

2021-2022 Annual Report



Increased need and expanded services

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. In 2022 The FOOD Pantry resumed offering indoor, full-choice shopping to clients, as well as continuing to offer drive through express, and scheduled ordering for limited contact options. This year The FOOD Pantry also expanded program offerings with the introduction of FoodShare Outreach to help our clients access other types of food assistance benefits.

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 44 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 including the ARPA funded Badger Box. 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 gratitude and looking forward to a bright future,
Karen Tredwell
Executive Director



Impact snapshot

1,512

People served for the first time

1,638

Children served, 30% of all clients

539

Seniors served, 10% of all clients

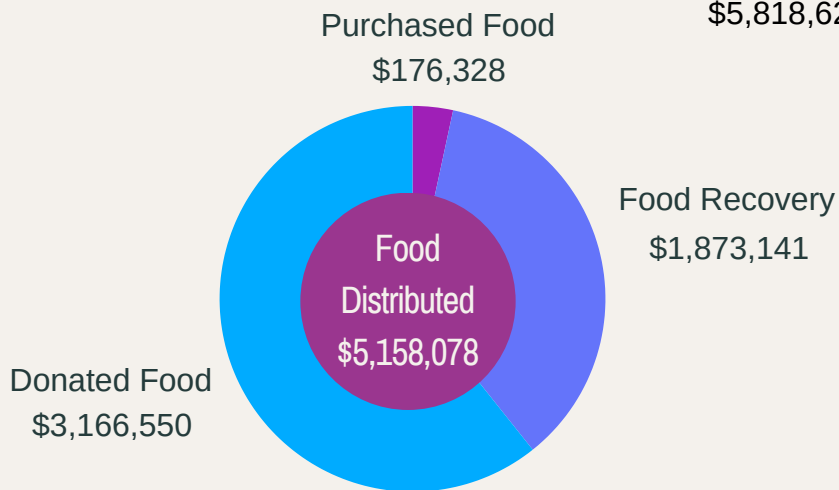
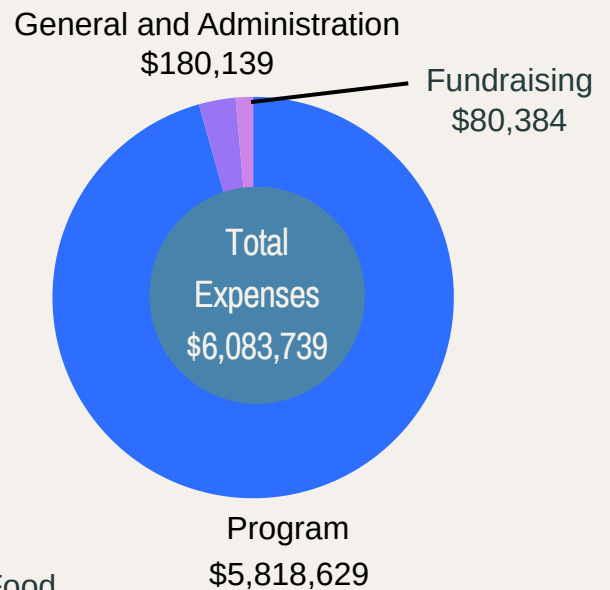
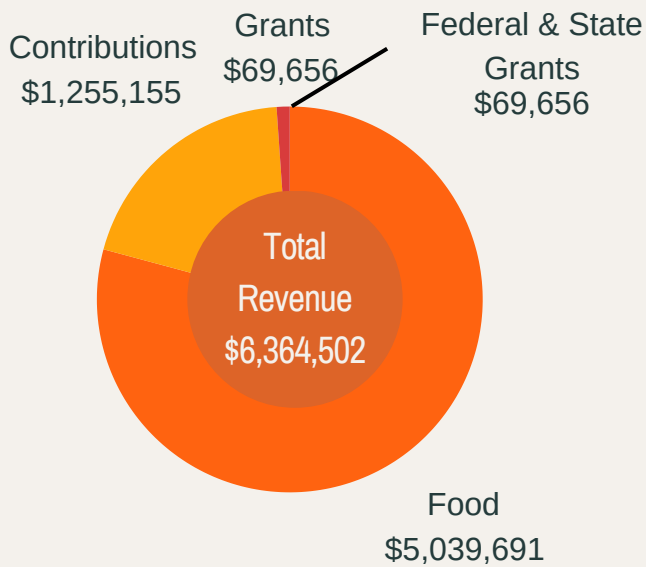
2,382

Total number of households served

5,427

Total number of people served

Revenue & Expenses for Fiscal Year 2021-2022



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 44 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 24,076 grocery visits providing food to 64,629 individuals.

Grocery distribution was done in a low-contact, socially distanced method, outdoors for the part of the year car-side in the parking lot of The FOOD Pantry. The option of full choice shopping indoors for clients resumed in 2022.

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. A new food program called the Badger Box was launched, providing local Wisconsin food products to 964 households.

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 \$1.8 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 TEAFAP, 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 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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