



Growing Together

2022 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.

TOGETHER WE GROW AND SERVE

Last year started as a year of hope; the worst of the pandemic was behind us and we were all looking forward to recovery. No one expected it to be quick or easy, but no one expected the challenges of unprecedented inflation and supply chain shortages that we are still experiencing.

As grocery prices increased, so did the need for food assistance. The hunger relief network was ready, stocked with more fresh foods like produce, dairy products, meat and other proteins. Our neighbors in need were able to supplement their grocery budgets with help from food pantries, soup kitchens, and other community food programs.

The Food Bank also struggled with supply chain issues and price increases on goods and fuel, as well as a drop in donations due to the effects of these challenges on everyone. Focused on the mission, the hunger relief network remained committed to the communities and people we serve.

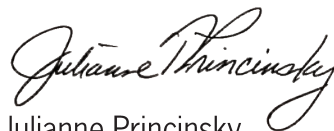
Together, our network distributed over 30 million pounds of food and over half of this was fresh nutrition. We delivered over 1,800 mobile pantries directly into neighborhoods in areas of need. We provided more than 400,000 meals for children through our school-year and summer programs. Our trucks traveled nearly half a million miles to get food into the hands of those in need.

More people had food on their tables because of these efforts and continued community support. Together, we made a significant impact in the lives of our neighbors struggling with hunger and food insecurity. We thank all of you who have been part of this mission.

Sincerely,



Kara Ross
President & CEO



Julianne Princinsky
Board Chair

Our story begins in 1981,

when three compassionate people rented a small corner of a warehouse and created the Genesee Food Bank to serve those in need in Genesee County. The organization soon grew to a five-person staff operating out of a 90'x100' donated warehouse, and by 1990 had moved into its current location on Lapeer Road.



By then, as a member of Feeding America, the organization was working to meet a regional need and annual food distribution had exceeded two million pounds per year. In 1995, with an expanded mission to serve 22 counties, the name was changed to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.



In 2002, the Food Bank was recognized as the National Food Bank of the year. Three more expansions, including the addition of the Hunger Solution Center in a semi-adjacent facility, and the Food Bank now operates from more than 110,000 square feet of warehouse space and offices with plans for additional expansions. Each year thousands of partners, volunteers and guests gather to advance the mission of hunger relief.



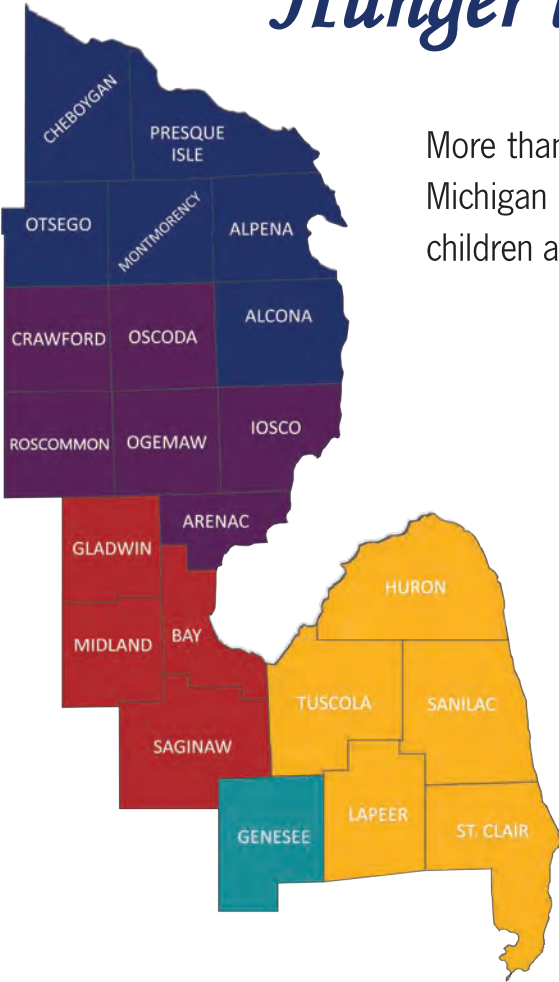
Now the Food Bank serves a network of nearly 700 hunger relief partners. Together we distribute more than 30 million pounds of food annually, offering assistance to over 210,000 people struggling with food insecurity in eastern Michigan.



