

2022-23

IMPACT REPORT



GREATER LANSING
foodbank

PARTNER
FOOD BANK OF
**FEEDING
AMERICA**

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear friends of Greater Lansing Food Bank,

Children should never be hungry. Not in America. Not anywhere. Not ever.

Yet 11 percent of children in our seven-county region are food insecure every day. And that number is even higher in many of our urban and rural communities. **In the Lansing Public School District (LPSD) alone, 70 percent of students were already eligible for free and reduced school lunch** prior to the household income requirements being lifted. This means nearly 3 out of 4 children in the district don't know if they'll have a meal outside of school.

Last summer I had a conversation with the coordinator of the Lansing Student Development Program at LPSD. This enrichment program, which runs after school and during breaks, gives kids access to tutoring, homework help and even physical activity and sports. I learned that many of these children go home after the program knowing there won't be an evening meal. **This reality is simply unacceptable in a country like ours.**

GLFB decided to resurrect a volunteer-led, hot meal initiative we started two years ago for the Afghan evacuees; this time focusing on local school children. **Today, volunteers are making kid-friendly, homemade, healthy meals five days per week for 100 children!** Cristo Rey Community Center rejoined the initiative by allowing usage of their kitchen for meal preparation.

The coordinator of the enrichment program, Jon Horford, shared with us that **the program is growing because the kids have heard there's good food available.** What started as an initiative for 50 children has now grown to more than 100, with summer plans for 150 or more children.

In a recent thank you video from the kids, the children commented:

"My favorite thing about the food is that it's just like it's from a restaurant."

"They give us healthy food so we can play."

"The food is good and they try to make it healthy everyday."

Because of your generosity, children who would otherwise go home not having meals now have nourishment to help them learn, grow and play. **Thank you for your commitment to feeding these children and others around our seven-county region.**

With Deep Gratitude,



Michelle Lantz, CEO

Greater Lansing Food Bank Mission

Partner to alleviate hunger, one meal at a time, to create a future where everyone has access to nourishing food.

2023 – 2024 Greater Lansing Food Bank Board Members

Nikali Luke, *Chair*
Kevin Zielke, *Vice Chair*
Ken Klein, *Treasurer*
Lavon Dennis, *Secretary*

MEMBERS

Mona Deliwala
Lynn Griffor
Lupe Izzo
Katie Kelley
Luan Nguyen
Jim Savage
Maureen Abood Shaheen
Sue Snodgrass
Pat Spyke
Roselyn Tantraphol
Meghan Vanderstelt
Carrie Waggoner

FOUNDERS

Camille Abood
C. Patrick Babcock
David Hollister
William Long

2022—23 IMPACT

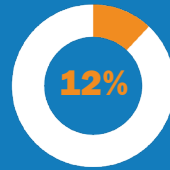
From 2021 to 2022, the U.S. experienced its **largest one-year increase in food insecurity rates since 2008**. This data reflects what we've seen and heard from neighbors across mid-Michigan and led to our **largest amount of food distributed to date in 2023**.

12.5 Million

pounds of food distributed in 2023

11 million

pounds distributed in 2022



12% increase
in food distributed in 2023,
compared to 2022.



16,900 Households

served monthly in 2023
— a 30% increase from 2022.



100,861 Weekend Kits

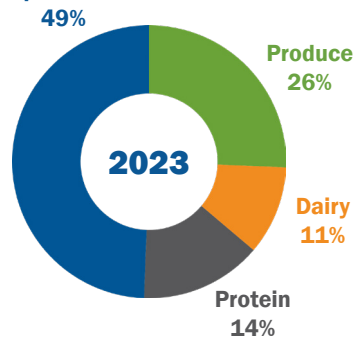
distributed to children in 2023

79,438 distributed in 2022

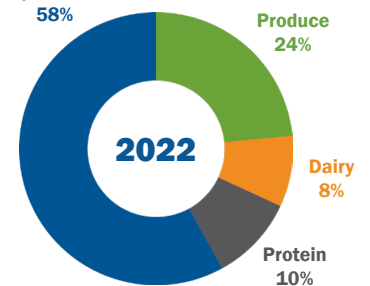
22% Increase

What types of food do we distribute?

Nonperishables



Nonperishables



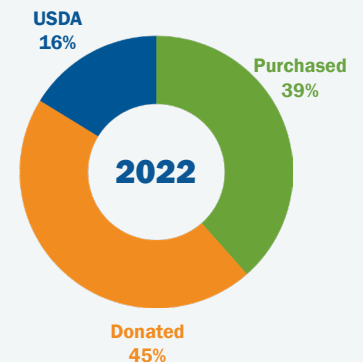
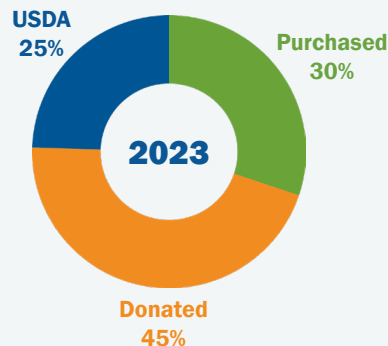
259 Mobile Food Pantries

across our service area in 2023

226 Mobile pantries in 2022

13% Increase

Where does our food come from?



