

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As the local food bank serving West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, we collaborated with our community this past year to take many important steps to end hunger.

By working together in 2022, we distributed 23.9 million pounds of food, which is equivalent to 19.9 million meals. This food was provided through:



22 Gather 2 Grow sites, which offered lunches during the summertime to any youth and disabled adults. These lunches were distributed in partnership with local libraries in

5 different counties: Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon and Newaygo. Various nutritious, shelf-stable meal options were provided. There were 8 distinct meal choices, including vegetarian and nut-free, that contained 5-6 items per kit. Each prepackaged meal also included a water bottle.

This program ran for 12 weeks and served 26,520 meals to youth in need, which is more than double the number of meals served in 2021.



Gather 2 Grow helps fill the summer meal gap for kids. During the school year, many kids rely on free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch, as well as weekend or evening meal programs. When school ends, most of these resources suddenly disappear, and that's where this program steps in.



92 backpack programs, which sent kids home from school with food items such as granola bars, fruit cups, crackers, beef sticks and cheese sticks.

Backpack programs exist to fill the meal gap many children face on evenings and weekends during the school year. Kids go to school to focus on their education; they shouldn't be distracted by feeling hungry.

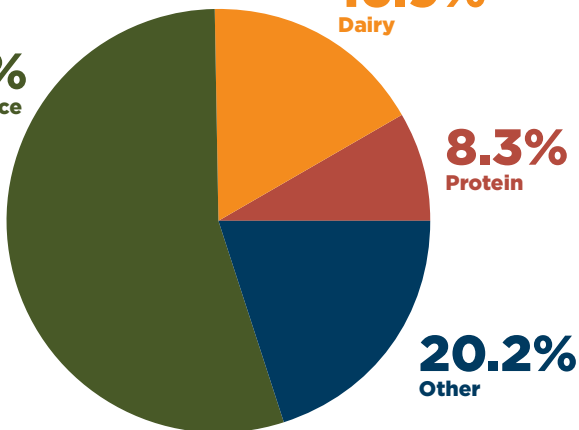


One backpack program coordinator said, "Everybody has hard times. If we can eliminate or relieve your stress by helping provide weekend food—if we can take some of that burden off your family—you can use those funds to help your kids with other things."



1,500 Mobile Food Pantries, which provided supplemental groceries to neighbors in need in 32 counties. The variety of these grocery items greatly improved from previous years, now including:

54.6%
Fresh Produce



Overall, 82.9% of the food served through Mobile Pantries was considered nutritious.



51 meal programs, which served hot meals to seniors and other community members.



500+ more partner food pantries and meal programs, which nourished neighbors facing hunger in a variety of ways.



Volunteers at this Mobile Food Pantry in Benton Harbor helped provide neighbors with fruits, veggies, meat, baked goods and more.



Open Table is a meal program hosted by Kentwood Community Church, intended to be a time for the community to come together and enjoy a meal.



This volunteer says his office is “with all the canned goods,” and his job is to keep everything stocked and organized. As he packs boxes of food for neighbors, he understands how big of a difference it can make for families in need.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2022

REVENUE

Handling Fees	\$2,191,543	4.3%
Contributions	\$5,164,820	10.2%
Grants	\$7,101,777	13.9%
Other Revenue	\$312,639	0.6%
Non-Cash	\$36,215,819	71.0%
Total	\$50,989,598	100.00%
Net Assets	\$24,249,789	

