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2021
Annual Report

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Friends,

In 2022, we celebrate the honor of serving Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia for 50 years! As we look ahead, we do so by remembering how we've arrived at such a privileged occasion.

The notion of "Better Together" rings truest in this season of celebration. If you were to visit any of our three locations, you would witness firsthand the dedicated work of each and every staff member here at the Food Bank. You'd see the people-first work ethic, as our staff slows to hear the stories of our neighbors who visit, and behold the pride we take each and every day seeking the answers to solving hunger in our community.

You would also see something else.

You would meet some of the thousands of volunteers who link arms with us and our mission. You'd get a snapshot of the hours they spend sorting produce, packing boxes, and delivering food to our neighbors. You'd see the faces of the generous donors who take such pride in our partnership that they, too, wear the badge of volunteer, and you'd be surrounded by cinderblock walls and towers of food, built out of radical generosity.

Towards the loading dock, there would be community partners coming to collect their orders for their food pantries, and maybe a food retailer pulling up to drop off food that has been rescued from being wasted at the store.

At Foxwood Food Center, you'd see carts being packed and rolled out to cars, and have the opportunity to witness smiles invigorated by hope spread across the faces of families and individuals who have come for food assistance. More often than not, you'd see a thankful, friendly embrace exchanged, too.

As we reflect on the past 50 years of work in our community, it's important that you know this report is far more than our quantifiable success of the year. This report tells the story of impact and life-changing generosity; it's a light illuminating the path we've forged to bring an end to food insecurity in our community; and most importantly, it's evidence of one essential and undeniable fact: we are, always, better together.



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President & CEO



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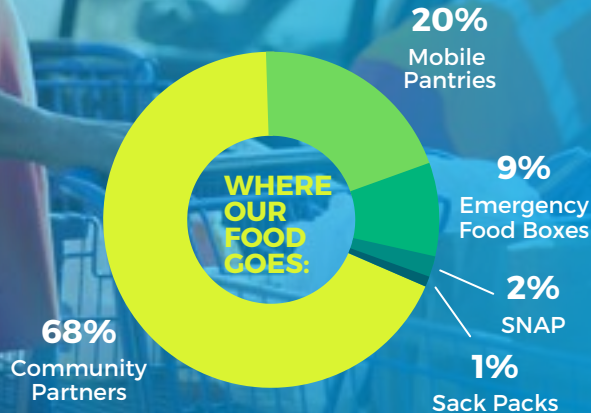
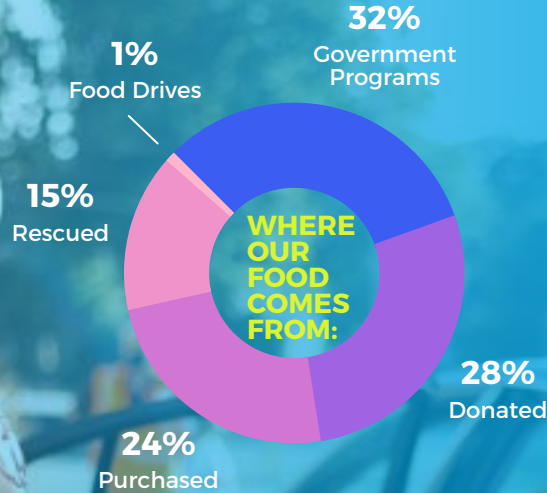
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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to lead a network of partners
in eliminating hunger and promoting
better nutrition in our region.

OUR RESOURCES



OUR REGIONAL SERVICE AREA

37%
Hamilton
County

29%
Rural
Tennessee

34%
Northwest
Georgia

WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM



63%
Individuals



17%
Shared
Maintenance
Fees



12%
Government



8%
Grants

SERVICE AREA MAP



CHATTANOOGA AREA FOOD BANK

2009 Curtain Pole Rd.
Chattanooga, TN 37406



FOXWOOD FOOD CENTER

3209 Wilcox Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37411



NORTHWEST GEORGIA BRANCH

1111 S. Hamilton St.
Dalton, GA 30720



We serve hundreds of
communities across 20
different counties:
11 in Tennessee and
9 in Georgia.



