



White Bear Area  
Food Shelf



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

*Innovating how we care  
for our community*

# Care – Connection – Community

Food insecurity can happen to anyone.

In Minnesota, visits to food shelves in 2023 were at the highest level on record with 1.8 million more visits than in 2022. This rise has been fueled by high consumer prices and the phasing out of pandemic relief programs. At the White Bear Area Food Shelf (WBAFS), we've seen demand almost double for food in our community and the need for fresh, high-quality food continues to grow.

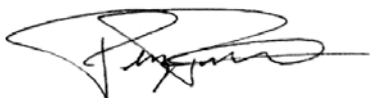
Our neighbors need our help, and as a food shelf we're rising to the challenge. We provide fresh, high-quality food and innovative programs like curbside, delivery, mobile programs, and KidPacks.

In 2023 we finalized plans for a second location and a new way of supporting neighbors called the Community Market. This new, storefront market-style food shelf will also be a community resource hub. Human service partners and Ramsey County will utilize two office spaces on site to offer financial, housing, mental health, and other essential services. The market will feature food rescued daily from nine local grocery stores, ensuring food is not wasted, instead redistributed while it is still good to eat. This market, opening in 2024, will be a bridge for our neighbors to access food, receive additional support services, and connect with caring volunteers.

At this time of high need, the White Bear Area Food Shelf is responding in partnership with other service providers to provide a strong safety net for our community.

Please reach out to me at [perry@whitebearfoodshelf.org](mailto:perry@whitebearfoodshelf.org) or 651-407-5372 with questions or to learn more about how we can work together to support our neighbors.

Everyone is welcome at the food shelf and I'm grateful for our volunteers, donors, and local organizations that partner with us to support our community. From hosting food and fund drives to community events and individual donations - thank you for everything you do to support the food shelf.



**Perry Petersen**  
Executive Director



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*“The White Bear Area Food Shelf provides comfort to people. Frankly, I don’t know how they do all the things they do, but I’m certainly glad they do.”*

– Food Shelf Partner

*“Everyone was so kind and helpful. Thank you volunteers for all your hard work.”*

– Food Shelf Visitor

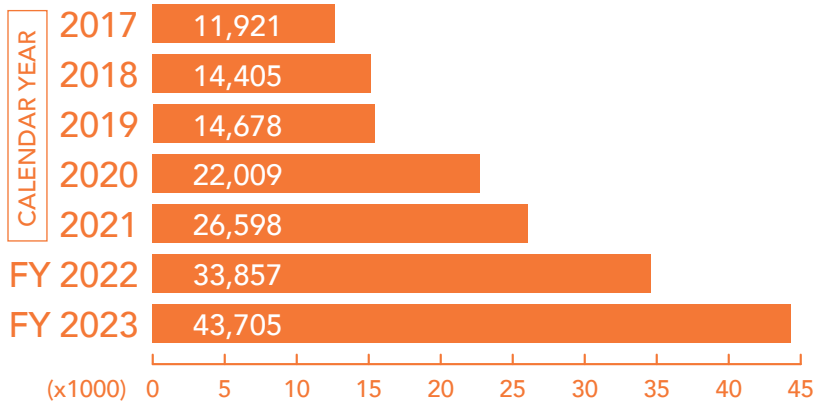
*“The food shelf has impacted me and my family for the better. We are beyond grateful for the wonderful support and opportunity given from White Bear Lake. The food shelf is an incredible resource.”*

– Food Shelf Visitor

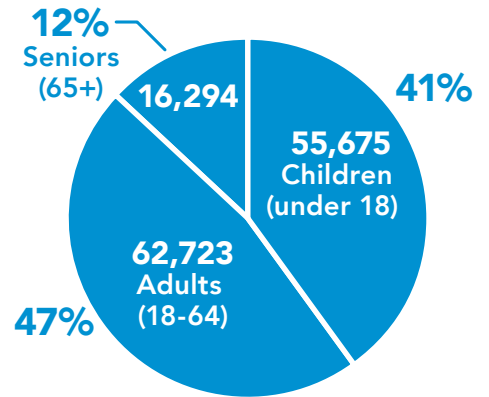
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# 2023 At-a-Glance

## TOTAL VISITS PER YEAR



## INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY AGE



**29% INCREASE**  
IN TOTAL VISITS



**40% INCREASE**  
IN INDIVIDUALS SERVED



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*“I appreciate how non-invasive it feels to visit here. The volunteers walking up to my car are always smiling, I feel welcomed and not judged for coming.”*

*“Great place and wonderful people. The volunteers are very kind and the produce selections are great too! Really helps our family of six get through.”*

*“MOM and we don’t even have to pay for it?!”*

*“The quality of the food is really good. I can find food that I have not been able to try because it is so expensive at the grocery store.”*

*“OH, MY GOODNESS!!! You made my WHOLE day!!! Thank you!!!!”*

*“Thank you so much for everything you do.”*

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# Providing food when and where people need it.



