

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Shared Harvest

**FOODBANK**

## Your Neighborhood Foodbank



### WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1983, Shared Harvest Foodbank has made a tremendous impact thanks to the help of members and volunteers in Southwest Ohio. The core of our work lies in the continuous passion and dedication we bring to the range of projects we undertake. Please join us by supporting our efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

### WHAT WE DO

Shared Harvest finds, rescues, and distributes food to people living in poverty via a network of more than 100 member agencies that include food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters throughout Southwest Ohio.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP VISIT:  
[www.sharedharvest.org](http://www.sharedharvest.org)



**513-881-9024**  
**HELP CENTER**

M-F 8:30AM-3:00PM



### CHILDHOOD HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM

Our Backpack Program provides weekend meals to thousands of children each school year whose families may struggle with food insecurity.



### SENIOR FOOD PROGRAM

Our Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) offers support to those 60 years of age and older by providing a nutritious package of food each month to those enrolled.



### FOOD ASSISTANCE

Looking for a food pantry in your area? Need help applying for SNAP? Want to enroll in the CSFP Program? Call the Shared Harvest Help Center!



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Join us as a Shared Harvest Volunteer! We'd love for you to become a part of our team. Check out our website for an array of opportunities!



# A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

In 2023, we moved into our newly constructed Hunger Awareness Center. This accomplishment will help us realize our Vision to “Unite the public and private sectors and to raise awareness about the impact of poverty”. This new facility expands our capacity to welcome in members of our community to work alongside us and engage in conversations about food and nutrition insecurity and the efforts to address it. We dedicated our new Hunger Awareness Center to our founding Executive Director, Tina Osso.



This is an excerpt from our dedication ceremony in September:

“The voices of those who came before us cry out. Their wisdom still lingers in the air as we strive to grasp hold of their truths. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we reflect on the vision of one woman, Tina Osso, whose tenacity, and perseverance culminated into this very moment. She forged a robust network of charitable food providers, informed national and state policy to fight food insecurity, and laid a foundation upon which we now stand. Tina is a testament to the principle that the work we do today takes root and blossoms into the hope of tomorrow.”

While we celebrate our growth and development, this is a sobering accomplishment. It is a reminder that the need for food assistance is prevalent and unrelenting. In fact, the more than ten million pounds of food that we distributed in 2023, is comparable only to the amount that we distributed in 2020 during the pandemic, our highest ever.

We have discovered that economic recovery for low-income families is much slower and more complex. Increased food, fuel, and vehicle costs, affordable housing shortages, inflated rent rates, expensive childcare, and the withdrawal of federal benefits (to name a few) exacerbate existing barriers to overcoming poverty, deepening the hole to climb out of.

We recognize that it is not enough to simply distribute food. While it is absolutely imperative that we meet people where they are, in times of crisis, that we are also intentional about, “shortening the line”; or reducing the need for people to have to turn to a food pantry in the first place. We can only do this by engaging the people who are impacted by food insecurity and uniting the community to be part of the solution.

Come be a part of the solution.

*Terry L. Perdue*  
**TERRY PERDUE**

# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

## Hunger Awareness Center Opens!

More than 44 million Americans (1 in 7) face food insecurity in the United States every single day, including 13 million children. This is the highest rate since 2014 and the largest one-year increase since 2008. Increases affect every subgroup and population in the country. Feeding America reports that inflationary pressures on family budgets, including food and fuel prices, are impacting the numbers of neighbors seeking assistance. As many as 40% of neighbors visiting our pantries are new to charitable food assistance.

In response to these challenges, Shared Harvest made an investment into our mission and opened a brand-new facility, aptly named the Hunger Awareness Center.

While the building houses most of our offices now, its primary purpose is to house the community and allow others to join us in our fight against hunger.

We are now able to host multiple volunteer groups and activities each day, in a space that has been designed to allow us to welcome the public to learn about the experiences of those that are just barely making ends meet.

With an outpouring of support from our families and community, we held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 9th. Guests were invited to listen to Billy Two Shoes as they toured the facility, enjoyed snacks, and learned about what we do here at the foodbank.

## 9/11 Day of Service

On Monday, September 11, 2023, twenty-two years after the tragic events of 9/11/2001, Shared Harvest partnered with the 9/11 Day Foundation, AmeriCorps, Kids Around the World, and Freestore Foodbank to offer a unique volunteer opportunity to hundreds of people at the Cintas Center, located on the campus of Xavier University.



