



A Work of *Heart*

2022 Annual Report

Continuing to meet the need



Dear Friend,

Reflecting on the past year, I can't help but feel extra grateful for everything you've done for our neighbors experiencing hunger.

While many of us have returned to our normal lives, we're all experiencing soaring prices on utility expenses and at the grocery store and gas pump. These surging costs create additional hardships for families facing hunger, and we're seeing as much need for food now as we did during the beginning of the pandemic. No one should ever face hunger, but it seems more of our neighbors than ever before are struggling to make ends meet.

But thanks to friends like you who support Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, families in southwestern Pennsylvania have been able to remove food from their list of worries. Over the past year, together, we were able to provide more than 42 million meals to the community, including more than 10.4 million pounds of fresh produce.

As you read this annual report, I hope you see the difference you're making for our neighbors in need. Please read this annual report and see the difference you're making for neighbors in need - for families whose budgets are stretched beyond their limits.

On behalf of all the individuals and families we serve across the three rivers region, thank you for helping us ensure that all our neighbors - children, seniors and families - have enough food to lead healthy, productive lives.

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With gratitude,

Lisa A. Scales
President & CEO

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Lisa Scales, *President & CEO*

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Inflation forces impossible choices

Over the past year, we have heard time and time again how much the rising prices on everything – groceries, utilities and transportation – has left families struggling to make ends meet.

Kelly Schlick, our onsite pantry coordinator, knows too well the struggles people have faced. Through our onsite emergency food assistance program, we served nearly twice as many people in May of 2022 as in January of the same year.

“People who never expected to find themselves in need are turning to us for help. Inflation is forcing people to make really tough choices and making everyday foods, like bread, a luxury item. No one should have to make those impossible choices and I’m proud to be able to provide some relief while they work to get back on their feet,” Kelly shared.

While food costs for us have been up about 40 percent over a year ago, some of the early pandemic government programs that provided much needed relief to families have also started to expire leaving food donations down. Through the generous support of community members like you, we have been able to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors across southwestern Pennsylvania in new and creative ways. The newly created food access innovations team, we have been working to reach people in their home communities to bring them hyper-local distributions that both reduce their need to travel for assistance and bring the food they want and need most.

The hard work is all worth it when you see the smile on the faces of our neighbors like Joe who turned to the Food Bank when he received a career-ending diagnosis.

“After 40 years as a carpenter, I was forced to retire. My wife works at a pharmacy, but the combination of her salary, my social security and food stamps (SNAP) still don’t cut it when you have a family to provide for. This meal means a lot, especially around the holidays when all the family comes together.”

“No one should have to make those impossible choices”



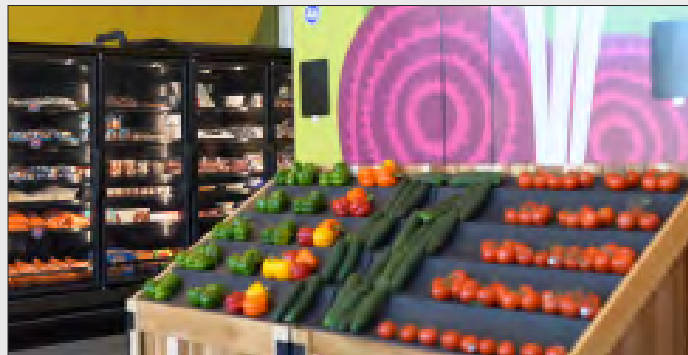


Investing in the healthy future of our community

Like you, we believe that access to nutritious food is a basic human right.

When someone needs help, our community steps up. Because of YOU, the Grow, Share, Thrive capital campaign exceeded its goal, raising more than \$23 million to support our vision that all our neighbors have access to the nutritious food they want and need. Thanks to your investment,

- More people will find it easier to access nutritious food.
- The Food Bank's network will continue to grow and expand to broaden our impact across the region.
- Individuals and families will lead more stable lives and will be more supported by having better access to services.



Through the campaign, The Market, in partnership with Giant Eagle, our new on-site community food pantry was completed and started serving our neighbors in October 2022. At our new pantry, neighbors make food choices based on their individual needs and participate in cooking demonstrations in a test kitchen.

We're also working to expand and streamline our facility operations and enhance our Volunteer Engagement Center to connect more individuals in meaningful work while increasing our focus on the foods families want most including fresh produce and meat.