1 Million Pounds of Produce Grown

with Garden Project in 2023

968,820 pounds grown in 2022

4% Increase



32,300 Volunteer Hours

in 2023

26,900 Hours in 2022



2,576 Individual Volunteers

in 2023

3,393 volunteers 2022



RIISING TO MEET THE RISING NEED IN MID-MICHIGAN

During the past two years, it has become clear that inflation and food prices are exacerbating hunger across America. According to a 2023 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 2023 report, the number of people living in food insecure households in the U.S. in 2022 increased to 44 million.

This is an increase of more than 30 percent for all individuals and 40 percent for children compared the previous year — the highest rate and number since 2014 and the largest one-year increase in food insecurity since 2008.

This is a reality echoed by what GLFB has seen and heard across our mid-Michigan community, both from people experiencing hunger and from our network of pantries and community partners.

The landscape of food security in mid-Michigan has undergone significant changes recently. SNAP emergency allotments — temporary benefit increases enacted by Congress to address rising food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic — concluded in Michigan last February. Still, the costs of food, housing and gas remained high, bringing more neighbors to our door.

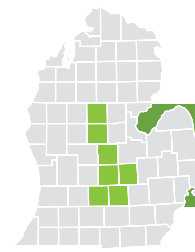
GLFB is working hard with our network to ensure that all adults, children and families have access to the foods they need to thrive.

In 2023, more than 16,900 households relied on GLFB for food assistance each month, a 30 percent annual increase. In response, GLFB distributed a record number of 10.5 million meals to families across mid-Michigan.

With your support, we can continue to meet the needs of our community. Thank you for coming alongside us in our mission to alleviate hunger, one meal at time.



MEETING NEIGHBORS WHERE THEY ARE



Serving the mid-Michigan counties of
Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham,
Isabella and Shiawassee.



GLFB has a bold vision for our region: A hunger-free community.

In 2023, GLFB added four new programs focused on nourishing underserved neighbors by removing barriers — like a lack of reliable transportation — to accessing critical food. See right column for details.

But feeding our neighbors goes beyond programs like these, mobile food distributions and our pantry network. **Achieving our vision of a hunger-free community for all requires using the power of our collective voice** to educate and advocate for systemic solutions for our neighbors.

In early May, GLFB CEO Michelle Lantz participated in Feeding America's fly-in in Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers to discuss the renewal of the Farm Bill and the critical programs it funds like the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** and the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** for seniors.

Since taking over administration of CSFP for Clinton, Eaton, Ingham and Shiawassee counties, we have heard from many seniors that this is the first time they've had to ask for help. **CSFP food helps seniors ease the stress of deciding between having enough food and paying the bills.**

Every solution — from innovative programs to legislation ensuring a strong social safety net — plays a role in keeping neighbors nourished.

NEW PROGRAMS IN 2023

- **Home Delivery** connects hundreds of individuals who may not otherwise be able to access our network of resources — as a result of age, ability or lack of reliable transportation — with the foods necessary to feed themselves and their families through monthly deliveries to their residence.
- **Care Kits** provide unhoused neighbors 4 to 5 meals consisting of easy-to-open and ready-to-eat food items, as well as personal hygiene products such as hand sanitizer, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste and — the number one requested item at local shelters — socks.
- After twelve years of partnership, Weekend Survival Kits transferred ownership and leadership of the **WSK Backpack Program** to GLFB, expanding the program's reach to all seven counties in GLFB's service area as part of our existing Weekend Kits program.
- In October 2023, GLFB was appointed program administrator of the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** for Clinton, Eaton, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. GLFB now joins other food banks across Michigan assisting senior neighbors through this program, which works to improve the health of low-income neighbors aged 60 or older by supplementing their diets with nutritious foods from the USDA.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Fiscal Year 2023

Based on July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 audited financials.

