

2022-2023 Annual Report



A year of transition

In 2023 the Board of Directors of The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County announced the retirement of Karen Tredwell, Executive Director for more than 25 years. During her tenure at The FOOD Pantry, the organization has seen tremendous growth, moving locations on three different occasions to ensure that there were sufficient resources available to serve the county's residents. Karen has done an outstanding job of leading a team of talented employees and dedicated volunteers. Through her fundraising efforts, Karen has built a solid base of donors, both large and small, all committed to reducing hunger in our communities. The Board takes this opportunity to recognize Karen for all of her accomplishments over the years, both at The FOOD Pantry and in the community at large, sharing appreciation for all that she has done for The FOOD Pantry and the community over many years.

A message from our leadership

I want to express my deepest gratitude for all that the community has contributed to the mission of The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. This has been a year of continuous change and our community of supporters have risen to the challenge. This has been a year of growth in serving our clients, seeing significant increases in the number of people who need The FOOD Pantry to make ends meet. Organizations need to change to meet growing needs, and our organization does this continuously without issue because our volunteers are open to changes that improve operations. And finally, a thank you to the community for welcoming me in my role as the new Executive Director of The FOOD Pantry this year.

With gratitude and looking forward to a bright future,
Lyndsay Johnson, Executive Director



Impact snapshot

2,075

People served for the first time

2,232

Children served, 31% of all clients

688

Seniors served, 10% of all clients

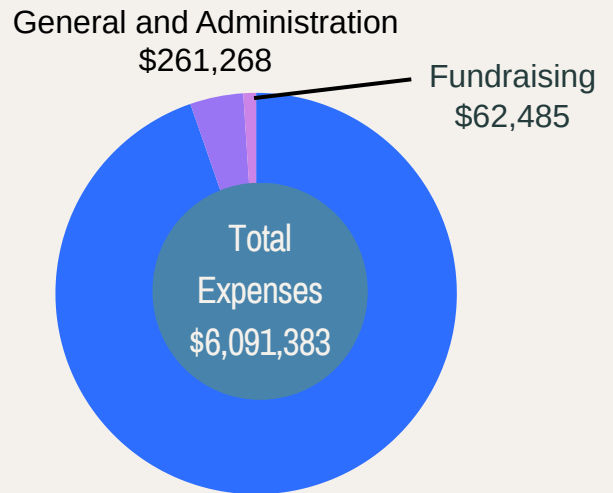
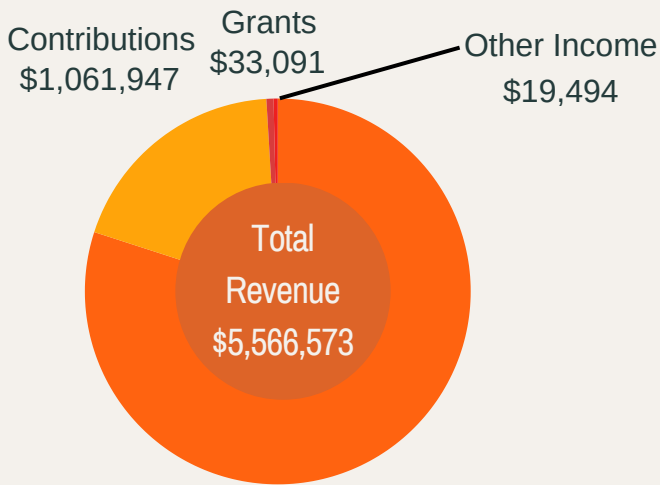
2,964

Total number of households served

7,177

Total number of people served

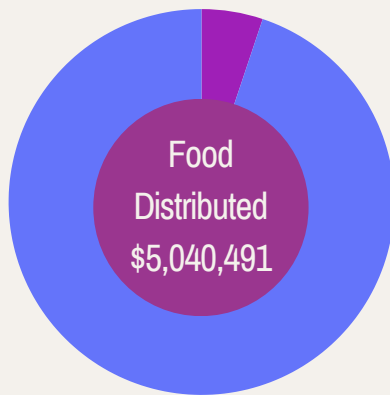
Revenue & Expenses for Fiscal Year 2022-2023



Food
\$4,452,041

Purchased Food
\$258,999

Program
\$5,767,630



Donated Food
\$4,781,492



At The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County, we respect all of the contributions we receive, whether they come from our events, appeal letters, or from the many donors you who bring their food and financial donations directly to The FOOD Pantry. We understand the high value placed on the gifts given to us and the importance of our responsibility to use them wisely. For the last 45 years we have maintained a proven record of being steadfast stewards of the resources that our community provides for The FOOD Pantry. We thank you for the opportunity to maximize these gifts, allowing us to provide food, hope, and dignity to our neighbors in need.

Programs & Services



Grocery Distribution

The primary purpose of the FOOD Pantry is to distribute food to all income-eligible Waukesha County residents in need of food assistance. This year, there were 33,773 grocery visits providing food to 93,204 individuals.

Grocery distribution was offered via full choice indoor shopping, pre-packed express pickup, and scheduled orders. 94% of groceries were distributed via these three methods. The other 6% were delivered directly to 222 individuals who are homebound due to disability or lack of mobility.

The Badger Box program continued, providing local Wisconsin food products to 1,808 households over 5,102 visits.

Food Recovery

This program gleans quality food from various businesses that would otherwise be thrown away. The food through this program is distributed directly to The FOOD Pantry clients, as well as shared with other shelters, pantries, and meal sites in the community.

This year the Food Recovery program gathered and distributed over \$2.4 million worth of meat, dairy, produce, nuts, bakery, and other types of food.

Federal Food Programs

Although the FOOD Pantry is not a government agency, it does facilitate distribution of federal food programs. The FOOD Pantry is a contracted agent of The Emergency Food Assistance Program or TEFAP, distributing commodity foods from the USDA to anyone who is income eligible.

In partnership with Community Action Coalition, The FOOD Pantry became the distribution hub for all TEFAP foods for the entire county, bringing 14 other nonprofit agencies to our location once a month to receive their monthly allocation of TEFAP foods.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program or Stockbox is a nutrition program of the USDA designed for seniors age 60+ who are income eligible. The Stockbox is available once per month which provides about 40 pounds of shelf stable foods.

Birthday Bags & Holiday Foods

Although not necessities, these programs are offered to clients registered at The FOOD Pantry to ensure that they can share a celebratory meal with their family. Each year, more than 300 children receive specially packaged birthday bags with cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, and balloons. Approximately 1,500 families receive holiday food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A typical holiday meal would include a turkey or ham and an assortment of traditional fixings.

Infant Needs & Special Diet

These programs meet the needs of clients who, because of age or medical conditions, require special foods. For families with infants and young children ages three and under they types of products offered include diapers, wipes, formula, and baby foods.

The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County provides food, hope, and dignity to county residents in need, and advocates to increase awareness of hunger through community partnerships.



We envision a future without hunger in Waukesha County.

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