Letter From

God’s Pantry Food Bank

As we reflect on the challenges faced by our fellow Kentuckians, a stark reality looms large – last year in Kentucky, 1 in 8 people were uncertain about where their next meal would come from. In Central and Eastern Kentucky, this statistic rises to 1 in 6. At God’s Pantry Food Bank, we recognize the urgency of this issue and have dedicated ourselves to the mission of reducing hunger.

In partnership with more than 500 food pantries and meal programs, God’s Pantry Food Bank serves 50 counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Our commitment to this cause is unwavering, guided by a vision of a nourished life for every Kentuckian and a mission of reducing hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities.

We recognize that hunger often goes unnoticed. There is no singular "face of hunger." Food insecurity affects diverse individuals and communities across the Commonwealth and the Nation. Feeding America’s 2023 Map the Meal Gap research estimated that nearly 220,000 people in Central and Eastern Kentucky faced food insecurity. This sobering reality emphasizes the importance of our mission.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, we achieved significant milestones in our mission, distributing over 43 million pounds of food, including 17 million pounds of fresh produce, directly benefiting our community. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the collective impact of our supporters and underscores the tangible difference we make in addressing hunger. With your generous support, we provided the equivalent of 36 million meals, a testament to the strength of our community and the compassion that drives our efforts. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your contributions, which enable us to advocate for health, wellness, and food security.

Moving forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to prioritizing our support of those facing food insecurity, recognizing that many are just one unexpected circumstance away from experiencing hunger.

To our supporters and partners, thank you for your time, talent, and treasure. Your unwavering commitment enables us to continue reducing hunger and fostering hope as we work together to build healthier communities. Working together, we can create a future where every Kentuckian thrives.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mike Halligan
Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Andy Henderson
President, FY 2024-2025
“A nourished life for every Kentuckian.”
“We are so grateful that you have allowed our students to volunteer with you! Fostering a sense of service and empowering students to be active participants in their community has long been a priority for us. We have participated in various service learning activities over the years, but volunteering at God’s Pantry stands out as especially enriching. It has been beautiful to witness students apply classroom lessons on human needs, civic engagement, and cooperation at your pantry and with your expert guidance.

Everyone we have met at God’s Pantry has been kind, communicative, welcoming, organized, and informative. We know that your work takes admirable dedication, and we hope you know how inspiring it is. You are excellent role models for children and adults alike.

Thank you for your continued partnership in educating and supporting our community.”
Gary Canada  
Neighbor- Central Christian Pantry

“When my food stamps run out, the food pantry provides extra meals, ensuring I have three square meals a day. Situations aren't always obvious, but God’s Pantry Food Bank understands community needs. The kindness of the people makes visits meaningful.”

Cliff Adkins  
Neighbor - Mobile Market

In what ways has the Mobile Market helped you?  
“I have mobility problems. I have to use a wheelchair and walker, and that does make it a little difficult to shop. Although our senior living home takes us to Kroger and Walmart every Thursday with the assistance from Lextran, this adds to that service for myself and all my neighbors. We appreciate that they make it available to us. It is great to have it in our backyard, we do not have to go far, and they have a wide variety of products.”
PROGRESS AGAINST
THE STRATEGIC PLAN
2025 Strategic Plan – Feed, Empower, Engage, Develop
Feed

43,225,840
Pounds distributed

36,021,533
Meals distributed

16,992,100
Pounds of fresh produce distributed
Empower

500+
Partner food pantries and meal programs consisting of soup kitchens, shelters, youth centers, churches, child care facilities, and senior centers, located throughout our service area

168,747
Commodity Supplemental Food Program boxes distributed

31,095
Households served through Fayette County Pantry Program (FCPP)

13,124,081
Pounds of food rescued through our food rescue program

23,475
Meals and snacks provided through Summer Feeding Program

43,205
Pounds distributed through the School Pantry Program

44,389
Bags of easy-to-prepare food given to more than 1,700 children to take home each weekend and during holidays through our Backpack Program

FY2023 Milestones
Highest year-end and rolling 12-month distribution (43,225,840 pounds) in Food Bank history.

Fresh produce accounted for 18.6% of food distributed through the FCPP.

New Volunteer Center opened March 2023.

Taste of the Bluegrass was held in the future home of the Food Bank with approximately 1,150 guests, volunteers, and vendors in attendance.

Increased social media exposure.
**Engage**

- **531** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applications submitted
- **7,000** Households received a Thanksgiving basket

**Develop**

- **22,887** Volunteer hours spent packing emergency boxes, sorting food, distributing food, and creating cards for our senior commodity boxes
- **199,548** Pounds received through Food Drives for the Fayette County Pantry Program
- **$219,378** Local news media ad value
- **3,926,179** Local media views
Financials
Charity Navigator 4 star rating for 14 consecutive Years

**Revenues and Other Support**

- **10.7%** Contributions, Grants, and Events
- **3.8%** Program Coop Service Fees
- **4.5%** Federal Funding
- **0.5%** Other Income and Investments
- **80.5%** Donated and USDA Food Distribution

Total Revenues: $66.7 Million

**Expenses**

- **2.1%** Fundraising
- **2.8%** Management & General Services
- **8.7%** Program Services
- **9.2%** Purchased Food Distribution
- **77.2%** Donated and USDA Food Distribution

Total Expenses: $69.2 Million
## Financials

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$1 = 5 Meals
Logistics Strategy

God’s Pantry Food Bank facilities
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