"We are committed to transforming the current Food Bank system to better meet the immediate needs of our neighbors while addressing the root causes of hunger and inequality," said Lisa Scales, president & CEO. "While the work being done at our facility in Duquesne is the most visible product of this campaign, the full impact will be felt across southwestern Pennsylvania."

Your support of this project means more of our neighbors will have the food they want and need to lead healthy, happy lives.

Food is still our core — feeding and stabilizing lives is our future.

The apple in our branding has long represented who we are at Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. This year we refreshed our logo. It includes the apple to maintain the core of our work — providing food to our neighbors when they are in need. It's part heart, reflecting our path forward to provide service beyond food so our neighbors can thrive. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the logo depicts the three rivers region as a whole — *the community we love and serve*.

With your support, this year we made big changes - from our logo to the expansion of our programming and impact, these changes reflect who we are today — and our vision to continue helping our neighbors in southwestern Pennsylvania thrive tomorrow.



Past

Greater Pittsburgh
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Today



Greater Pittsburgh
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Agencies and counties

1,000+ agencies, partners and programs across 11 counties of southwestern Pennsylvania



Meals

42M+ meals



Produce

10.4M+ pounds,
31 percent of all food



SNAP

3,200+ applications completed
providing 3.1M meals



Food rescue

13M pounds



Volunteers

4,760+ volunteers
donating 40,000+ hours

Hidden Hunger

Food insecurity hides in every community



Elayne

Elayne had a successful writing and editing business and a lovely home in North Hills. She worked hard as a single mom, but things were going well for her family. Then, in a series of awful events, everything changed.

Her company began to struggle. Her mother was diagnosed with a terminal illness and moved in. And Elayne fell down her stairs and suffered a traumatic brain injury that left her permanently unable to work.

"In a flash, the life I knew was over," she says.

Though her home is paid for thanks to years of a successful business, her disability check leaves her with only a few hundred dollars a month after taxes are paid. She barely makes ends meet, something her neighbors might never believe.

Thankfully, she found out about a local pantry that partners with the Food Bank. At first, Elayne was embarrassed to ask for help, but finally she decided to try it.

"This is set up like a grocery store, and they walked me through it, and I had my own little cart," she says. "It was very humanizing."

Elayne is so grateful for the nutritious food she receives thanks to help from neighbors like you.



Antoinette

Antoinette's husband has been waiting for a kidney transplant for five years now. "He's on dialysis ... he's in stage 4 kidney failure," she says.

When COVID-19 hit, Antoinette had to leave her job to become a full-time caregiver to her husband, unable to take any risks with his health. In addition, she has two young children at home who have special needs with food that can be challenging for her to afford.

"Everything has gone up in cost at least 75 cents to \$1.50," Antoinette says. "They say buy early, but if you don't have the means, you have to do what you can do when you can do it."

With food and gas prices continually on the rise, and with constant doctor visits and two kids at home, it's all Antoinette's family can do just to get by.

"One good thing is the Food Bank is always there," she says. "It's a big help."

Antoinette and other neighbors like her are so grateful for the help you make possible. "We have to stick together," she says. "We're all in this together."