Hunger in Eastern Michigan

More than 210,000 people face food insecurity in eastern Michigan on a regular basis. This includes nearly 57,000 children and over 16,000 senior citizens.

The Food Bank works with our hunger relief network to address many of the factors that contribute to food insecurity including low or no income, lack of transportation or mobility issues, and limited access to fresh nutrition.



*In 2022,
we delivered...*

1,823 Mobile Pantries

2,894 Senior Boxes

5,400 Holiday Boxes



FOOD INSECURITY STATISTICS

County	Total Population	Food Insecurity Rate	Food Insecure Population	Food Insecure Children	Food Insecure Seniors
Alcona	10,167	16.3%	1,690	270	261
Alpena	28,907	14.5%	4,110	780	491
Arenac	15,002	15.8%	2,370	500	275
Bay	103,856	14.6%	15,080	3,620	1,548
Cheboygan	25,579	16.7%	4,250	920	510
Crawford	12,988	16.2%	2,260	500	238
Genesee	183,087	16.1%	65,660	21,390	2,340
Gladwin	25,386	15.4%	3,900	840	488
Huron	31,407	13.2%	4,120	880	578
Iosco	25,237	16.0%	4,020	810	539
Lapeer	88,619	13.3%	11,710	2,750	1,189
Midland	83,494	11.4%	9,530	1,880	1,120
Montmorency	9,153	17.8%	1,650	330	213
Ogemaw	20,770	17.0%	3,560	790	388
Oscoda	8,219	16.2%	1,340	280	161
Otsego	25,091	14.5%	3,560	840	387
Presque Isle	12,982	15.0%	1,900	360	300
Roscommon	23,459	18.1%	4,320	870	555
Saginaw	85,953	14.9%	28,560	8,980	1,196
Sanilac	40,611	15.0%	6,210	1,540	637
St. Clair	160,383	14.9%	23,770	6,010	2,209
Tuscola	53,323	14.6%	7,700	1,690	787
TOTALS	1,073,673	19.7%	211,270	56,830	16,410



Our Hunger Relief Network

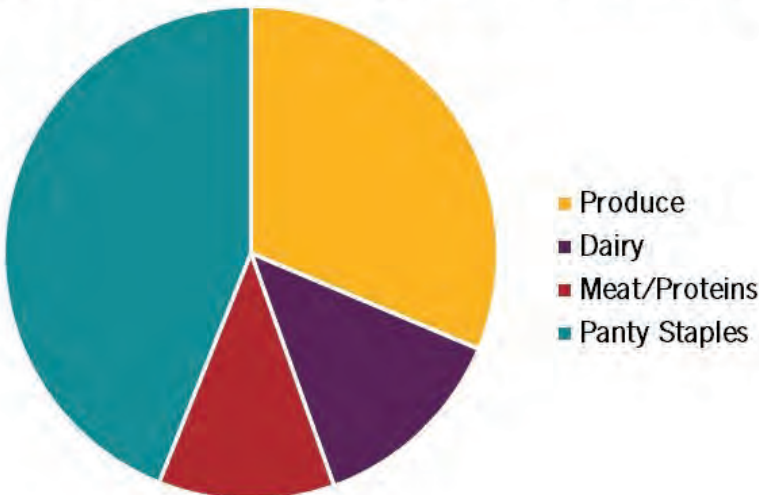
The Food Bank serves a hunger relief network of nearly 700 community partners throughout our 22-county service area. This network includes:

- 334 partner agencies (food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters)
- 207 schools offering a backpack program
- 49 student pantries at schools and colleges
- 39 sites serving meals to kids during the summer

Together, in 2022 we distributed over 30 million pounds of food and more than half of it was fresh nutrition! In addition to shelf-stable pantry staples, we delivered:

- Produce: 9.5 million pounds
- Dairy Products: 4 million pounds
- Meat/Proteins: 3.5 million pounds

Over 17 million pounds of FRESH food distributed





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: THUMB BREADBASKET

The Food Bank's network serves as a safety-net for those in need, providing assistance and emergency relief to those struggling with hunger.