Shared Harvest staff arrived bright and early that Monday morning to meet and talk with the press covering the event as the arena was transformed to accommodate several food packing lines. Each table was equipped with all the materials needed to create nutritious meals of rice, lentils, and vitamins, each individually sealed and labeled at each station.



A few hours later, a multitude of volunteers from corporations such as AmeriCorps, Xavier University, Cintas Center, Citi, United Airlines, JPMorgan Chase, Reliance Steel & Aluminum, KPMG, American Modern, GE Aerospace, Paycor, Target, HBH Holdings, Brighton Tru-Edge, KnowledgeWorks, VEGA Americas, Barclays, Totes Isotoner, Verdant Commercial Capital, Sims-Lohman, Bank of America, Ascendum, Reladyne, Merrill Lynch, SRS Raise the Roof Foundation, Aristech Surfaces, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Enerfab, KeyBank and General Electric Credit Union.

Shared Harvest was also accompanied by many of our regular volunteers, many of whom took leadership positions throughout the day and served as table captains.



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**Inspiration! I always enjoy coming and learning new things.**  
- Attendee/Member Agency Director

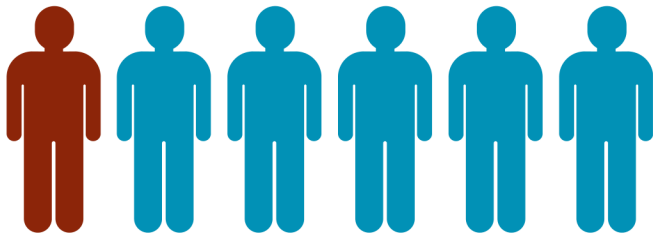
## Forty Years of Foodbanking

In celebration of Shared Harvest's 40th Anniversary, we hosted our first on-site Member Agency Conference. In previous years the annual event had to be held offsite to accommodate attendees from our network of more than 100 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

Attendees came from all five counties that we serve to see our new space and to receive some refresher training!

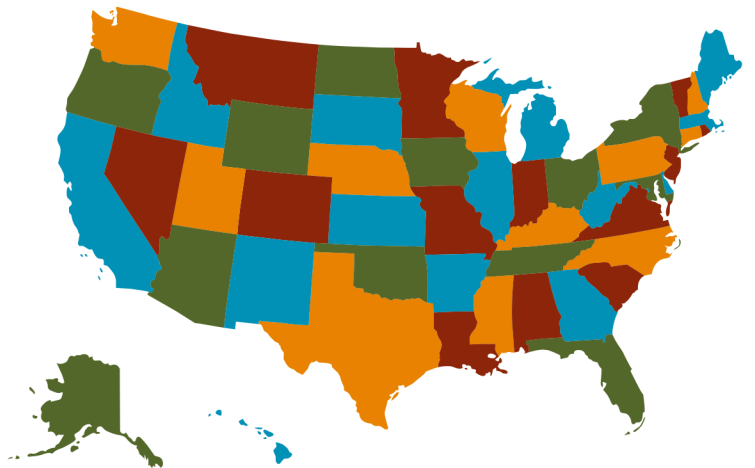
# FOOD INSECURITY

**Food insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life.**



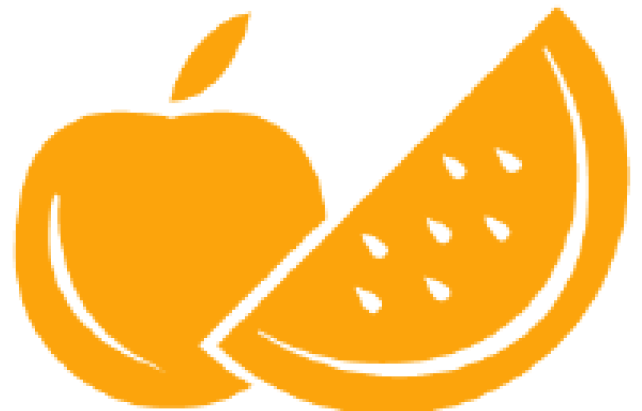
**1 in 6 Americans turned to the charitable food network in 2022.**

**100% of counties in the United States have food insecure households.**



**13 million children living in the United States are food insecure; 40.3% of households receiving SNAP benefits have children**

**In the United States, \$2,020,497,444 is distributed through SNAP, generating \$3,434,845,655 in economic activity\*.**



\*Economists estimate that every dollar a household redeems through SNAP generates about \$1.70 in economic activity. ([www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america](http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america))

# Direct Service Programs

## Senior Food Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) distributed **22,386** nutritional boxes of food to our Senior Citizens in 2023. We are serving 240 more Seniors than last year!