At the Curbside Pickup program, **901,376 pounds of groceries** were distributed, up 50% from last year. Visitors choose from up to 60 items including frozen meats, fresh produce, dairy, deli, bakery, dry goods, and hygiene items.



Mobile Markets bring food to the community and can support the unique needs of different populations. In 2023, **17,713 pounds of groceries** were distributed at senior apartment buildings, schools, and faith-communities through the mobile markets.



To reach people who are homebound or who lack transportation to the food shelf, we partner with Valley Outreach and Open Cupboard on a delivery program. In 2023, **3,618 deliveries** of fresh groceries were made to our region.



KidPacks take care of kids in our community who rely on school during the week for their meals. KidPacks include small meals and snacks placed in the backpacks of elementary students on Fridays to help bridge the gap over the weekend. **300 students** in the White Bear Area School District received a KidPack each week in 2023.

**134,682** people were impacted by our programs in 2023.





# It takes all of us.

Our community partners, including The City of White Bear Lake, White Bear Lake Area School District, local businesses, and non-profit organizations like the Lions Club, Rotary Club, and faith communities support important fundraising events for the food shelf.

## **GIVE A GOBBLE**

Local businesses come together to provide all of the ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. This year 800 turkeys and all the fixins were distributed!

## **BEARLY OPEN**

The most Minnesotan event ever! This annual Golf on Ice, Community Dance, and Silent Auction weekend of events raised \$33,540.

## **FOOD SHELF SHORTEST MARATHON**

The ONE BLOCK marathon which delivers a carbo-load of White Castle hamburgers, "runners" of all ages and abilities, and t-shirt bragging rights raised \$10,245.





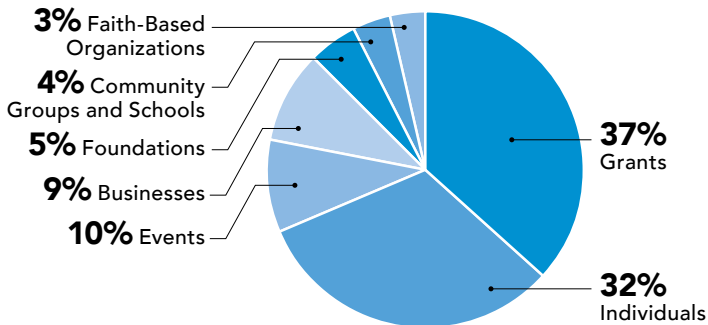
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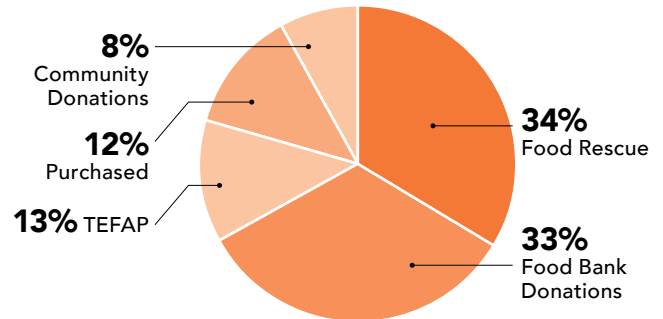
# Fiscal Year Financials

Oct. 1, 2022 – Sept. 30, 2023

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS



## FOOD SOURCES



## 2023 FINANCIALS

### Income

Contributions	\$ 651,310	19%
Grants	\$ 442,430	13%
In-Kind (food and other)	\$ 2,273,510	65%
Events	\$ 113,744	3%
Other	\$ 17,941	1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,498,935</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenses

Program	\$ 3,058,951	92%
Administration	\$ 167,938	5%
Fundraising	\$ 107,569	3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,334,458</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$ 1,432,288
Total Liabilities	\$ 100,769



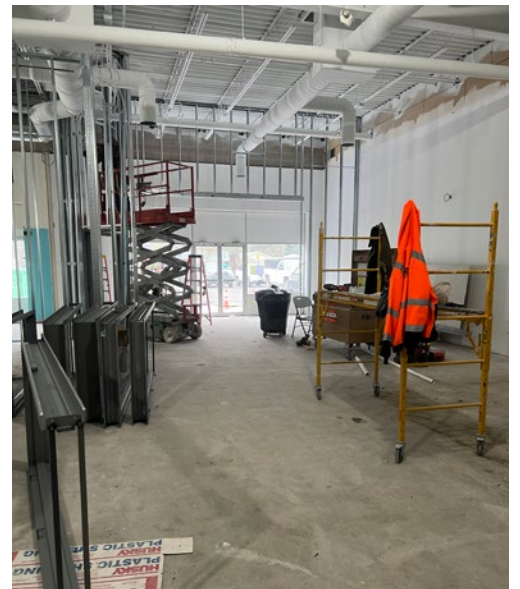
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# Looking ahead to 2024



The future home of the  
Community Market!





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