Thumb Breadbasket in Pigeon, Michigan is one of the Food Bank's hunger relief partners. **For more than 15 years, they have hosted a monthly food distribution to minimize hunger in their community; one family at a time.** Their services provide essential nutrition to people in need.



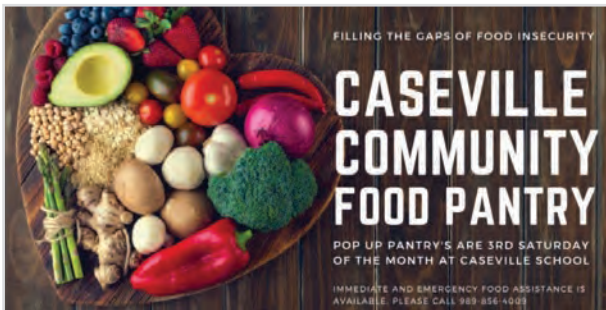
Like many of our partners, they serve many of the same people at each distribution and get to know them on a personal level, The stories they hear from people are common across our service area. They see people who just need a little extra help: some are on food assistance but it doesn't stretch far enough; some have lost their jobs or are unable to work due to medical reasons; some are just struggling financially and need to supplement their grocery budget.



Capacity Grants for Partners

After receiving a transformative gift from MacKenzie Scott in 2021, the Food Bank was able to invest in our network by offering a grant opportunity to our partners. The Capacity Building Grant allows partner agencies to think about improvements to their program that will allow them to feed more people by providing more nutritious food in a more effective or efficient manner.

In total, we approved 67 grant requests and awarded \$340,000 to grow and improve our hunger relief network.



The Caseville Community Food pantry received funding to assist with website development. Their new site has been completed and is used by the community to stay informed about food distributions, volunteer opportunities and more!

Church of Christ (LICA) in Lapeer provides a soup kitchen once per week as well as a food pantry and pop-ups in the spring and fall. They are in the process of renovating their pantry and the Food Bank was able to support this project with grant funding. The pantry was able to add two refrigerators and other cooling units with their award.



The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Flint prepares and serves 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. They were working with a broken stove and a steam table with only two working bins; both so old they couldn't be repaired anymore. With grant funds they were able to purchase working appliances to better serve their clientele.



The East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw prepares 550 meals per day to serve those in need. With their grant, they purchased an industrial mixer along with mixing paddles, muffin tins, cookie sheets, a vegetable dicer and other cooking equipment.

Our partners at Valiant Ministries in Croswell used the funds to purchase a much-needed forklift to assist with their monthly food distributions. The new equipment makes it easier to move pallets of food in a quick and efficient manner.



Nutrition for Children

Here in eastern Michigan, nearly 57,000 children live in food insecure households. These kids struggle with hunger and worry about having access to food on a regular basis. They need good nutrition which is essential to help them learn, grow and thrive!



The Food Bank works with several community partners to provide food for children throughout the school year. We work with pre-school and after-school programs to ensure children have meals and snacks during the day. **In 2022, 351,500 meals were delivered!**

We also provide food and personal care items to 49 schools, colleges and universities that offer School Pantries for students to take what they need during the week and over the weekends when school is out.

The Food Bank collaborates with 207 schools to offer the Backpack Program which provides a backpack of food for kids to take home over the weekends. This food is vital for children who rely on school meal programs and may not have access to healthy nutrition over the weekends.

In the summer of 2022, the Food Bank delivered meals to 39 Summer Feeding sites to ensure kids had lunch even when school meal programs were not available. **We delivered 49,000 summer meals and distributed more than 8,000 weekend nutrition bags!**



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: BEST FOOD FORWARD



The Best Food Forward initiative is a collaborative effort in which multiple community partners work together to bring the families of two Michigan school districts to full food security in order to improve measured outcomes in academic achievement, student behavior, mental and physical health, and economic stability.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan has partnered with Westwood Heights Schools, Michigan Department of Education, and Wayne State University to study the impact that closing the meal gap for an entire school district has on students, families, and the community.

