

Second Harvest Food Bank



of East Tennessee

ANNUAL REPORT



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Reflecting on the past few years, I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable impact of our food bank here in East Tennessee. Thanks to the enduring support of our local community, we've been able to reach more individuals and families challenged with food insecurity than ever before.

Some highlights:

Our Food Rescue program redistributed more than 10 million pounds of food last year, thereby reducing food waste and providing nutrition to communities who need it most.

Our Partner Agencies, the bedrock of our food distribution model, supplied food to more than 1.4 million neighbors. It goes without saying that we couldn't fulfill our mission without them.

In addition, we've expanded our partnerships with local farmers and food producers. Through sourcing fresh, locally grown foods, we've provided more nutrition options for those we serve and supported East Tennessee's economy. This past year alone, we've distributed more than 6 million pounds of fresh produce.

Collaboration with schools has been a pillar of our efforts to combat childhood hunger. Food for Kids provided weekend meals for **15,412 students** each week – while our School Pantry program served an additional 24,000 neighbors this year. These initiatives have not only improved the health and wellbeing of these children but have also positively impacted their academic performance and overall development.

Our dedicated volunteers and staff have been instrumental in our ability to provide services to the community. I am continually inspired by their commitment to our mission and tireless efforts to make a difference in the lives of others.

As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to furthering our impact and pursuing innovative ways to address food insecurity for families in our community. Our newly created advisory committee, with members from all 18 counties in our service area, has been tasked with organizing governmental relations within our communities and expanding access to hunger relief opportunities for all our neighbors. Second Harvest continues to build on the work of the past few years, through purposeful partnership and collaboration, enhanced awareness of our services, and advocating for policies that support **food for all**.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm towards our mission. **Together**, we are creating a stronger and healthier East Tennessee, where everyone has access to the nutrition they need to thrive.

With heartfelt gratitude,



ELAINE STRENO
Executive Director



Serving Since 1982

Our Mission

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee is leading the community in the fight to end hunger.

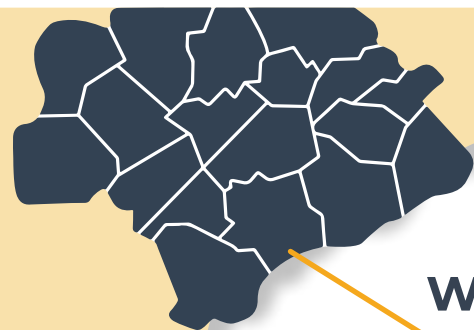
202,560 East Tennesseans are at risk of hunger, uncertain where their next meal will come from. At Second Harvest Food Bank, we are working to change that statistic in 18 East Tennessee counties.

Our Vision

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee envisions adequate nutrition for a healthy life for adults, seniors, and children in our service area.

SERVICE AREA

18 Counties
of East Tennessee



**WE ARE
HERE**

*For more information,
click on our friends below.*



VALUES

Integrity

Community

Collaboration

Accountability

Respect

A year in pounds...



+ a year in hours + a year in miles



The equivalent of nearly **15 additional full-time employees.**

Our **18-county service area** covers **approx. 8,000 sq. miles.**

= 21,974,882 meals

WHY WE DO IT

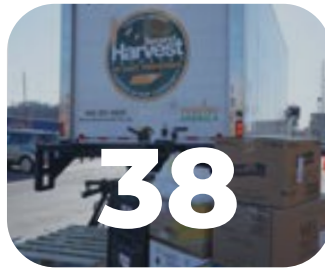
1. **202,560 East Tennesseans**, including **1 in 6 children (44,860)**, are **experiencing food insecurity**.*
2. **45.9%** of those, on average, **are above the SNAP threshold**, meaning they **do not** qualify for governmental assistance.
3. Inflation has raised our service area's average **cost per meal** to **\$4.07 = \$85.47 per week** or **\$370.37 per month**.*