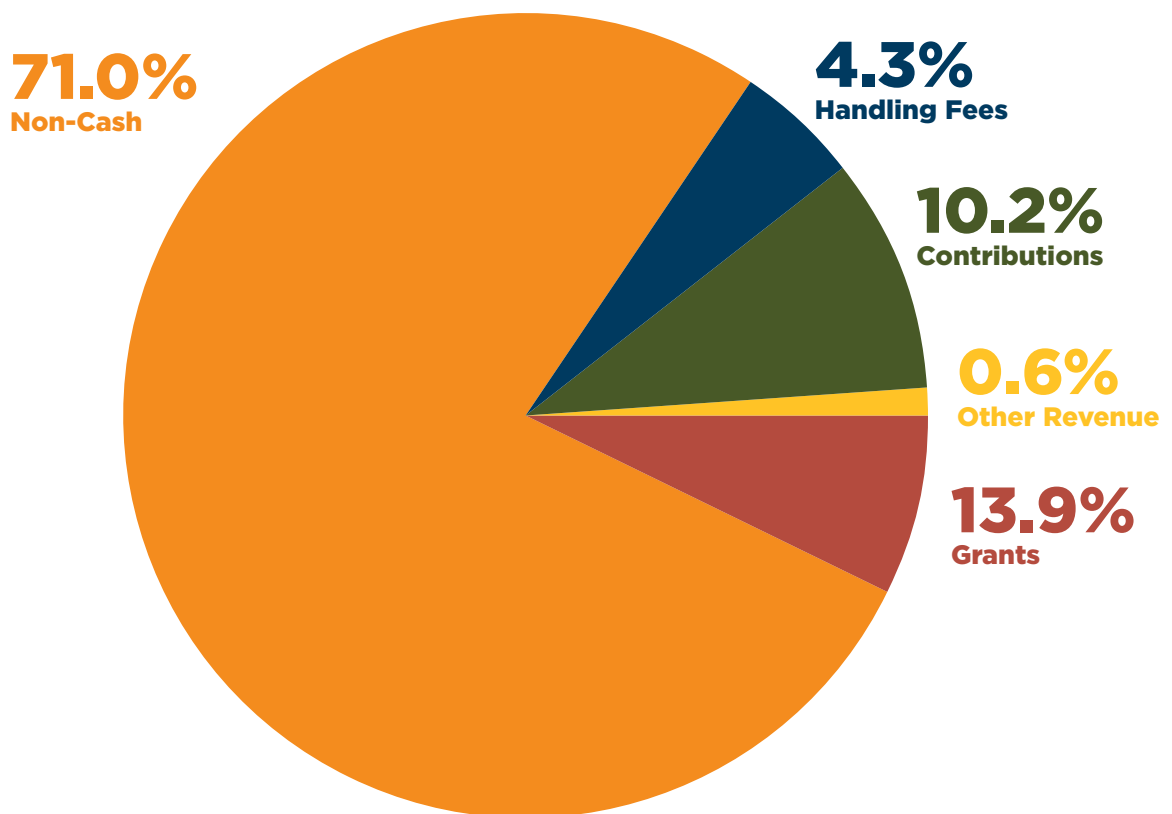
Handling Fees: Cost-sharing with partner agencies, who pay 16 to 18 cents per pound for most items.

Contributions: Gifts from individuals, companies and other organizations.

Grants: Income from charitable foundations and government agencies.

Non-Cash: The value of food and other in-kind donations we received.*

* Value based on an annual analysis done by the Feeding America National Organization and by an independent auditor, KPMG.





EXPENSES

Programs	\$46,756,982	96.0%
Fundraising	\$1,075,481	2.2%
Administration	\$897,185	1.8%
Total	\$48,729,648	100.00%

Programs: All expenses related to reclaiming, storing and distributing food in the 40 counties we serve. This includes the total value of \$39,393,808 for food and grocery items distributed.

Fundraising: The cost of communications and development activities.

Administration: Cost related to administrative and accounting activities, along with other expenses not directly connected to food distribution.

