

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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MORE THAN 1 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS NOURISHED



As your local food bank, Feeding America West Michigan collaborated with our community in 2024 to provide nourishing food to our neighbors in 40 counties in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

OUR VISION

All people in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula have equitable access to nourishing food.

OUR MISSION

Feeding America West Michigan provides nourishment and hunger-relief resources to our neighbors by amplifying the strength of communities through collaboration and advocacy.

FIVE MAIN WAYS THAT FOOD REACHES OUR NEIGHBORS



**347
PARTNER
FOOD
PANTRIES**

When people need food, they turn to neighborhood food pantries, which organizations run in communities throughout our service area. Local food pantries typically stock shelf-stable products, but those who have coolers and freezers also order fresh and frozen products from us.



**1,625
MOBILE
FOOD PANTRIES**

Hosted by 170 community partners, mobile food pantries provide fresh produce, dairy, and protein to neighbors. When the Feeding America West Michigan truck arrives at the mobile pantry site, teams of local volunteers stage the products, allowing community members to receive enough fresh food to last several days. Mobile pantries enable us to get more fresh products straight from our warehouse to our neighbors.

HOW CHARITABLE FOOD DISTRIBUTION WORKS



FOOD IN

As your local food bank, Feeding America West Michigan gets food from three primary sources:

DONATED

Retailers, distributors, farmers, and manufacturers donate 50% of our food.

USDA

Government food allocations make up 33%.

PURCHASED

17% is purchased with grant funds and donations.



The hub where
32.1 million pounds
of food were warehoused
and distributed last year.

FOOD OUT

Food goes out to more than 793 agency partners to provide food for several programs and initiatives. These are the major categories:

FOOD PANTRIES

21 million lbs | 60%

MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

10.6 million lbs | 33%

MEAL PROGRAMS GATHER 2 GROW YOUTH PROGRAMS

500,000 lbs | 7%



35 MEAL PROGRAMS

Partners who prepare food and congregate meals for seniors and others rely on food from Feeding America West Michigan. Meal programs across our service area offer a space for people to come as they are and connect with others over a nourishing meal.



31 GATHER 2 GROW SITES

Feeding America West Michigan partnered with 31 library sites to distribute shelf-stable lunches through the summer to youth and developmentally disabled adults. The program fills the meal gap for children who rely on free breakfasts and lunches during the school year. The program distributed 41,532 meals over 10 weeks.



87 YOUTH PROGRAMS

Many youth programs exist to fill the meal gap children face when they are not in school. Feeding America West Michigan supplies several youth programs with food. This includes summer camps and backpack programs that provide food for children to take home to get through weekends during the school year.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2024

REVENUE

Handling Fees	\$2,197,267	3.49%
Contributions	\$5,388,445	8.57%
Grants	\$5,518,452	8.78%
Other Revenue	\$772,984	1.23%
Non-Cash	\$48,995,714	77.93%
TOTAL	\$62,872,862	100%
NET ASSETS	\$29,538,872	

Handling Fees: Cost-sharing with partner agencies, who pay 6 to 18 cents per pound for most items.

Contributions: Gifts from individuals, companies, and other organizations.

Grants: Income from charitable foundations and government agencies.

