

2020-2021 Annual Report

A year with unique challenges

The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County continued to meet the COVID challenges head-on through the support of a visionary Board of Directors, a dedicated staff, and compassionate volunteers. State and Federal COVID programs were instrumental in providing adequate amounts and varieties of wholesome, healthy food. Continued and generous support from community donors has ensured that The FOOD Pantry has enough resources to meet the increased need. While outdoor, socially distanced grocery distribution is still employed, plans are in the works for a move inside sometime around the new year.

A message from our leadership

Gratitude continues to be the overriding atmosphere at The FOOD Pantry, even in this time of uncertainty. We are grateful that the people who need help know that, with our 42+ years of history, The FOOD Pantry is a solid and constant resource to obtain free, healthy food. The Board and Staff of The FOOD Pantry offer heartfelt thanks to the thousands of people who have provided food and funds to guarantee that no person seeking help will have to be turned away. We are honored to participate in newly created programs designed to help alleviate the effects of COVID. The FOOD Pantry is indebted to the hundreds of volunteers who continue to show up day after day, even during a pandemic, to serve their neighbors in need.

With genuine gratitude and looking forward to a bright future,
Karen Tredwell
Executive Director



Impact snapshot*

*The service numbers below are not comprehensive of all services provided by The FOOD Pantry. Some pandemic-related programming allowed for services to be provided without a complete record, including Farm-to-family boxes and Mobile Pantry.

891

People served for the first time

1,358

Children served, 30% of all clients

465

Seniors served, 10% of all clients

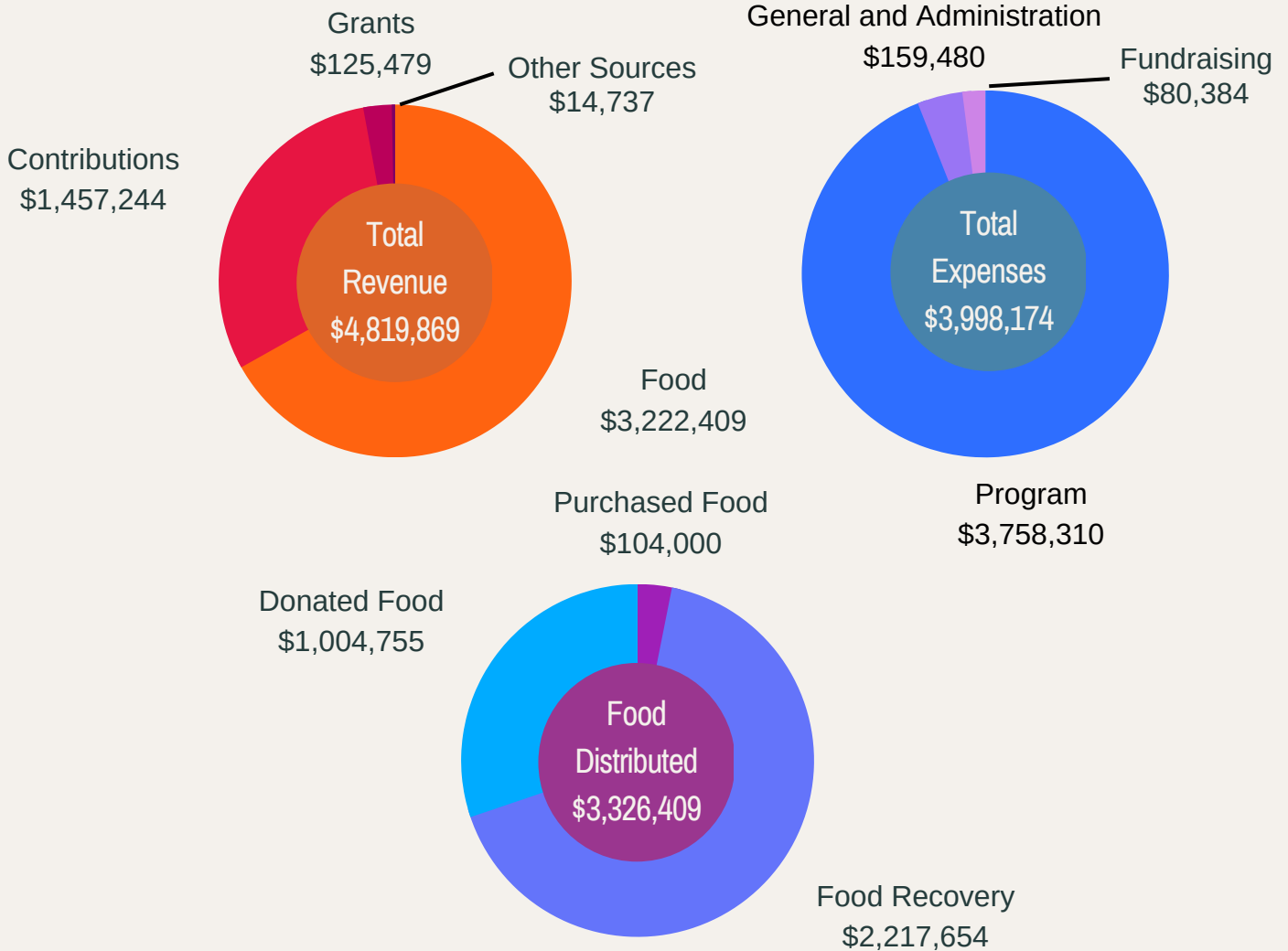
2,082

Total number of households served

4,670

Total number of people served

Revenue & Expenses for Fiscal Year 2020-2021



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 43 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 18,863 grocery visits providing food to 48,051 individuals.

Grocery distribution was done in a low-contact, socially distanced method, outdoors for the entire year. Most distributions were done car-side in the parking lot of The FOOD Pantry.

The FOOD Pantry launched an option for guests to order ahead of time and schedule their pickups online or via phone call. With granting of a refrigerated box truck through the Hunger Relief Federation and the State of Wisconsin, The FOOD Pantry also partnered with Elmbrook School District to offer a mobile pantry delivering to 80 families each week during the school year.

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 \$2.2 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 a 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.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program or Stockbox is a nutrition program of the USDA designed for seniors 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 FOOD Pantry registered clients 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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