## Childhood Hunger Relief Program

Along with our generous sponsors and in partnership with local schools, Shared Harvest distributed **70,860** weekend bags of food to children. We also supported the opening of school-based pantries to serve entire families facing food insecurity.



## SNAP Outreach

Our Help Center assisted **1097** families apply for SNAP benefits, providing **402,203** meals.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program can provide nine meals for every one we provide. Thanks to new digital initiatives, like GSNAP, we can help more neighbors apply.



# Distributions & Foodbanking

In 2023, Shared Harvest hosted **158 Drive-Thru Distributions**, distributing **1.3 million** pounds of food throughout Butler, Darke, Miami, Preble, and Warren counties.



Total pounds distributed increased by **28%** to **10.2 million pounds!**

Resulting in **8.5 million meals** provided to **469,001** neighbors, comprised of **82,706** seniors and **150,019** children!



\*The photos on this page feature the Compassion Food Pantry, a brand-new initiative Shared Harvest, other community stakeholders, and the Butler County Educational Services Center, which opened in September of 2023.

# Donations & Volunteers

**Thank you, Food Donors!**

We rescued more than **7.3 million pounds** of food in 2023. As a result, we were able to keep those pounds out of a landfill and provide more than **6.1 million meals**.

We appreciate your continued support!



**Thank you, Volunteers!**

In 2023, Shared Harvest had **2,608** unduplicated volunteers who contributed **7,837** hours of service to help us fight food insecurity.

This is equivalent to having nearly **four** additional full-time employees working at the foodbank.

**Thank you to those that hosted a Food Drive in 2023!**

We had more than **80** companies, community partners, and individuals participate this past year. Many of our Food Drive partners have been with us for several years.





# Financials: Unaudited

## Statement of Activities

### Revenue

In-kind Food Donations	\$15,520,541
Government Grants	\$1,321,454
Member Contract Revenue	\$438,849
Contributions	\$1,100,936
United Way	\$70,331
Investment Activity Net	\$47,112
Miscellaneous	\$12,272
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,511,495</b>

- 84% of our total revenue is the value of donated food.
- 44% of our cash revenue is government funding.
- Thanks to our generous donors, more than half of our support comes from community donations (non-government funding)

### Expenses

Food Distributed	\$15,170,322
Operations	\$1,971,938
Food/Fund Development	\$195,503
Management & General	\$323,717
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,661,480</b>

- 86% of our total expense is the value of food distributed.
- Only 2.9% of our total expense is administrative overhead.
- The increased need for food has nearly exhausted our food reserves (15,520,541 received compared to 15,170,322 distributed)

## Statement of Financial Position

### Assets

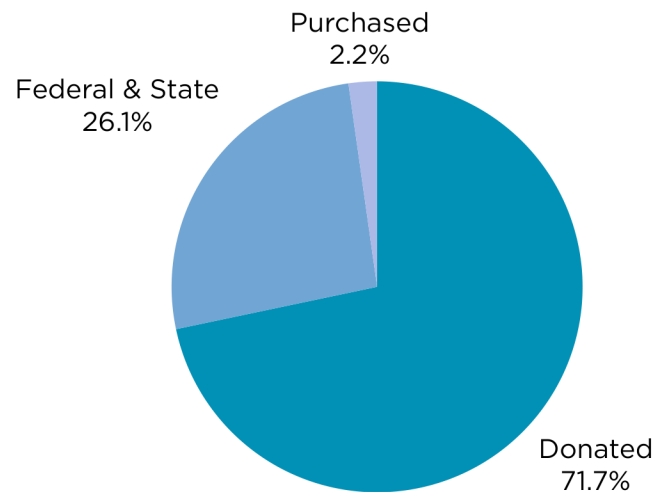
Food Inventory	\$1,325,550
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,939,234
Receivables/Promises to Give	\$403,867
Property & Equipment, net	\$4,405,994
Other Assets	\$290,697
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$9,365,342</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$233,467
Accrued Payroll & Other Expenses	\$30,884
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$264,351</b>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$8,574,608
Board Designated	\$285,532
Temporarily Restricted	\$240,851
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$9,365,342</b>