HOW WE DO IT.. together



61

employees
on staff



38

vehicles
in fleet



673

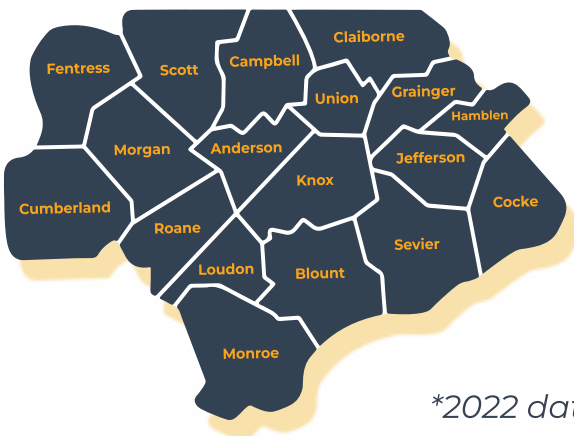
community
partners



92k

square foot
facility

WHO WE DO IT FOR



Fact: **100%** of counties in the U.S. have residents experiencing food insecurity.*

We serve 18 of those counties.

This year, SHFB - ETN served a total of **2,259,117 people** through our hunger relief programs.

**2022 data: Feeding America's latest Map the Meal Gap Survey*

Food Bank Model

Food and funds are donated by corporate sponsors, individual donors, food partners, and the general public.



Four-star rating (highest possible) with **Charity Navigator**.

Did you know that **we purchase a majority of our food?**



Food is purchased in bulk by Second Harvest and stored in our **91,674 square foot facility**.

Volunteers sort and evaluate donated product and pack purchased bulk goods. **Staff** pulls orders for our agencies.



This year, our volunteers packed **1.1 million meals!**

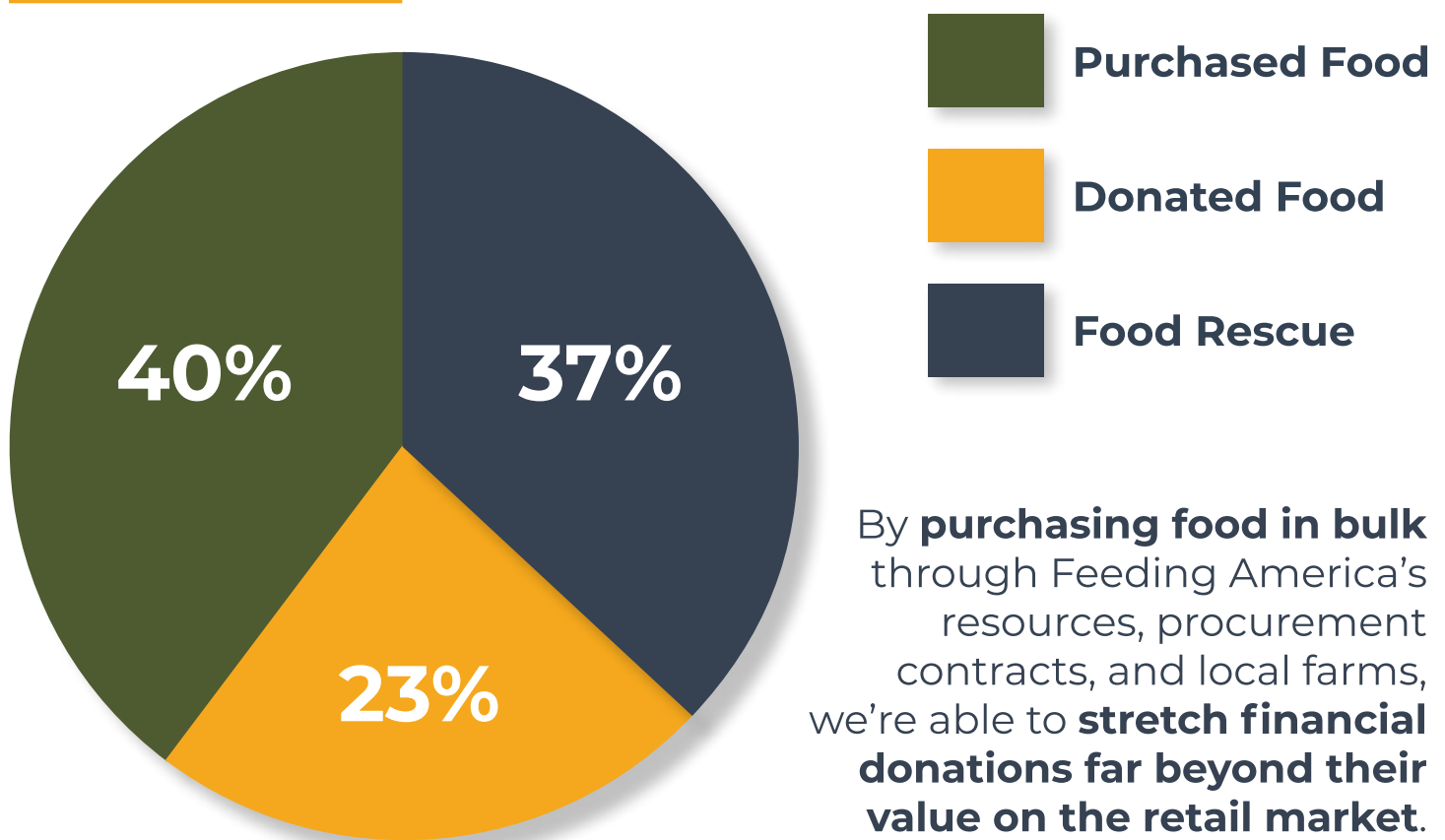
Partner agencies are often referred to as **food pantries**.