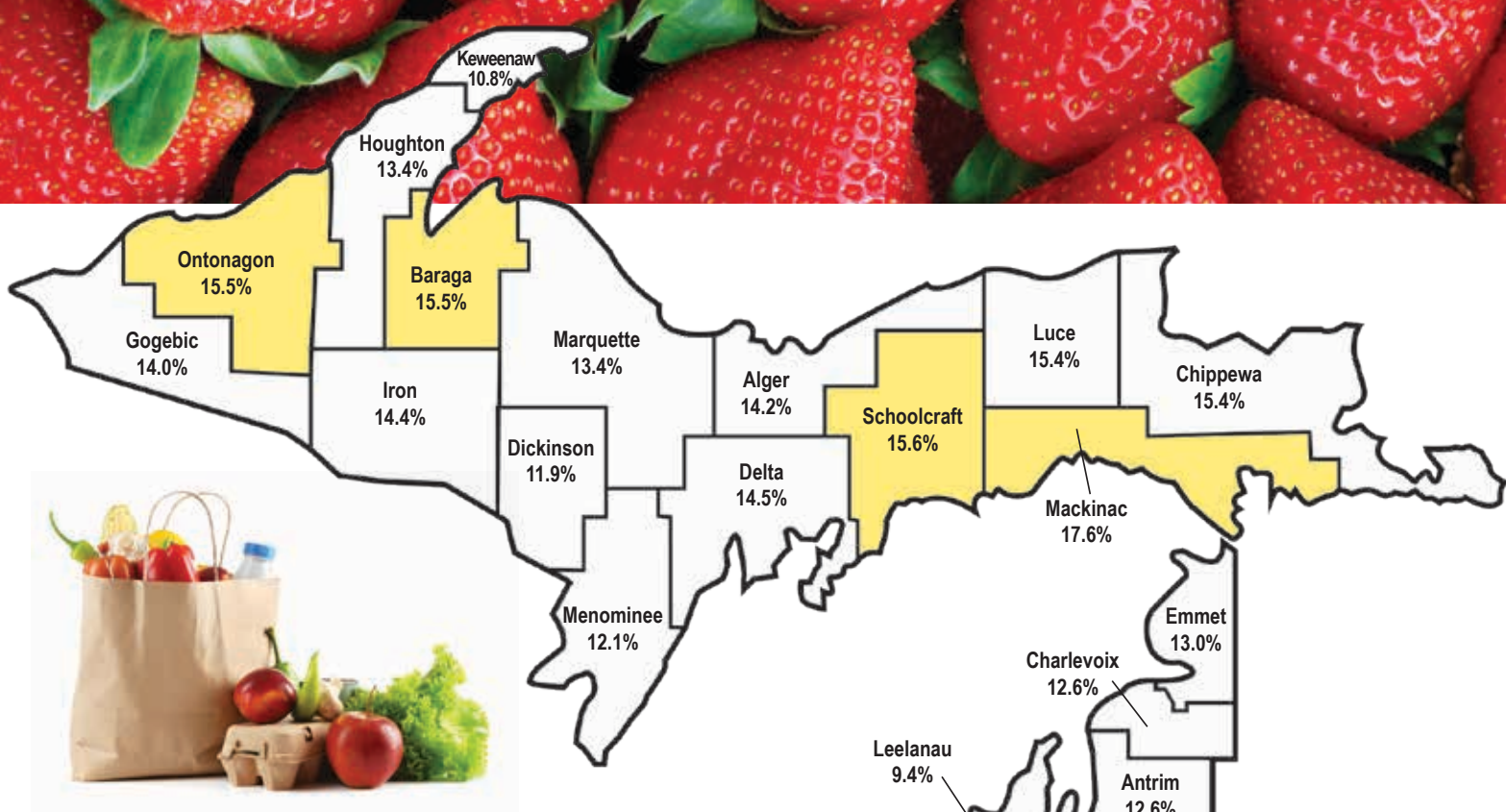


COUNTY DATA

COUNTY	TOTAL POUNDS	AGENCIES ACTIVE
Alger	148,191	6
Allegan	403,165	20
Antrim *	672,892	13
Baraga *	203,986	5
Benzie	357,462	10
Berrien	1,258,781	74
Cass	428,443	22
Charlevoix *	242,719	15
Chippewa	411,892	17
Delta	595,133	15
Dickinson	235,602	11
Emmet *	223,376	18
Gogebic *	266,890	8
Grand Traverse	815,551	30
Houghton *	419,950	27
Ionia	378,235	19
Iron *	147,972	7
Kalkaska	237,897	5
Kent	5,987,989	243
Keweenaw *	28,250	1
Lake	403,329	12
Leelanau	170,327	5
Luce	176,569	5
Mackinac	200,214	10
Manistee	415,078	12
Marquette	740,080	21
Mason	411,944	9
Mecosta	557,331	15
Menominee	144,262	4
Missaukee	331,123	10
Montcalm	373,398	16
Muskegon	1,215,540	39
Newaygo	1,203,361	25
Oceana	345,668	9
Ontonagon *	137,592	6
Osceola	369,580	13
Ottawa	1,957,018	53
Schoolcraft	209,777	5
Van Buren	551,601	21
Wexford	506,675	16
Total	23,884,843	872
Other food banks	405,718	



* Served in partnership with our redistribution and/or partner distribution organizations.

