

CHATTANOOGA AREA  
**FOOD BANK**



# 2024 IMPACT REPORT



# From the CEO

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on all the amazing moments represented in this year's Impact Report, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude. I am grateful for our community support, the partners and volunteers who share our passion of ending hunger, and the staff of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank who went above and beyond in 2024, our busiest year on record.

Food insecurity is not just a matter of hunger—it's a matter of health, equity, and opportunity. But we also recognize that food banking alone cannot solve the systemic challenges of poverty and hunger. To truly break the cycle, we are looking beyond traditional food distribution. We are leaning into innovation and forging partnerships to address the root causes of food insecurity.

At the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, we believe that nutritious meals are the cornerstone of a healthy life. To uphold this mission, we will continue to partner directly with local farmers, utilize the latest technology to improve food access, and advocate at all levels of government for the health and wellbeing of our neighbors. Our work is driven by a powerful and everlasting principle: No one should ever face the impossible choice between feeding their family and paying their bills.

Together, we are more than a food bank. We are a lifeline and partner, creating a future where everyone has enough to eat and opportunities to thrive. It is with your unwavering support that we continue to place food on our neighbors' tables and hope in their hearts.

With gratitude,

Melissa Blevins,  
President and CEO



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1,491 SNAP  
Applications  
Submitted



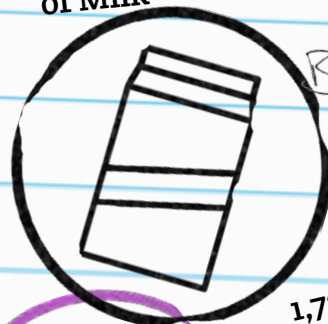
6.2 Million Pounds  
of Food Rescued  
from Retail



160,634 Meals  
for Children

# Highlights

31,601 Gallons  
of Milk



A Record-  
Breaking Year!



We Provided Groceries for  
**16,774,438**  
**MEALS**



250+ Hunger  
Relief Partners



42,914  
Household  
Visits at  
Foxwood  
Food Center



5.7 Million  
Pounds  
Produce  
Distributed

1,722 Deliveries  
Across  
20 Counties



# Programs



## **FOXWOOD FOOD CENTER**

Our grocery-store-style facility where guests choose foods to accommodate personal preferences, allergies, and other dietary restrictions.



## **HUNGER RELIEF PARTNERS**

We supply food across a wide network of food pantries, senior centers, mobile pantries, and children's programs.

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Our Sack Packs and Summer Bags ensure food-insecure children have enough to eat during their weekends and summer breaks.

## **MOBILE PANTRIES**

We help organize massive distributions at schools, community centers, and places of worship to deliver groceries directly to communities in need.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) OUTREACH**

We assist individuals across our service area in Tennessee and Georgia with the SNAP application process.

## **PRODUCE DELIVERY**

Our fleet delivers millions of pounds of fresh produce to our Hunger Relief Partners across 20 counties, reducing barriers to accessing nourishing food.

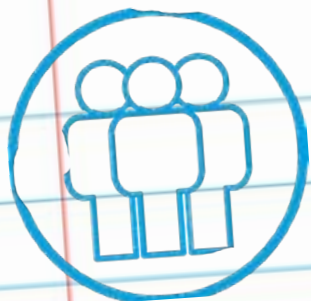
## **RETAIL RESCUE**

Meat, dairy, produce, baked goods, and pantry staples are donated by local grocery stores and distributed to our partners, saving millions of pounds of good food from landfills.



## **TEACHING GARDEN**

In our on-site garden, we grow produce for Foxwood Food Center, start seedlings for local community gardens, and teach about self-sufficiency.



6,504  
Volunteers



2024

THANK  
YOU!