Food is distributed to our **673 partner agencies** to ensure it reaches our East Tennessee neighbors!

Food Sourcing & FAQ

Where does our food come from?



How do we produce our efficiency rate?

\$0.95 of every dollar donated goes towards our hunger relief programs. Determined by Functional Expenses—divide the expenses of our programs by the total expenses to get our efficiency index: **95.2%**.

How do we determine how many meals we provided?

of pounds of food / 1.2 = meals provided

Our Programs

For more information on a program, click on its graphic.

Empowerment Services

88,459

meals provided FY'24

Empowerment Services provides support beyond food access:

Path of Hope leverages resources and trainings to help those experiencing food insecurity exit the cycle of poverty, while **Harvest to Home** provides take-home food boxes for our neighbors to prioritize healing.

Food for Kids is a “backpack program” currently in **304 public schools** that continues through summer break.

This is our **most expensive program** due to packaging, nutritional content, and the nature of accessibility by small hands.

Food for Kids

15,412

students served/week

Food Rescue

843,000

pounds rescued/month

Food Rescue **prevents waste** by rescuing produce, meats, dairy, and other donated goods, such as household products that would otherwise be thrown out.

Our team partners with **food producers, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers**, who donate these goods.

Mobile Pantry increases **access to Food Bank services** by bringing them directly to the communities we serve. Utilizing a drive-thru format, **1.7 million pounds of food were distributed** in FY'24.

Mobile Pantry

96,932

neighbors served FY'24

providing 1.83M meals per month

The Nutrition Access Program improves access to foods that align with our neighbors' preferences & nourishes their physical, mental, & spiritual well-being through **cooking classes, educational resources, and community outreach.**



Nutrition Access
19,893
meals provided FY'24



Partner Agencies
1,465,693
neighbors served FY'24

Partner Agencies work with us to **distribute food** within our 18-county service area. **22.7 million pounds were dispersed through agency partners in FY'24.**



School Pantry
24,627
neighbors served FY'24

School Pantry is a collaborative effort between us, community partners who provide local program coordination and volunteers, and **public schools.**

These food pantries are located within schools in **12 of our 18 counties.**

Senior Outreach provides emergency and supplemental food to shut-in seniors.







In collaboration with **16 partner sites**, this program serves homebound seniors, with more than **437,000 pounds of food distributed in FY'24.**



Senior Outreach
830+
seniors served/month

Funding Sources FY'24

For more of our financial information, click [here](#).

-  **Value of Donated Product**—\$28,794,293*
-  **Public Support**—\$4,512,247*
-  **Program Revenue**—\$4,004,614*
-  **Grants + Government Funding**—\$4,671,547*
-  **Events**—\$2,524,970*
-  **Other**—\$2,610,951*



\$47,118,622*
Total Revenue

**Unaudited as of July 15, 2024*

Leadership & Board of Directors



Executive Director

Elaine Streno

"It has been an honor to serve Second Harvest for the past 30 years alongside this wonderful East Tennessee community. There is still so much work to do to ensure our neighbors are fed, but I am proud to work with such an amazing team who keep the mission of our Food Bank at the forefront of our organization."

Leadership Team

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