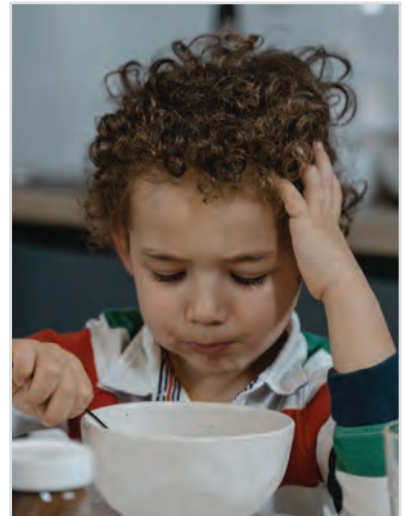


In the first two years of this initiative, more than 225,300 meals were made available to youth and their families.

Best Food Forward has also contributed to the launch of two school pantries to assist in hunger relief efforts.

The project has built healthy food systems within each targeted school community. It embraces the “whole child” educational approach where positive educational and social outcomes are achieved by nourishing children physically, mentally, and academically at home and in the community, in addition to at school and in the classroom.

The next phase of this program will continue to provide mobile food pantry distributions and has brought a thriving community garden to the school.



Partnering with Michigan Farms

The Food Bank is committed to providing good quality, fresh nutrition for our neighbors in need. We work with a number of partners to distribute a wide variety of produce options throughout the year.



The Food Bank has partnerships with many farms which provide produce for free or at a reduced-rate to help reduce food waste and makes more food available to our network. When we work with Michigan farmers, we have the added benefits of being able to provide locally grown produce with less shipping time and expense.

We have relationships with more than 20 farm partners in Michigan and across the country. These partnerships provided nearly 6.4 million pounds of food which was 67% of the produce we distributed last year!



FARM SPOTLIGHT: STYMA POTATO FARMS



The Food Bank's farm partners provide a significant portion of the produce distributed throughout eastern Michigan each year.

Located in Posen, Michigan, Styma Potato Farms is a family operated growing, packing and shipping operation. They grow, store and process potatoes for 10 or 11 months out of the year. The potatoes are then shipped in retail bags and food service containers throughout the US.

The Food Bank has partnered with the Food Bank since 2013. Our relationship began when Styma was looking for an outlet for their cosmetically challenged potatoes. They met with the Food Bank and together devised a plan to package those potatoes to get them to those in need.



In the last ten years, they have provided over nine million pounds of potatoes for distribution to our hungry neighbors. Every mobile pantry the Food Bank delivers includes at least one pallet of Styma potatoes.



Fresh Food and Pantry Staples

The food we distribute comes from a variety of sources, including retail stores food vendors, and manufacturers. We also work with the federal government to source food from USDA programs.

The relationships we have with these groups help provide baked goods, beverages, dairy products, meats/proteins, and pantry staples. Our buying power allows us to purchase food at greatly reduced rates. **Every \$1 donated provided 6 meals for our neighbors!**



We partner with 237 grocery stores across 8 retail chains, who donated a combined total of more than 5.5 million pounds of food in 2022!



DOLLAR GENERAL



RETAIL SPOTLIGHT: SAM'S CLUB



The Food Bank partners with several retail stores in an effort to fight hunger and provide nutritious food to our neighbors. When product is ready for donation, it is packaged or frozen and made available for pick up.

Often, after our trucks deliver to our agencies, our drivers will pick up food from retail partners on their way back to our warehouses. In other cases, our retail partners work directly with our agencies to save on transportation costs and quickly get the food into the hands of those who need it most.



As a retail store partner, Sam's Club works to provide the Food Bank with fresh foods and pantry staples pulled from their shelves that can still be consumed and enjoyed.

This partnership helps reduce food waste and makes more product available to our network.

Sam's Club stores throughout our service area provide donated product to the Food Bank and our agencies. In 2022, four of these stores reached a milestone in giving.