TOTAL REVENUE <i>(cash & in-kind food value)</i>	\$18,474,663
--	---------------------

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$19,200,018
-------------------------	---------------------

Food acquisition & distribution	\$18,744,689
---------------------------------	--------------

Garden Project	\$455,329
----------------	-----------

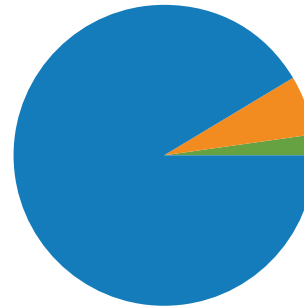
Supporting Services	\$1,301,544
----------------------------	--------------------

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,501,562
-----------------------	---------------------

FY 2023 REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(\$2,026,899)
--------------------------------------	----------------------

NET ASSETS	\$12,569,399
-------------------	---------------------

Expenditures

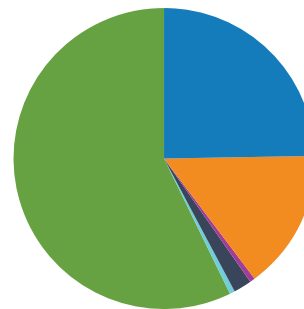


Food acquisition & distribution
91.4%

Management & fundraising
6.3%

Garden Project
2.2%

Public Support & Revenue



Donated food & in-kind
57.1%

General contributions
24.8%

Federal & local government
15.1%

Interest
0.5%

Corporate & foundation grants
1.9%

Program services
0.6%

Fiscal Year 2022

Based on July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 audited financials.

TOTAL REVENUE <i>(cash & in-kind food value)</i>	\$19,360,968
--	---------------------

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$19,174,968
-------------------------	---------------------

Food acquisition & distribution	\$18,738,622
---------------------------------	--------------

Garden Project	\$436,345
----------------	-----------

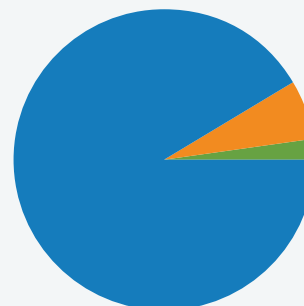
Supporting Services	\$1,154,286
----------------------------	--------------------

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,329,253
-----------------------	---------------------

FY 2022 REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(\$968,285)
--------------------------------------	--------------------

NET ASSETS	\$14,596,298
-------------------	---------------------

Expenditures

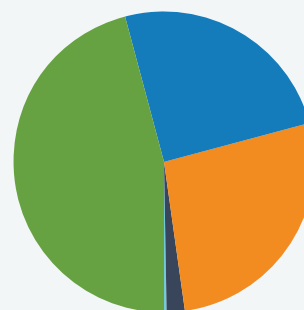


Food acquisition & distribution
92.2%

Management & fundraising
5.7%

Garden Project
2.1%

Public Support & Revenue



Donated food & in-kind
46%

General contributions
24.9%

Federal & local government
26.9%

Corporate & foundation grants
2%

Program services
0.2%



Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America, Dr. Phil Knight, executive director of Food Bank Council of Michigan and Michelle Lantz, CEO of GLFB at the Sept. 2022 Economic Club luncheon.

Every September, GLFB and other Feeding America partner food banks honor Hunger Action Month to bring awareness to the fight against hunger and inspire action. Here, staff gathered on Hunger Action Day 2023 wearing orange, the color of hunger awareness.



Judy Harris, former director of refugee services of St. Vincent Catholic Charities, and Michelle Lantz at the June 2022 dedication of a Peace Pole honoring GLFB's work with Cristo Rey Community Center to provide meals for newly-arrived Afghan evacuees.

On Sept. 8, 2023, GLFB invited former volunteers with the WSK Backpack Program to a Weekend Kits packing event to welcome them to the GLFB community following the program's transfer to GLFB in July 2023.



Attendees of the 2023 Garden Tour hear from a gardener at Roots Community Garden in Mason. Each year, Garden Tour highlights a diverse selection of community gardens available to neighbors throughout our service area.

Volunteers at the end of a meal making shift at Cristo Rey Community Center. Five days a week, volunteers prepare hot meals for more than 100 children who participate in the Lansing School District's Student Development Program.



GREATER LANSING
foodbank

P.O. Box 16224
Lansing MI, 48901

HUNGRY TO HELP?

VOLUNTEER

With the gift of a little time, you can make a big difference. Together, with the thousands of volunteers who work with GLFB each year, you can be a crucial link between families and individuals in need and the nourishing food that will keep them going.

Pack pantry boxes full of staple foods for a home cooked meal, fill Weekend Kits with healthy, kid-friendly favorites, or sort nutrient-packed produce for seniors receiving CSFP.

DONATE

There are many ways to give to GLFB and support our mission to end hunger one meal at a time. Make a one-time gift or become a monthly donor who supports our work year round.

Give in honor of a loved one, explore planned giving options or work with us to get your friends or coworkers involved in a food and fund drive. Every dollar you give can provide up to three meals for a neighbor in need.

USE YOUR VOICE

You can help end the stigma around needing emergency food assistance. Simply share our posts on your social media to show support and help educate those in your community.

You may never know who will see it in a time of need and know there is a place to turn for help.

GIVE BY MAIL: Greater Lansing Food Bank
P.O. Box 16224
Lansing, MI 48901-1065

GIVE ONLINE: GLFoodBank.org