### Food Source in Pounds

*Donated: 7,346,532*  
*Federal & State: 2,671,684*  
*Purchased: 228,868*

**Total Pounds: 10,247,084**

# Member Agencies

BP= Backpack, CSFP=Senior Program, FP=Food Pantry, M=Meal Site, P=Pet Partner

## Darke County

- Fox Run Senior Apartments (CSFP)
- Grace Resurrection Community Center (FP, BP)
- Miami Valley CAP Darke (CSFP)
- New Beginnings Church (FP)
- Radiant Church (FP)
- Solid Rock Apostolic Church (FP)

## Butler County

- Allison Avenue Baptist (FP)
- Animal Friends Humane Society
- Butler County Educational Services Center (FP)
- Central Connections - Butler (CSFP, FP)
- Central Ohio Pentecostal (FP)
- Christian Family Center (FP)
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (FP)
- Community First Solutions (CSFP)
- Edgewood Ministerial Association (BP, FP)
- Fairfield Food Pantry (FP)
- Faith Community United Methodist Church (FP)
- Family Services of Middletown (FP)
- Feed The Hungry Project (M)
- Full Gospel Outreach (FP)
- Hamilton Church of God (FP)
- Islamic Education Council (FP)
- Joseph's Legacy (P)
- LifeChurch (FP)
- Marshall High School (FP)
- New Life Baptist Mission (FP, M)
- New Life Vineyard Church (FP)
- Oaks Community Church (FP)
- Open Door Pantry (FP)
- Oxford Family Resource Center (CSFP)
- Poasttown First Church of God (FP)
- Princeton Pike Church of God (FP)
- Princeton Pike Church of God West Pantry (FP)
- Progressive Animal Welfare (Paws Adoption Center) (P)
- Reach Out Lakota (FP)
- Ross School District; Ted & Becky Richards (BP)
- Salvation Army Hamilton (M)
- Salvation Army Middletown (FP,M)
- Serve City (FP, M)
- St. Vincent de Paul John XXIII (BP)
- St. Mary of Oxford (BP)
- St. Vincent DePaul of Middletown (FP)
- Talawanda Oxford Pantry (CSFP, FP)
- The House Pantry (FP)
- Towne Blvd. Church of God (FP)
- Village Food Pantry, Inc. (FP)
- West Chester Nazarene Church (FP)
- Zion Global Missions (FP)

## Miami County

- Bethany Center (M)
- Community Grace Brethren Church (FP)
- Cove Spring Church (BP)
- Family Abuse Shelter of Miami Co. (M)
- First Place Food Pantry (FP)
- Greene Street UMC (FP)
- Highland BIC Church (FP)
- Miami Valley Catholic Social Services (CSFP)
- Needy Basket of So. Miami Co. (FP)
- New Path Inc. (FP, CSFP)
- SafeHaven (M)
- Stonebridge Community Church (FP)
- Terrace Ridge Apartments (CSFP)

## Preble County

- Jacob's Ladder (BP)
- Miami Valley CAP (CSFP)
- Monroe Township Food Bank (FP)
- New Paris Community Food Pantry (FP)
- West Alexandria Food Bank (FP)

## Warren County

- Citygate Church (FP)
- Clinton Massie Schools (BP)
- Father Schuh Center (FP)
- First Regular Baptist Church (FP)
- Found by Faith Food Pantry (BP, FP)
- Franklin Area Community Services (CSFP, FP)
- Joshua's Place (BP)
- Kindness Backpack (BP)
- Kings Local Pantry (CSFP, FP)
- Lebanon Food Pantry (FP)
- Lebanon Warriors Backpack (BP)
- Little Miami Food Service Inc. (FP)
- Little Miami Panther Backpacks (BP)
- Maineville Kings Point Church (FP)
- Mason Food Pantry (FP)
- Myles Ahead Animal Sanctuary and Rescue Inc. (P)
- Nature Nurses Wildlife Rescue (P)
- New Housing Ohio, Inc. (M)
- Springboro Community Assistance Center (BP, FP)
- Urbancrest Baptist Church (FP)
- Warren County Community Services (CSFP)

For more information about our member agencies,  
please visit: <https://www.sharedharvest.org/find-a-pantry-near-you>

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Not Pictured: Eric Knapke, The Kroger Company

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### Our Mission:

To find, rescue, and distribute food to people living in poverty through an efficient network, uniting the public and private sectors; to raise awareness of the impact of poverty.



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