Volunteers

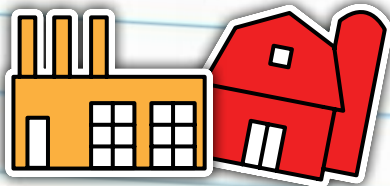


We ❤️ our  
Volunteer Family

35,730  
HOURS



# How We Work

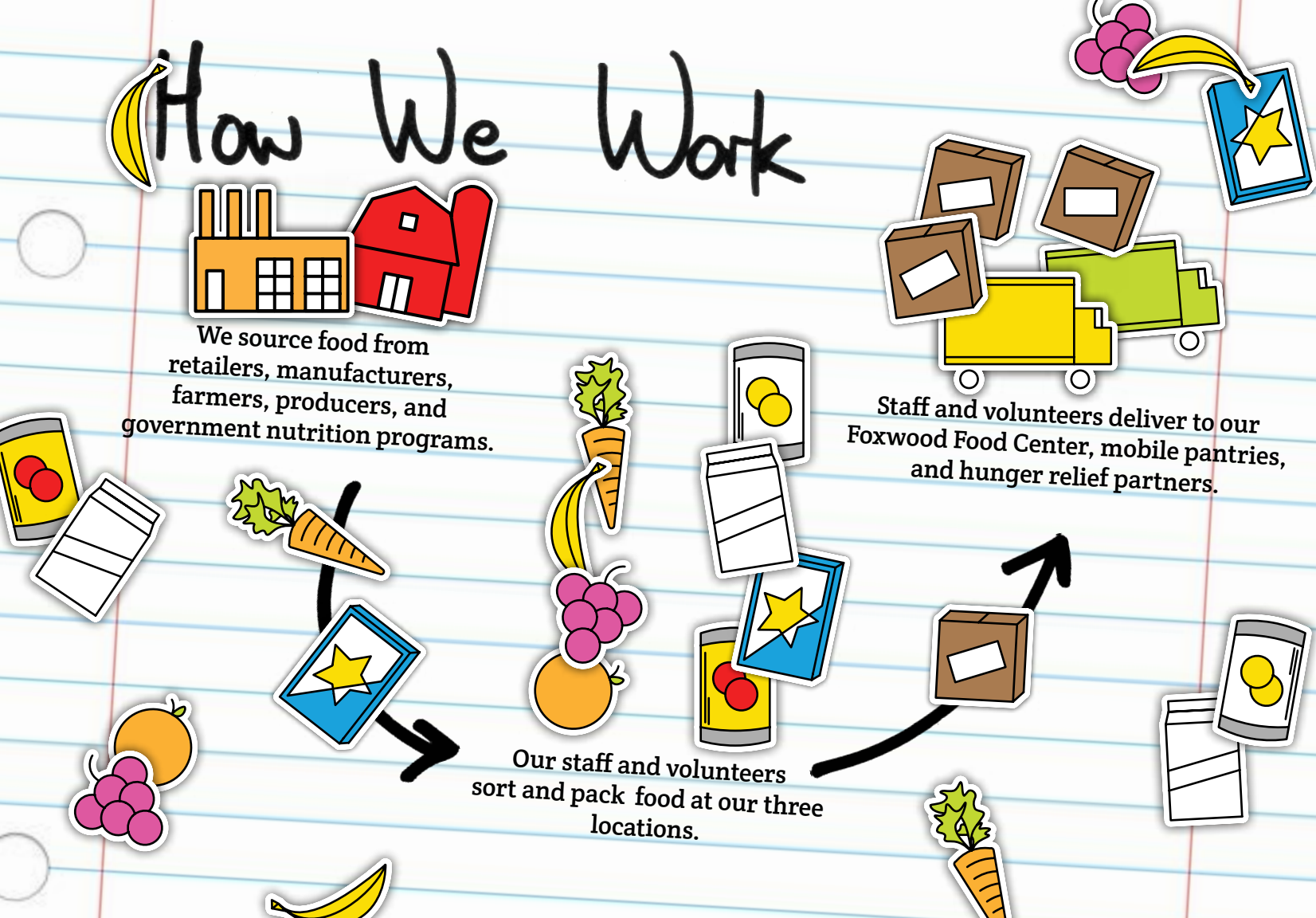


We source food from  
retailers, manufacturers,  
farmers, producers, and  
government nutrition programs.



Staff and volunteers deliver to our  
Foxwood Food Center, mobile pantries,  
and hunger relief partners.

