

2024 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

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2024 Annual Report

FROM BOARD PRESIDENT SONJA HUNTER

As the Board President of the Emergency Food Pantry, I am honored to share with you the incredible progress we have made together over the past year.

It is with deep gratitude that I reflect on the unwavering support from our donors, volunteers, community partners, and the families we serve. This year, your contributions have helped us reach new milestones and make a meaningful impact on our community.

Thanks to your generosity, we have provided over 1.5 million pounds of food to nearly 7,500 families, children and seniors making up 45%, in need. With the support of our dedicated volunteers, we have been able to enhance our services by reintroducing client choice and providing education resources, ensuring that no one in our area has to go to bed hungry. Our volunteers, who give so selflessly of their time, continue to be the heart of our operations, working tirelessly to make sure that each person who walks through our doors feels welcome and cared for. In addition to our core food distribution services, we have also strengthened our partnerships with local organizations, especially those that are a part of the Cass-Clay Hunger Coalition. By collaborating with other community groups, we are working towards providing a holistic approach to tackling food insecurity and supporting families as they work toward greater self-sufficiency.

While we have achieved so much, our work is far from finished. We know that food insecurity continues to be a challenge for many in our community, and as we look ahead, we are committed to expanding our programs and services. Specifically, the staff and Board of Directors created and are committed to a new five year strategic plan with four key pillars, including:

1. Enhance team wellbeing.
2. Upgrade customer experience and accessibility.
3. Build individual, organizational, and systemic capacity.
4. Increase engagement.

To accomplish this, we will need your continued support. We ask that you remain part of our journey, whether through donations of time, funds, or food. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community faces hunger alone. Your involvement is crucial to our mission, and every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for being a vital part of the Emergency Food Pantry family. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can continue to build a brighter future for all.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Sonja Hunter

Sonja Hunter, President of the Board of Directors





FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STACIE LOEGERING

2024 was a reflective year for the Emergency Food Pantry team.

We reflected on what has been, what is, and what can be. When the pantry began over 50 years ago, the organization focused on matching what food was available in the community to which individuals and families needed support. As we reviewed how services changed through the decades, we noted intentional shifts made regarding the types of food available in food baskets. During the decades of providing food to neighbors in need, we sought donations to supplement the donated foods. We focused on ensuring a variety of foods were available. We also noted intentional shifts from having a couple of pre-packed food boxes available to focusing on matching family's dietary needs.

A dozen years ago, we began offering choices in food. In 2020, we quickly moved back to pre-packed food baskets in response to the pandemic. In 2024, we increased food choices. We also focused on more than food and helped make connections to other resources in the community. Through each of these service changes, team members have been creative, engaged, and dedicated to improving lives.

As we near our 53rd year of service, we are grounded in the passion of the pantry's founders and focused on a broader scope of work than we have before. We've learned that the power of compassion

and collaboration can change lives. We've recognized that addressing the root causes of hunger will impact our neighbors today and their families in the future. We've established a clear purpose of providing nutritious food, meaningful connection, and community resources to build food security. We envision our role as providing more than food by developing a community food hub.

Through continued connections, we will be a part of the collaborative system that reduces hunger and poverty. Thank you for your support in impacting the lives of people served by the Emergency Food Pantry.

Thank you for supporting all neighbors in need!

Stacie Loegering

Stacie Loegering, Executive Director

THANK YOU

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Sonja Hunter, President | Eric Johnson |
| Tyler Mayfield, Vice President | Grace Moser |
| Meghan Yerhot, Secretary | Josh Wells |
| Pam Sommer, Treasurer | Mehria Azizi |
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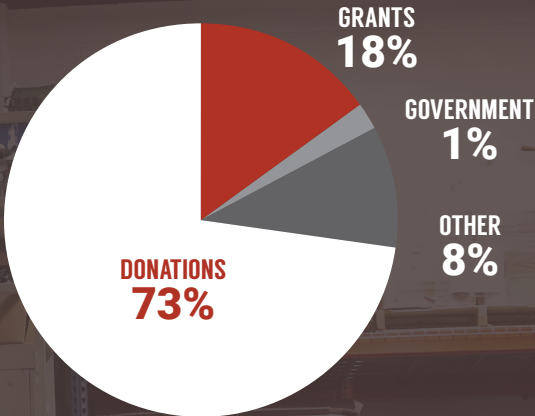
EMPLOYEES

- | | | |
|--------|-----------|-------|
| Stacie | Kathy | Nancy |
| Diane | Lizzie | Ron |
| Jeff | Luke | |
| Kari | MacKenzie | |

