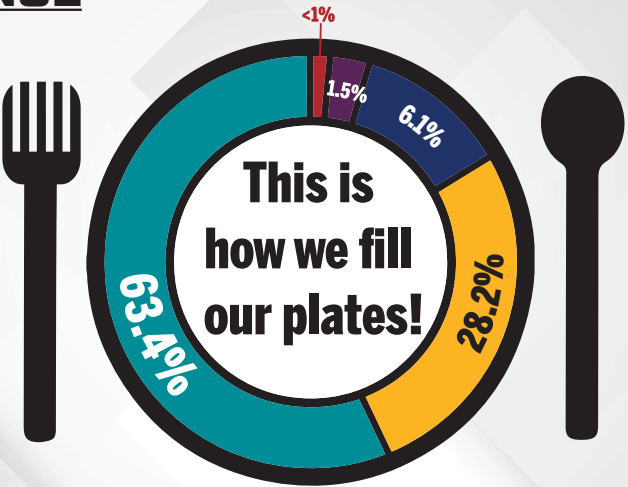
Administrative: Costs related to administrative activities, along with other expenses not directly connected to food distribution.

**Value based on an annual analysis done by Feeding America.*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

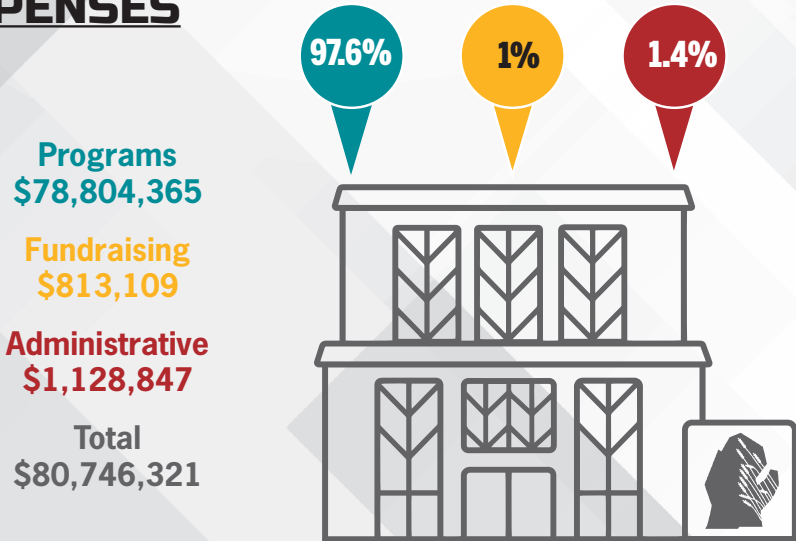
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REVENUE



Non Cash	\$67,797,563	Handling Fees	\$1,682,001
Contributions.....	\$30,104,443	Other	\$647,083
Grants.....	\$6,556,354	TOTAL	\$106,787,444

EXPENSES



TOTAL NET ASSETS\$43,208,303

Full audited financials and form 990 can be found at FBEM.org

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The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan collaborates with the Food Bank Council of Michigan and Feeding America to advocate for hunger relief throughout the state and the country.



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