Returning to stable ground.

When Patten Towers caught fire on March 27, 2021, Joshua was left with dozens of questions and very few answers.

He walked away from the smoke-filled building with nothing more than the clothes on his back. "I'm working on becoming a Youtuber one day, but unfortunately I had to leave all of my equipment behind and haven't been able to access any of my stuff in my old apartment for about 6 months." Vlogging dreams deferred for now, Joshua faces uncertainty in other ways too.

Rehomed temporarily in local hotels, Joshua and his Patten Towers community are living in what feels like limbo. "I don't know when to expect meals... or if I'll ever be able to go back and get the rest of my stuff."

At the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, we strive to empower individuals like Joshua to find their footing and reestablish rhythms that enable them to return to a place of self-sufficiency. "Getting boxes of food and meal kits is extremely helpful. Most of us don't have typical kitchen items in our hotel rooms; some of us don't even have refrigerators."

We are able to help eliminate one of the many unanswered questions lingering in Joshua's mind-- he doesn't need to wonder when he's going to eat his next meal.

161,770 people
are facing hunger today.



**1 in 6 individuals
and children**

don't know where
their next meal is
coming from.



In order to close the
meal gap, we need
enough groceries
to provide

22,975,695 meals



THE HUNGER CRISIS

SOLVING HUNGER

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

With over 250 community partners, we provided 18.7 million pounds of groceries to our neighbors —

HERE'S HOW:



SNAP OUTREACH

SNAP application assistance in TN & GA.



EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

Boxes of groceries for individuals & families on an immediate need basis.



MOBILE PANTRIES

Deliveries to local communities providing easy access to nutritious food for those with limited transportation.



IN-SCHOOL PANTRY

Provides children & families with nutritious food to live & thrive, in & out of school during the school year.



SUMMER BAGS

A bag of healthy groceries for families giving them access to proper nutrition when school is not in session.



MILK TO MY PLATE

Our commitment to ensure access to fresh gallons of milk for families & individuals.



PRODUCE PROGRAMS

Our commitment to ensure access to fresh produce for families on tight budgets.



SACK PACKS

A pack of healthy food to help sustain children over the weekend.



GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

The USDA **TEFAP** program for low-income families & the **GNAP** program for families with children.



HOME DELIVERY

Delivering groceries to our neighbors who are homebound.



**“One of the greatest feelings in the world
is knowing that we as individuals can**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**Ending hunger in America is a goal
that is literally within our grasp.”**

- Jeff Bridges | End Hunger Network





A team that cares.

Teresa Cate spends about 4 hours a week at our Foxwood Food Center helping staff sort produce, prepare carts, and deliver emergency food boxes to the neighbors who visit. She's been volunteering since March 2020 and has served over 167 hours.

"When the pandemic hit, I heard about the food bank and how they needed volunteers because they were short on help." Teresa has always volunteered in the areas where she can meet and have face to face interactions with our visitors, it's one of her favorite parts about serving.

"When I first began my teaching career, I became acutely aware of how many of my students were hungry throughout the day. I would always try to keep food with me and in my office so I could offer some to any student who came to me feeling hungry." For Teresa, this began a lifelong journey of doing whatever she could to help provide for those facing hunger in her community.

"I really enjoy working at Foxwood filling the carts and taking them out to the visitors, the choice to spend my time volunteering in this area was an easy one. I love being able to meet the people that we are serving."

"I have a personal mission to make sure people never go hungry."

IN 2021

WE HOSTED

3,174
VOLUNTEERS

11,714
HOURS OF SERVICE

WHO WORKED

SORTED & PACKED

OVER

491,980

POUNDS OF
GROCERIES



1 HOUR
OF VOLUNTEERING

PREPARES



2 WEEKS
OF GROCERIES



VOLUNTEER STRONG



Every story matters.