VOLUNTEERS

- Regularly scheduled
- Businesses
- Churches
- Service Clubs

2024 Financial Summary



Donations
\$368,996



Government
\$471



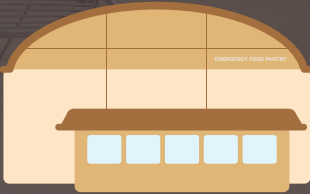
Grants
\$88,975

OTHER
\$41,548

Total Income: \$499,990



Service Supplies
\$79,443
(18% of Total Expenses)



Expenses
\$137,431
(24% of Total Expenses)



Personnel
\$317,105
(58% of Total Expenses)

Total Operating Expenses: \$533,979

*Financial information collected at end of year prior to an external financial review.



2024 SERVICE STATISTICS

Total Individuals Served: **52,851**

CHILDREN



19,685

ADULTS



28,867

SENIORS



4,299

*Includes all repeat households served and the total members in those households



Total Carts of Food Provided to Households: **16,498**

*Total Unduplicated Households Served: **7,458**

Total Unduplicated Individuals Served: **22,878

*An unduplicated or unique household is defined as the first time a household received services from the pantry this year.

**Total unduplicated or unique individuals served is the total number of persons within a unique or unduplicated household.



Total Pounds Distributed: **1,570,375**

(Pounds in carts was 1,430,322 and pounds in lobby was 140,053)

Total value of distributed food at \$1.93/lb:	\$3,030,824
Average household size	3
Average pounds per person in food basket	27lbs
Value of food given per person in food basket	\$52



Mission

Provide nutritious food, meaningful connection, and community resources to build food security.

Vision

Become a community food hub that provides holistic services to reduce hunger and poverty.

Values

Everyone has a right to healthy food regardless of their circumstances. We believe in compassion, connection, collaboration, and community.



Kind, compassionate support to understand dietary needs and healthy choices.



One-to-one connections to express dignity and respect.



Partner within our community to identify gaps and barriers in local services, and build solutions.



When neighbors receive healthy food in compassionate ways, they are better able to accomplish goals and aspirations.



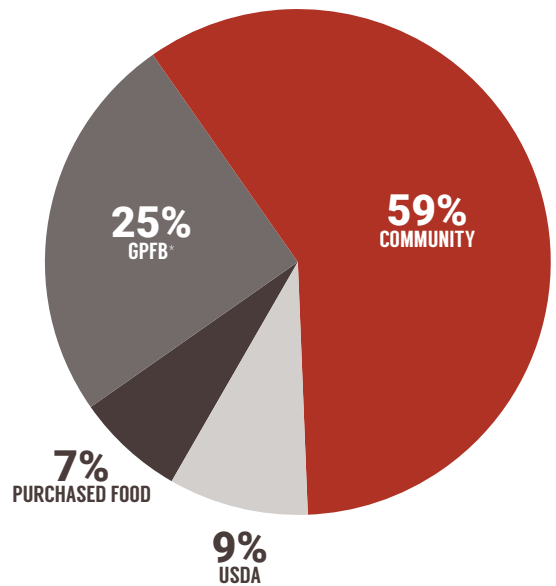
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY!

The community has contributed to the Emergency Food Pantry's mission for the past five decades. By volunteering, hosting food drives, and giving financial gifts the community has supported individuals and families in need of food. When individuals, businesses, communities of faith, and service clubs donate, they provide food, basic hygiene items, and a sense of security. This support does more than meet basic needs, it increases wellbeing and economic stability. Your support provides food and care that enhances lives. In 2024, this support provided over 16,000 food baskets. The food baskets represent the number of times that neighbors were nourished; when someone was able to focus on the future and not just on today to meet basic needs.

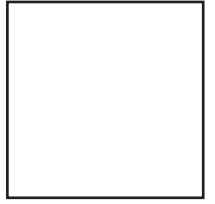
1,088 UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS SERVED 16,313 HOURS

These hours are approximately 7.8 full-time workers. At \$15/hour, that would be \$244,695 worth of labor.

2024 SOURCES OF FOOD



Great Plains Food Bank (GPFB) is the regional food bank. GPFB runs the Retail Rescue Program which recovers surplus product and distributes to organizations such as the Emergency Food Pantry. Also, each month EFP can order food from GPFB. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) which provides federal food to food pantries throughout the United States.



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Three Ways to Support The Mission

VOLUNTEER

Available shifts are listed online at:



DONATE NONPERISHABLE FOODS AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

A list of current needs:



DONATE FUNDS

Financial contributions allow flexibility to purchase what is needed.