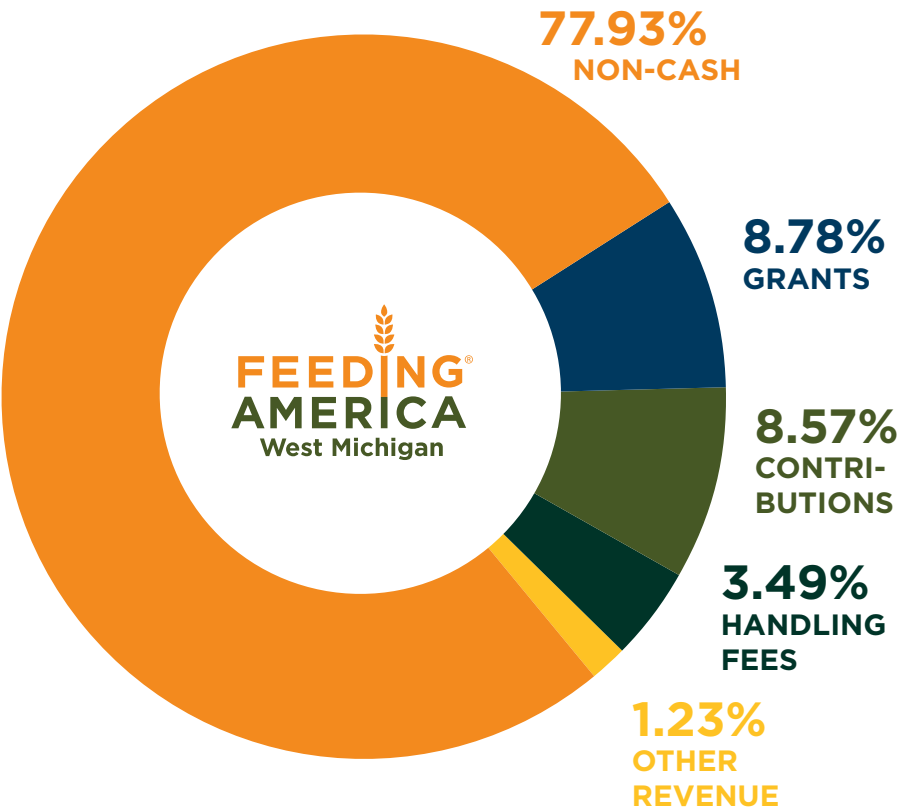
Non-Cash: The value of food and other in-kind donations we received.*

*Value based on an annual analysis done by the Feeding America National Organization and by an independent auditor, RSM US, LLP.
**The full auditor report is available upon request by calling our office.



“ There’s times where I would’ve gone without food if it weren’t for the food here.”

- Alice,
senior neighbor
from Saranac



EXPENSES

Programs	\$57,931,138	95.92%
Fundraising	\$1,311,547	2.17%
Administration	\$1,155,094	1.91%
TOTAL	\$60,397,779	100%

95.92%

PROGRAMS

2.17%

FUNDRAISING

1.91%

ADMINISTRATION

Programs: All expenses related to reclaiming, storing and distributing food in the 40 counties we serve. This includes the total value of \$49,920,709 for food and grocery items distributed.

Fundraising: The cost of communications and development activities.

Administration: Cost related to administrative and accounting activities, along with other expenses required to operate the organization.



NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENS A NEW ERA FOR FOOD BANK

After years of planning, fundraising, and hard work, Feeding America West Michigan moved out of our warehouse in Comstock Park and our administrative offices in Walker at the end of 2024. The new facility brings everything under one roof and increases capacity to distribute 37.5 million meals annually and expand programming. We are grateful to the many donors who helped make the dream come true. Thanks to donor support and sound financial stewardship by the board of directors, no loans were required for the project. The food bank remains debt-free and better equipped to serve than ever before.

IMPACT BY COUNTY

COUNTY	INDIVIDUALS	AGENCIES
Alger	15,054	5
Allegan*	76,003	24
Antrim*	251,842	17
Baraga	10,839	3
Benzie*	44,458	9
Berrien	142,581	56
Cass	42,782	16
Charlevoix*	126,081	15
Chippewa	19,118	11
Delta	34,473	14
Dickinson	24,099	10
Emmet*	722,074	22
Gogebic	12,199	5
Grand Traverse*	404,887	44
Houghton	14,829	8
Ionia	65,195	18
Iron	13,947	6
Kalkaska	29,934	5
Kent*	767,482	204
Keweenaw	551	1
Lake	71,428	12
Leelanau*	46,764	5
Luce	10,699	3
Mackinac	15,395	6
Manistee	25,928	12
Marquette	71,788	17
Mason	83,160	8
Mecosta	66,565	16
Menominee	14,926	5
Missaukee	31,620	10
Montcalm	43,889	15
Muskegon	136,112	39
Newaygo	156,771	23
Oceana	67,076	10
Ontonagon	5,818	4
Osceola	33,888	16
Ottawa*	198,531	61
Schoolcraft	10,749	4
Van Buren*	102,291	19
Wexford*	58,460	15
TOTAL	4,070,286	801

32,088,583 = **26,704,486**
POUNDS OF FOOD = MEALS

Feeding America West Michigan distributed 32,088,583 pounds of food in 2024. This is the equivalent of 26,704,486 meals for 1,018,787 households.