Our staff and volunteers  
sort and pack food at our three  
locations.

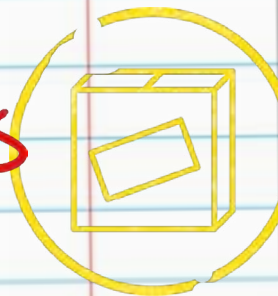


Tennessee



Where We Serve

20  
COUNTIES



Main Warehouse  
2009 Curtain Pole Rd.  
Chattanooga, TN



Foxwood Food Center  
3209 Wilcox Blvd.  
Chattanooga, TN

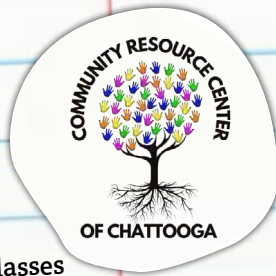


Pierce Distribution Center  
1111 S Hamilton St.  
Dalton, GA



# Neighbor Stories

from our partner,  
Community Resource  
Center of Chattooga



Carrie

"I come here when I don't have money for groceries," said Carrie. "They always do good. They meet my food needs for at least three or four days, until I can get a paycheck to buy groceries. I'm just low on cash and needed some help with food."



Trina

"We've been coming to cooking classes here. Then, we started coming to make the boxes," said Trina.

Trina and Elizabeth not only receive food from the Community Resource Center of Chattooga, but they also volunteer.

"That's what I want to do," Trina continued. "I want to donate all the time I can to the Lord. There's no way I can ever pay him back for what he's done for me, but there's a way I can start and put back just a little bit of what he gave me. If it means anything to anybody, that little bit matters."

"They're awesome people at CRC," said Elizabeth. "I had nobody and kept praying to God to send me an angel, and he sent Trina, and she wouldn't give up on me and she wouldn't quit, and this place won't either."

"I arrived here under very dire circumstances, with the high cost of living and having to pay my bills," said Rose. "I have a medical condition, and when I came here and explained my condition to Angie and the fellow workers here, they showed me a lot of empathy and compassion, and they've always tried to meet my dietary needs to maintain my health."

"I am a living testimony of survival thanks to the food bank, because times are hard. I just keep on going. I don't know what I'd do without them."



"We moved from out of state to stay with someone, but it didn't end well. We found ourselves homeless with our daughter and started Googling resources to try to get some help on whatever the next step would be. We came to CRC and got some food, stuff to snack on and stuff for the baby," said Tabatha.

"We were staying in our Chevrolet Suburban," said Seth.

"After getting back on our feet, we wanted to give back, because we've been blessed so much by CRC," said Tabatha.