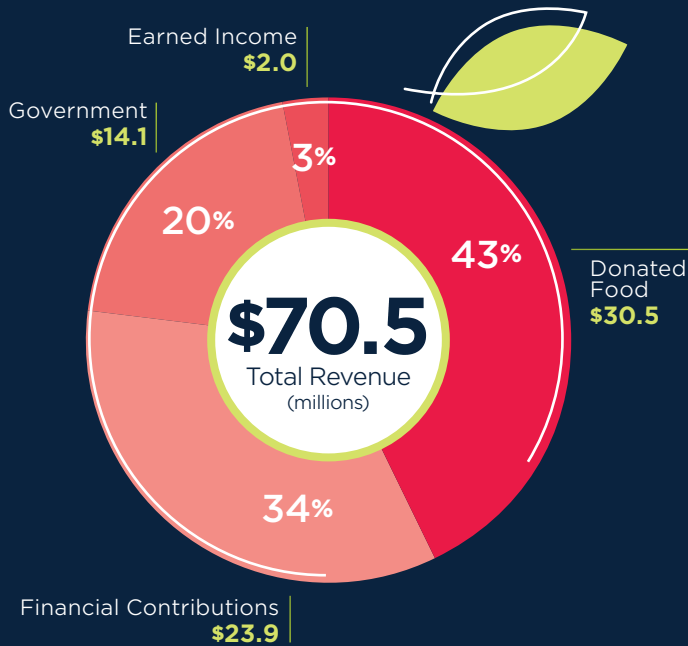
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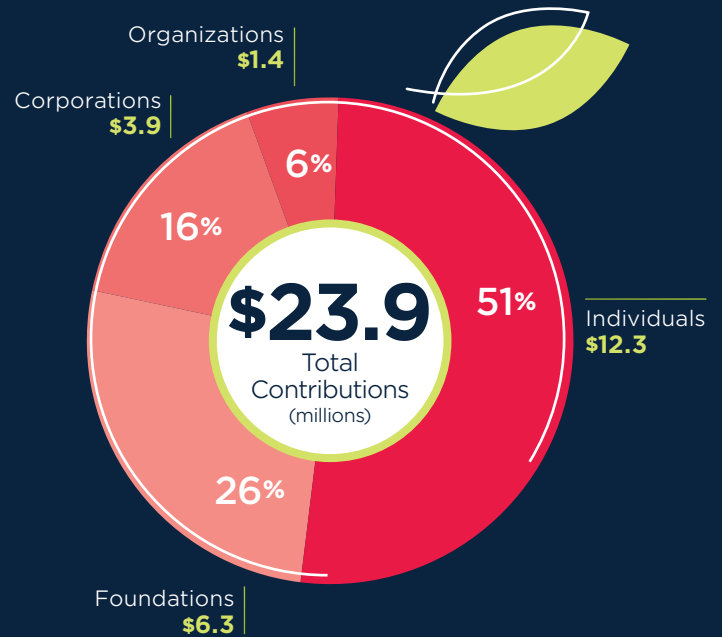
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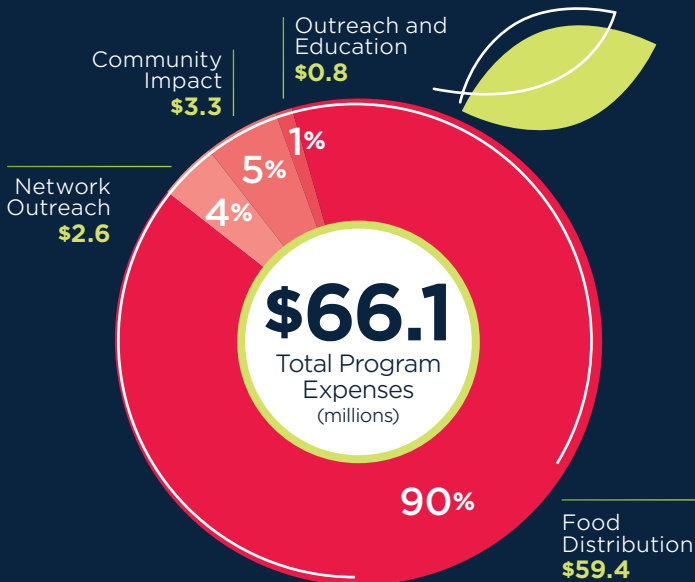
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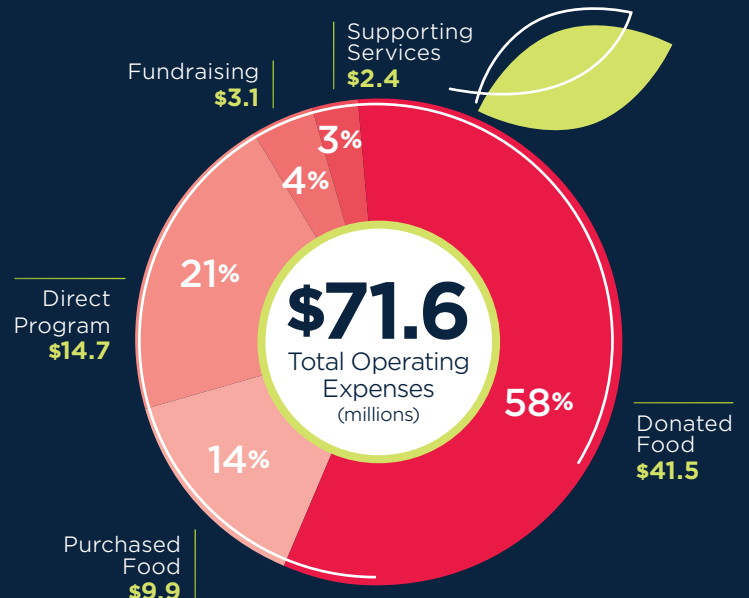
Financial Contributions Detail by Source



Functional Expenses by Program



Operating Expenses by Category





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