The Sam's Club Stores in Flint, Grand Blanc, Port Huron and Saginaw have all individually donated more than one million pounds of food and products to the Food Bank!



Generous Community Support



The Food Bank operates as a 501(c)3 organization and a significant portion of our funding comes from the generosity of our community. Our donors and other supporters include corporations, foundations, civic organizations, small businesses, and many individuals who help us fight hunger in eastern Michigan.

In 2022, over 100 food and fund drives were hosted on behalf of the of the Food Bank.

In total, they collected food for over 347,000 meals and more than \$200,000 in donations.



Millions of pounds of food pass through the Food Bank each year. It must be inspected, sorted and packaged before it can be delivered. We rely on the help of volunteers whose efforts are essential to our operations.



In a two hour shift, one volunteer can sort enough food to feed 700 people! That is a HUGE impact in a short amount of time.

In 2022, over 5,000 volunteers visited the Food Bank warehouse and worked sorting and packing food for distribution.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: KETTERING UNIVERSITY



Our network relies on community support to remain operational. The majority of our partner distributions are staffed by volunteers. Countless groups and individuals give their time and talents to fight hunger by volunteering with the Food Bank or at one of our hunger relief agencies.

Kettering University, the staff and the student body have all shown tremendous support for the Food Bank and the fight against hunger.

Many Student Life and Greek organizations from Kettering University offer their support to the Food Bank by giving their time and volunteering in our warehouse.

Kettering University's Student Life Program also hosts a food drive each winter to help stock the shelves at the Food Bank. It gives the students and faculty the opportunity to get engaged with the community and give back, while impacting food scarcity in the area.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 2022

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 redistribution costs.

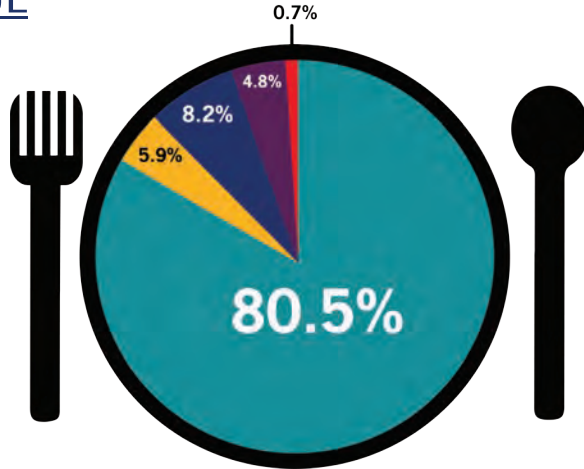
Programs: All expenses related to procurement, warehousing and distribution food in the 22 counties we serve.

Fundraising: The cost of communication and fund development activities.

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

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

REVENUE



Non Cash	\$46,124,471	Handling Fees	\$2,720,964
Contributions	\$3,373,555	Other	\$408,244
Grants	\$4,692,825		

TOTAL \$54,284,242

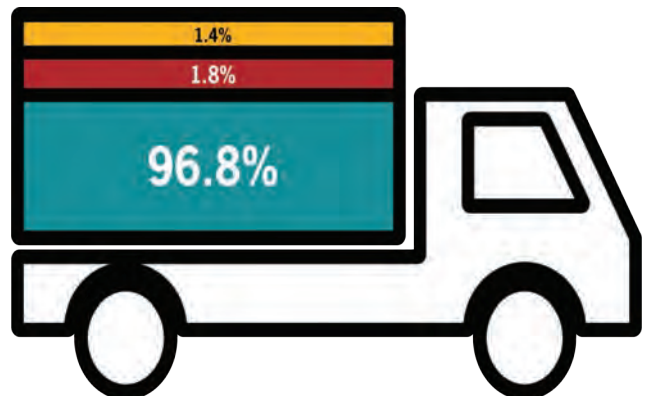
Total reflects an investment loss of \$3,035,417

EXPENSES

Programs
\$58,647,447

Fundraising
\$869,734

Administrative
\$1,090,759



TOTAL NET ASSETS \$54,284,242

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

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