# THE FOOD PANTRY SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

## **MISSION**

Provide food, hope, and dignity to county residents in need, and advocate to increase awareness of hunger through community partnerships.

# **2024 IMPACT**

January through December

37,890

Total household visits. A 109% increase since 2021.

109,781

Total individual household member visits. A 143% increase since 2021.

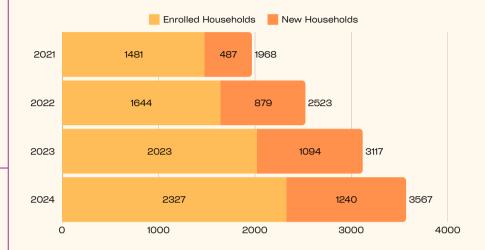
8,897

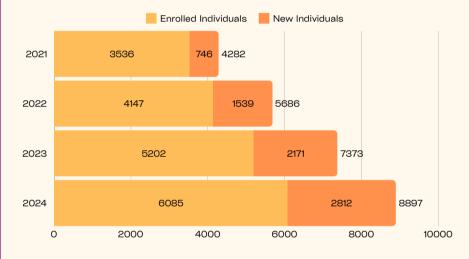
Unduplicated individuals receiving assistance through The Pantry.

1,240

The number of first-time households enrolling for services. A 155% increase since 2021.

# WHO WE'RE SERVING







Reported that someone in the household skipped meals to save money

57%

Reported running out of food before the end of the month.

## 30% CHILDREN

Baby care supplies, like diapers, are a growing need.

## 10% SENIORS

We have distributed 2,187 stockboxes to 443 seniors.

## **TESTIMONIAL FROM A CLIENT**

"There isn't a lot of help for families in the middle like ours, we don't qualify for Foodshare or other assistance. Coming here means bills get paid on time, and can make a difference in getting to enjoy little extras."

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# **INCREASED NEED**

Food purchases have increased by 98% since 2022. The number of assistance programs for both our clients and our agency has decreased or ended in that time period.

# **2024 SERVICES**

January through December

\$145.00

The average value of the 52 pounds of food each family receives per visit.

28,184

The number of hours provided by 966 individual volunteers

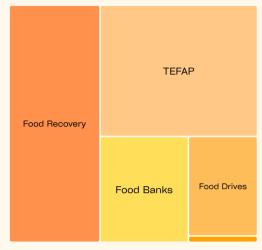
1.9 MIL

Nearly two million pounds of food has been donated and distributed into the community.

31,009

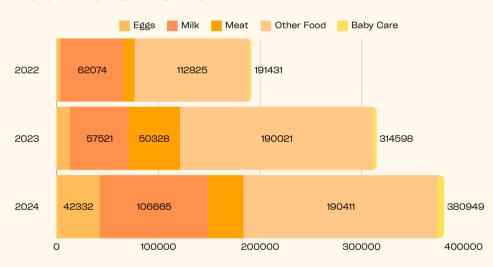
The number of gallons of milk that has been purchased and distributed to the community.

# WHERE WE SOURCE OUR FOOD FROM



Through food recovery, businesses have donated 679,624 pounds of food this year. The combined value of donated food through recovery, food drives, and food banks is \$5,523,542. We do not have full control of what types and quantities of food are offered through these sources. We balance our inventory and the staples most needed with food purchases.

## **FOOD PURCHASING**



The cost of food impacts our clients seeking assistance and impacts the efficacy of The Pantry meeting their needs. In 2022 we spent a third of the amount of money on meat and received 70% of of this year's food recovery meat value. But in that same year we were able to distribute a higher quantity of meat. Since 2022 we've reduced the number of choices offered to families on each visit.

## **FOOD RECOVERY COSTS**

\$8,862 \$6,607 \$9,653

Gas & Supplies Vehicle Maintanence Trash, Recycling, & Compost

## **HOW TO HELP OUR MISSION**

- Donating healthy shelf-stable food items, including: low-sugar canned fruits, low-salt canned vegetables, and low-fat proteins like tuna or chicken.
- Making a financial contribution to support The Food Pantry's mission. Scan the QR code to donate today.