Robin never imagined herself in a fight against breast cancer. Recently, when she received her diagnosis she wasn't sure how to navigate the news or how to move forward. Unable to receive disability, she was faced with yet another battle-- how to provide for herself and her family.

"The staff at the food bank care about the details of every guest. When Rene found out about my cancer and how often I have to clean out my chest port, she specifically brought me wipes to help make it easier for me to do daily cleanings. Those wipes have been the biggest blessing and made things so much easier on me."

Robin also shared with us about her young grandson and how excited she was that we just accepted a huge donation of clothing. As part of her food box pick up, she received a few pieces of fall-themed clothing in his size and a few warm sweaters for herself. "I take care of him for my niece since I have to stay at home anyways, and he will be so excited to see the Ghostbusters shirt!"

As Robin continues to navigate a battle against breast cancer, she breathes a little bit easier knowing the Food Bank cares.

"I want people to know how much these food boxes have blessed us, and maybe someone who is also going through a difficult time will know that assistance is out there."



1,666,973
boxes of
emergency
food assistance



536
mobile pantries
hosted across our
service area



10,701
gallons of milk



3,750,424
pounds of
produce

HOW DID WE PROVIDE?

**TOTAL POUNDS
OF FOOD PROVIDED
TO OUR COMMUNITY :
18,744,619**

WHAT DID WE PROVIDE?



446
SNAP
applications
assisted



106,145
sack packs placed in
schools to provide
children weekend meals



5,267,573
pounds of food
rescued from
retail stores



9,715,921
pounds of staples
such as dairy, meat,
& shelf-stable items



Supporting the whole family.

Raven is a bouncy, witty, little girl full of energy who loves to do cartwheels as much as she can. Over the summer, Miss Valerie enrolled Raven in a Girls Inc. of Chattanooga program, which is where she eventually first learned of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank's services.

As a single mom, the groceries she receives from the pantry are a huge help as she provides for a rapidly growing little girl. Miss Valerie also picks up a box or two for her elderly neighbors who cannot drive themselves.

"Every time we get a box, Raven loves to unpack the food and put it away with me! I've been using the food in the boxes to teach Raven how to cook different meals at home, too!"

Started at the height of the pandemic, in partnership with the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, the Brainerd Community Food Pantry has been an exciting addition to the community. Thanks to this partnership, six-year-old Raven now has a steady source of nutritious groceries to help her continue growing healthy and strong, and - of course - doing as many cartwheels as she pleases!

FINANCIALS

Statement of Financial Position FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

ASSETS

Cash	\$6,117,740
Inventories	\$2,568,656
Accounts Receivable	\$101,627
Contributions Receivable	\$601,259
Investments	\$86,755
Prepaid Expenses	\$81,593
Land, Building & Equipment	\$3,447,549

TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,005,179
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$154,119
Deferred Revenue	\$0
Accrued Liabilities	\$88,317
Other Long Term Liabilities	\$0

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$242,436
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Unrestricted	\$10,716,986
Temporarily restricted	\$2,045,757

TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$12,762,743
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$13,005,179
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Statement of Operating Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

ANNUAL SUPPORT & REVENUE

SUPPORT

Food Donations	\$29,064,324
Contributions	\$5,365,681
Special Events	\$512,326
Grants	\$3,392,807

TOTAL SUPPORT	\$38,335,138
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REVENUE

Shared Maintenance Fees	\$1,290,548
Commodity Service Revenue	\$857,107
Agency Fees	\$12,900
Miscellaneous income	\$2,233

TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,162,787
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TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$40,497,926
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ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES


Food Distribution	\$34,337,257
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SUPPORTING SERVICES

Development/Fund Raising	\$727,682
Management and General	\$702,242

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,767,181
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INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$4,730,745
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"I have the audacity to believe
that people everywhere can have
three meals a day for their bodies..."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.