

GREATER LANSING

**foodbank**



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



# CEO LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Every year, we take an opportunity to thank you for your support and dedication to ensuring no one goes hungry in mid-Michigan in our Impact Report. Hunger does not take time off nor does it discriminate; it is a year-round struggle for the people we serve and for those we strive to reach. As Greater Lansing Food Bank nears 40 years of service to the community, we see how each year makes a unique impact, and 2019 was no different. The challenges in 2019 unknowingly prepared us for what was to come in early 2020. As GLFB works around the clock to navigate the current COVID-19 crisis, we offer you this abbreviated 2019 report to mark what was an important year.

## POLAR VORTEX CAUSED MISSED MEALS

January and February 2019 consisted of heavy snowfall and record-breaking low temperatures that caused transportation issues, local food pantry and community kitchen closures and widespread school closings. A government shut-down increased the time between SNAP benefits, causing additional hardship on already-disadvantaged residents. This deeply affected the communities we serve and led to the inevitable: missed meals throughout mid-Michigan. GLFB rose to meet that need by helping residents find surrounding pantries that were open and acquiring food through mobile distributions.

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## COMBATING SUMMER HUNGER

Before we knew it, summer had arrived and we were fully focused on serving children who were home on summer break and therefore not receiving regular school meals. Children face multiple barriers during summer, including a lack of access to meals and limited resources when schools are closed. To reach and feed more children during the summer months, GLFB and our network of partner agencies banded together to develop new, innovative ways to provide nutrition, including distribution of weekend emergency food kits to children who did not have access to nutritious meals.

## UAW/GM IMPASSE

In September, thousands of mid-Michigan families faced financial hardship as United Auto Workers (UAW) members from General Motors facilities underwent a strike across the U.S. The wider economy was impacted by the strike, causing a surge in need by people who struggled to make ends meet. They turned to GLFB for emergency food resources and we were prepared to provide additional food as it was needed because of caring people like you.

## PREPARING US FOR TODAY

During the year, GLFB distributed 7.7 million meals to those in need, the most we have ever done. It was a year where we expanded our SNAP outreach and our We Serve Kids backpack program to provide increased access to food for those in hardship. Our long-standing programs Food Movers and Garden Project also grew their reach, helping to reduce prepared food waste and providing produce and education to community gardeners to help them create their own sustainable food sources.

At Greater Lansing Food Bank, we believe that everyone deserves nutritious food and no one should go hungry. Although hunger is here every day, so are we, working on the solution. We thank you for choosing to rise up, time and time again, to give your support and trust to GLFB for neighbors in need. With you by our side, we will continue to work together to solve hunger and to make a healthy difference for mid-Michigan.

Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors.

With Gratitude,



Michelle Lantz  
CEO

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Based on fiscal year 2019 audited financials

### REVENUE

General Contributions & In-Kind ..... \$18,030,295

Temporarily Restricted ..... \$236,465

**TOTAL REVENUE: ..... \$18,266,760**

### EXPENSES

#### PROGRAM SERVICES

Food Acquisition & Distribution ..... \$16,762,314

Garden Project ..... \$347,658

#### SUPPORTING SERVICES

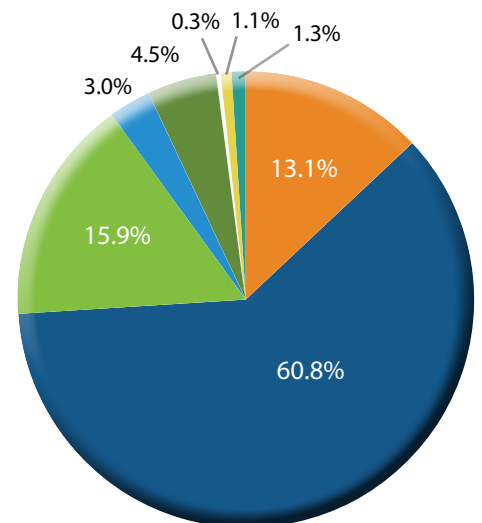
Administrative & Fundraising ..... \$847,704

**TOTAL EXPENSES: ..... \$17,957,676**

**ENDING NET ASSETS: ..... \$7,043,338**

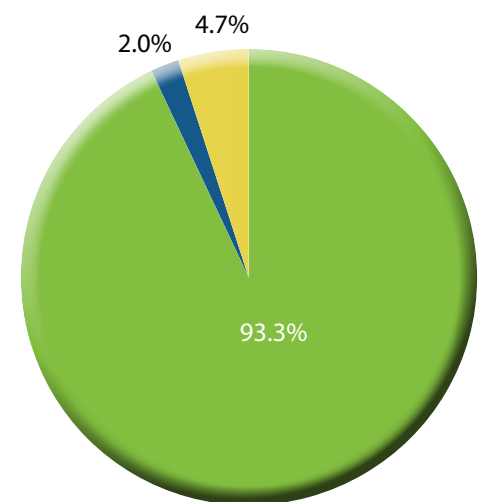
## Public Support & Revenue

- General Contributions
- Donated Food (FMV) and In-Kind
- Federal and Government Sources
- Special Events
- Program Services
- Corporate and Foundation Grants
- Temporarily Restricted
- Other



## Expenditures

- Food Acquisition and Distribution
- Garden Project
- Administrative and Fundraising



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