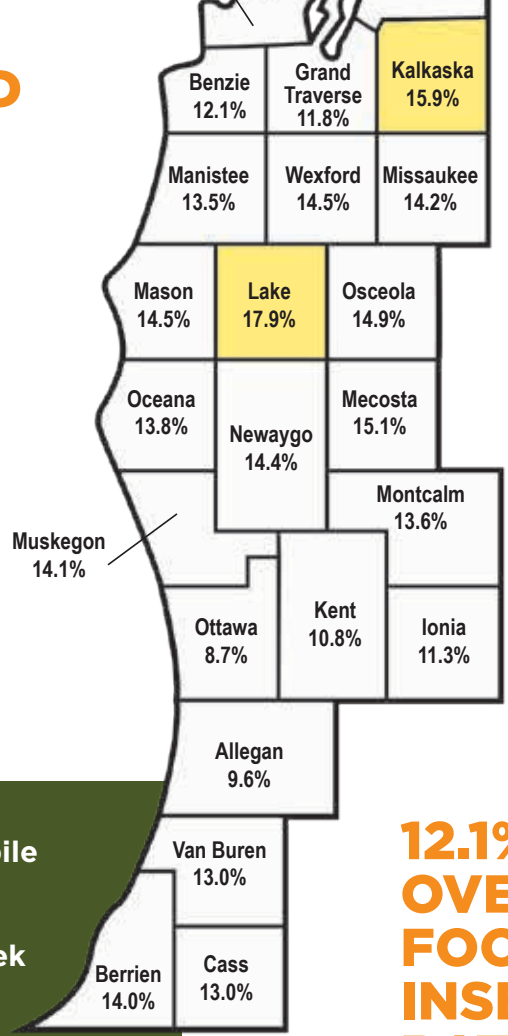


COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST NEED FOR FOOD IN OUR SERVICE AREA

The need for food is higher in **Lake County** than anywhere else in our service area; **17.9% of its residents are food insecure.**

After Lake County, the counties with the next highest food insecurity rates are:

- **Mackinac: 17.6%**
- **Kalkaska: 15.9%**
- **Schoolcraft: 15.6%**
- **Ontonagon & Baraga: 15.5%**



12.1% OVERALL FOOD INSECURITY RATE



“We appreciate that [Mobile Pantries] are a service offered to the community. There’s a variety from week to week, which is good. You give some of the more costly staples and those are always beneficial.”

- James from Lake County

TOP SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

TOP FOOD DONORS

In 2022, the USDA provided 5,825,315 pounds of food, and another 2,341,980 pounds were purchased thanks to grants and donations. In addition to this, 110 food donors gave a total of 14,533,556 pounds of food to Feeding America West Michigan. Overall, we received a total of 22,700,851 pounds of donated food.

ORGANIZATION	LBS. DONATED
Sam's Club	1,566,972
Walmart	1,171,964
Meijer	1,121,051
Costco	831,707
Aldi	726,470
Target	516,604
General Mills	353,531
Sysco	299,704
Old Orchard Brands LLC	282,907
Gordon Food Service	256,591



Our top food donor, Sam's Club, contributed by sending volunteers to help glean apples in addition to donating over 1.5 million pounds of food.

TOP CORPORATE DONORS

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Bank of America	\$83,000
La Colombe	\$80,000
Gernaat Dairy LLC	\$30,000
Amway	\$30,000
Cargill Incorporated	\$28,000
Fresh Thyme Farmers Market	\$26,668
DTE Energy Foundation	\$25,000
US Signal Company LLC	\$25,000
Planet Fitness	\$20,500
Mitten Brewing Company	\$20,000



La Colombe's donation allowed us to purchase a new truck prioritized for Mobile Food Pantries in Muskegon! La Colombe also donates shelf-stable coffee to the food bank, which is offered to partner food pantries and meal programs and is distributed through the Mobile Pantry program.



TOP AGENCY PARTNERS

AGENCY	CITY	LBS. DIST.
Community Action House	Holland	755,463
Community Food Club	Grand Rapids	509,833
TrueNorth	Fremont	370,253
Family Network	Wyoming	350,112
Escanaba Seventh Day Adventist	Escanaba	320,686
Streams of Hope Food Center	Grand Rapids	250,228
Good Samaritan Family Services	Ellsworth	240,732
Meals on Wheels Food Pantry	Grand Rapids	207,360
Christ Church Pantry	Traverse City	197,638
UCOM	Wyoming	191,705

“So much of the good food on our Food Club’s shelves is here because of our partnership with Feeding America West Michigan,” said Scott Rumpsa, Community Action House’s CEO. “We so appreciate their approach to shared wins—by working together, we’re able to accomplish so much more for our community.”