TOP VOLUNTEER GROUPS

ORGANIZATION	HOURS DONATED
Moka	598
Ready For Life	499
Amway	428
Meijer	326
Immaculate Conception Elementary	229
Kent ISD	208
Wellspring Lutheran Services	167
MSU College of Human Medicine	158
Aldersgate Church	139
Grand Rapids Adventist Academy	114



*Served in partnership with our redistribution organizations and/or affiliate food banks.

** Due to gaps in agency-partner reporting, the true number of individuals served is higher than the number listed.

TOP SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

TOP FOOD DONORS

In 2024, 114 food donors gave a total of 11,925,805 pounds of food to Feeding America West Michigan.

ORGANIZATION	LBS. DONATED
Sam's Club	2,284,205
Walmart	1,335,458
Aldi	1,173,271
Meijer	868,100
Costco	780,958
Target	670,603
Sysco Grand Rapids	441,445
Fresh Solution Farms	292,163
Mondelez	278,258
General Mills	275,020

TOP AGENCY PARTNERS

AGENCY	CITY	MEALS
Community Action House	Holland	2,271,447
Community Food Club	Grand Rapids	934,114
TrueNorth Community Services Pantry	Fremont	395,048
Escanaba SDA Food Pantry	Escanaba	277,437
Manna Food Project	Harbor Springs	249,713
Love in Action of the Tri Cities	Grand Haven	243,834
Streams of Hope Food Center	Grand Rapids	241,848
Good Samaritan Family Services	Ellsworth	225,203
Buist Community Assistance Center	Byron Center	224,597
Family Network	Wyoming	209,277

TOP CORPORATE DONORS

ORGANIZATION	MEALS
Meijer	487,500
Gast Mfg, a unit of IDEX Corp	100,000
Whirlpool Foundation	100,000
Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.	79,562
SpartanNash Foundation	73,431
Charles River Laboratories	52,716
Enterprise Holdings Foundation	48,750
Edward Jones Co	45,716
Spice World	37,500
Consumers Energy Foundation	33,974

TOP MOBILE PANTRY PARTNERS

AGENCY	CITY	MEALS
Muskegon County Cooperating Churches	Muskegon	466,368
I AM Academy	Holland	453,854
UPHCS - Marquette Co.	Marquette	203,357
Silver Creek Thrift Store Mobile Pantry	Harvey	181,344
TrueNorth Community Services	Fremont	156,863
Calvary CRC	Wyoming	154,244
Love in Action - GH Mobile Pantry	Grand Haven	152,858
JKL Bahweting Mobile Pantry	Sault Ste Marie	127,221
Tahquamenon Area Schools Mobile Pantry	Newberry	125,407
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church	Iron Mountain	116,661



Serving local families in need since 1981, Feeding America West Michigan reclaims millions of meals' worth of safe, surplus food from various sources. With the help of countless volunteers, the food bank sorts, stores and distributes food through a network of hundreds of hunger-relief partners to fill neighbors' plates instead of landfills. The food banks' service area consists of 40 of Michigan's 83 counties, stretching from the Indiana border north through the Upper Peninsula.

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Feeding America West Michigan is a member of Feeding America, United Way, and the Food Bank Council of Michigan. The food bank also maintains a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.



THANK YOU

for working with us to
nourish our neighbors



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Every \$1 donated provided five meals for our neighbors. Your gift helped us purchase food at wholesale prices to supplement the food donations we received.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

The volunteers at our warehouse dedicated thousands of hours to sorting and packaging approximately 6 million pounds of food. Every hour given sent 200 meals to our neighbors. In addition, we thank the volunteers with our 793 agency partners who gave an untold number of hours to get food to our neighbors.



THANK YOU FOR SPREADING THE WORD

If you found an opportunity over the last year to share your reasons for supporting Feeding America West Michigan, thank you for spreading the word.



To learn more about how you can take action, visit **FeedWM.org**