Tabatha  
&  
Seth



Elizabeth

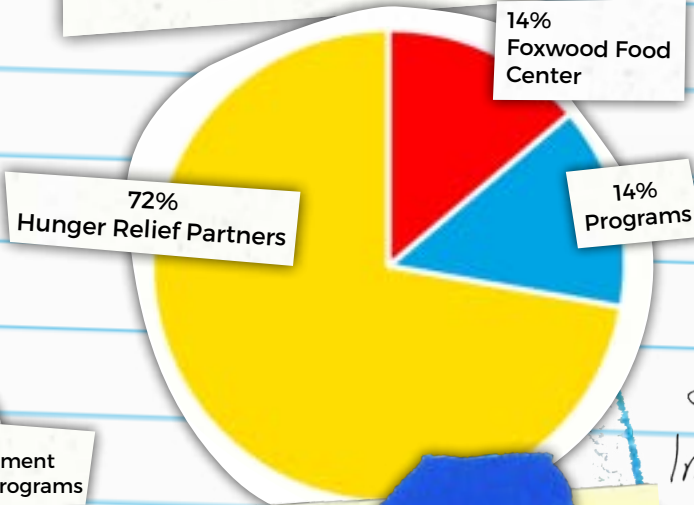


Rose



# Resources

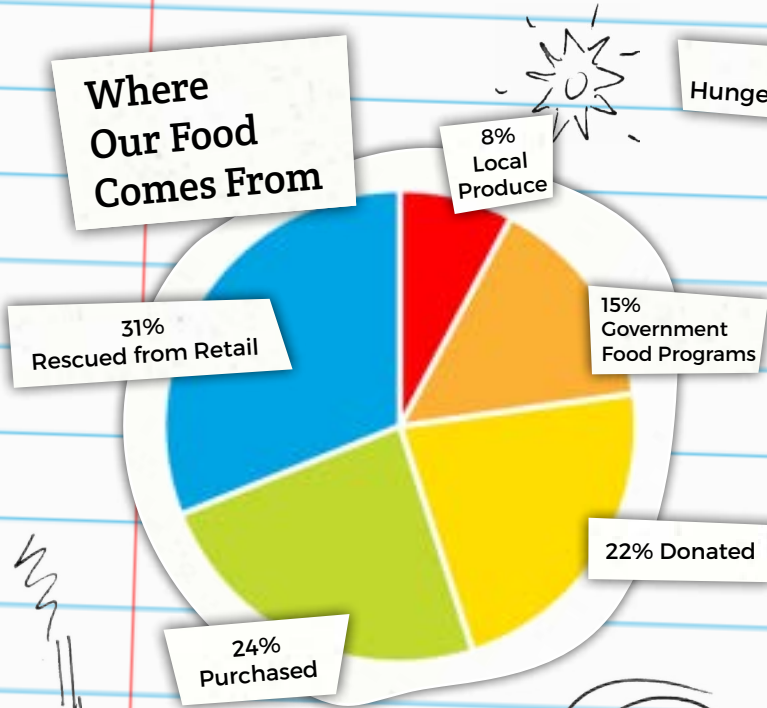
## Where Our Food Goes



## Service Area Distribution

Hamilton County...38%  
Northwest Georgia...35%  
SE Tennessee...27%

## Where Our Food Comes From



Sack Packs

Mobile Pantries

Summer Bags

In-School Pantries



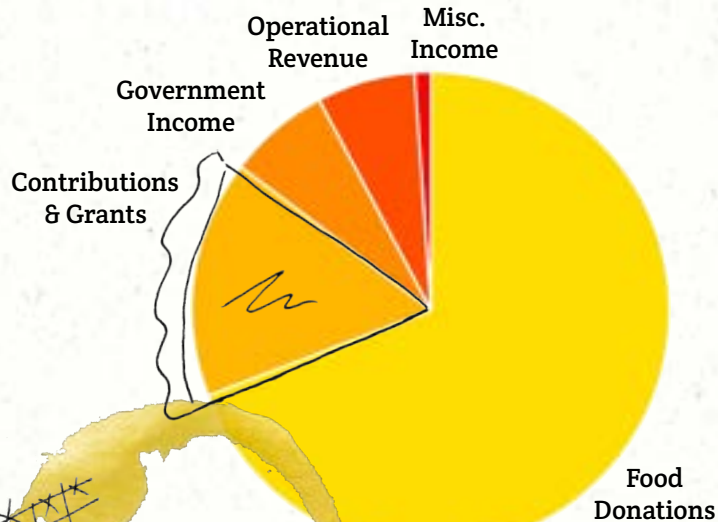
# Financials

## ANNUAL SUPPORT & REVENUE

Food Donations	\$29,418,122
Contributions & Grants	\$6,884,371
Government Income	\$2,921,987
Operational Revenue	\$2,837,279
Miscellaneous Income	\$396,831

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Total Support & Revenue	\$42,458,591
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Management,  
General,  
& Fundraising

*MORE THAN  
94%  
OF EVERY DOLLAR  
GOES TOWARD  
FOOD DISTRIBUTION.*

Food  
Distribution

## OPERATING EXPENSE

Food Distribution	\$38,672,493
Development/Funding	\$1,262,030
Management and General	\$1,023,165

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Total Operating Expense	\$40,957,687
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Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$1,500,903
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# Our Core Beliefs

No one should go hungry. Food is a basic human right.

All people are worthy of dignity, compassion, and respect.

Equitable access to quality food strengthens the community, empowers self-sufficiency, and fosters hope.

The greatest impact happens in collaboration.

The needs of those we serve guide how we do our work.