TOP MOBILE PANTRY PARTNERS

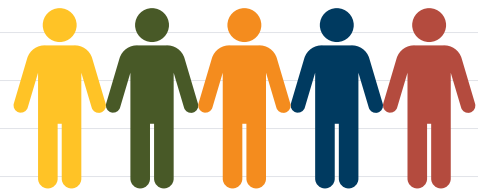
AGENCY	CITY	LBS. DIST.
Muskegon Co Cooperating Churches	Muskegon	466,351
Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions	Marquette	214,723
Family Network	Wyoming	192,606
Silver Creek Thrift Store	Harvey	184,324
TrueNorth	Fremont	183,113
JKL Bahweting School	Sault Ste Marie	179,646
Love in Action - Tri-Cities	Grand Haven	175,289
Wexford Civic Center	Cadillac	166,643
Good Neighbor Services	Manistique	163,610
Manistee Friendship Society	Manistee	151,801

Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions consistently hosted Mobile Food Pantries to provide supplemental groceries to neighbors living in rural areas.

TOP VOLUNTEER GROUPS

In 2022, 711 volunteers rescued nearly 2.8 million pounds or over 2.3 million meals’ worth of food in 18,062 hours.

- MOKA
- Kent ISD
- Ready For Life
- Wellspring
- Aldersgate



Jean has been volunteering her time at the food bank since February 2020. Throughout her entire time being a volunteer, she has shown up for over 300 hours to help provide meals to neighbors facing hunger!

ADVANCEMENT CAMPAIGN



The Nourish Tomorrow campaign will fund more than the renovation of a new building; it will fund the revitalization of our approach to hunger relief in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula! Here's a glimpse at the support this campaign received in 2022.

TOP ADVANCEMENT CAMPAIGN DONORS

**Received through December 2022*

INDIVIDUALS

John and Nancy Kennedy
Tracy Breihof
Sharin and Sidney Jansma III
Cate and Sidney Jansma, Jr.
Jackie and Rick Watson
Richard P. Haslinger
Greg and Linda Yagodzinski
Cahssey and Don Augenstein
Steve and Cheryl Timyan
Harold and Lori Voorhees

CORPORATIONS

Meijer
BISSELL Inc.
Amway
Shape Corp
Herbruck's Poultry Ranch
Cargill Incorporated
Star Truck Rentals Inc.
Fifth Third Bank Center and Foundation
Morrison Industries
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FOUNDATIONS

The Doornink Foundation
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Frey Foundation
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
David & Carol Myers Foundation
Charles W Loosemore Foundation
Sebastian Foundation
M.E. Davenport Foundation

**Some of these donors pledged funds in 2022. We have not necessarily received the full amount of their pledges yet.*

GOVERNMENT

American Rescue Plan Act
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services



We publicly launched our Nourish Tomorrow advancement campaign in 2022 with a \$2 million donation from Meijer!





ADVANCEMENT CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

Received through December 2022 (Includes Pledges)

GIFT RANGE	# OF DONORS	TOTAL
\$0.01 - \$99.99	192	\$6,676
\$100.00 - \$499.99	162	\$25,316
\$500.00 - \$999.99	24	\$12,594
\$1,000.00 - \$2,499.99	36	\$48,153
\$2,500.00 - \$4,999.99	11	\$31,000
\$5,000.00 - \$9,999.99	18	\$96,500
\$10,000.00 - \$24,999.99	19	\$254,868
\$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99	9	\$270,000
\$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99	13	\$685,243
\$100,000.00 - \$999,999.99	13	\$3,340,000
\$1,000,000.00 +	2	\$4,000,000
	499	\$8,770,350




In 2022, we selected Fishbeck and Christman to be the project's architect and general contractor.

Construction costs came in much higher than the original estimate. We worked with Fishbeck and Christman to strategize ways to reduce the cost and redesign the facility.

Serving local families in need since 1981, Feeding America West Michigan reclaims millions of meals' worth of safe, surplus food from various sources. With the help of countless volunteers, the food bank sorts, stores and distributes this food through a network of more than 700 partners to fill hundreds of thousands of neighbors' plates instead of landfills. The food bank's service area consists of 40 of Michigan's 83 counties from the Indiana border north through the Upper Peninsula.

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Feeding America West Michigan is a member of Feeding America, The United Way and The Food Bank Council of Michigan. The food bank also maintains a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.




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Our mission is to gather and distribute food to relieve hunger and increase food security in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

