

2022-2023 *Annual Report*



Food Bank of
Northwest Louisiana

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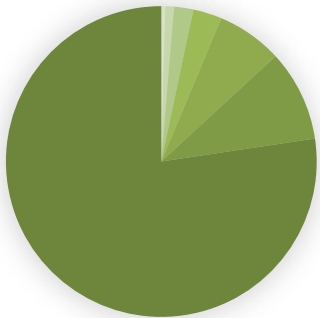
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2022-2023 Financial Overview

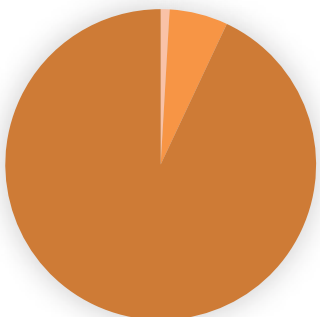
The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana distributed food to 65,000 neighbors in 2022-2023. Each neighbor received food from the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana free of charge. The Food Bank provided these services and products to all eligible individuals, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, physical and or mental ability. We ensured that our partners complied with all applicable State, Federal and local legal requirements through inspection and a contractual agreement. Each collaborating partner organization used client tracking software to prevent duplication of service and was monitored to avoid program misuse.

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT



Miscellaneous	\$82,873	1.00%
Interest	\$177,623	0.89%
Individuals	\$400,070	2.01%
Program Support	\$598,251	3.00%
Grants	\$1,363,177	6.83%
Business, Church, Corporation, Organization	\$1,893,458	9.49%
Donated Food Supplies	\$15,434,349	77.37%
Total	\$19,949,801	100.00%

EXPENSES



Fundraising	\$172,338	0.92%
Supporting Services	\$1,138,216	6.08%
Program Services	\$17,417,697	93.00%
Total	\$18,728,251	100.00%
Nonoperating Activities	\$1,245,407	
Change in Assets	\$2,466,957	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$25,970,021	
Net Assets, End of Year	\$28,436,978	

Our Programs:

FOOD AND EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION:

In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we distributed 11.5 million pounds of food with a value of \$17,417,697 to more than 65,000 children, women, men, seniors, veterans, homeless, disabled, unemployed and underemployed individuals living below the federal poverty level in Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville Red River and DeSoto Parishes.

DISASTER RELIEF:

In times of disaster or a hurricane, the Food Bank swiftly mobilizes its resources to provide emergency food relief, collaborating with local agencies and partners to ensure timely distribution to affected communities. The focus is on addressing immediate nutritional needs and supporting recovery efforts by delivering essential supplies to those impacted by the crisis.

SENIOR BOX PROGRAM:

Each month we deliver a box of pantry staple foods to over 1,000 low income seniors throughout our seven parishes.

MOBILE PANTRY:

Perishable and non-perishable food are distributed to rural neighbors on a monthly basis.

KIDS CAFE® AFTER SCHOOL MEALS:

The Food Bank provides free meals for the for hungry children in after-school programs.

BACKPACK™ PROGRAM:

Chronically hungry children are provided with a weekly backpack of food to take home for the weekend and holidays. Each 7-10 pound bag includes items such as cereal, milk, fruit juice, and pop-top canned food.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM:

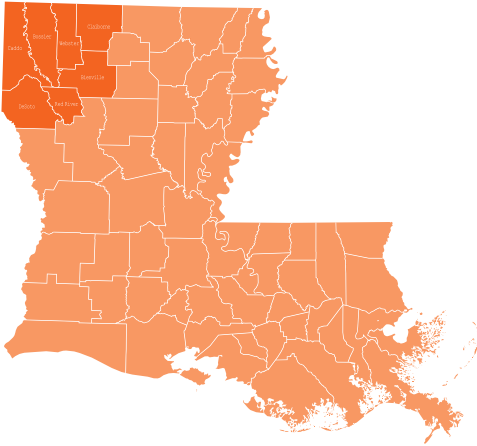
Nutritional breakfasts and lunches are provided for hungry children during the summer months. Food is provided at summer programs such as faith-based summer programs.





FACTS

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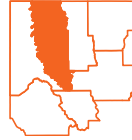
Bienville Parish

Population: 13,059
 Poverty Level: 16.9%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 2,220
 Number of Partner Agencies: 8
 Senior Box Program: 123
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 3
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 630,531
 Value of Food Distributed: \$843,776



Bossier Parish

Population: 128,130
 Poverty Level: 12.3%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 15,760
 Number of Partner Agencies: 11
 Senior Box Program: 172
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 2
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 3,530,102
 Value of Food Distributed: \$4,369,088



Caddo Parish

Population: 239,861
 Poverty Level: 14.4%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 34,540
 Number of Partner Agencies: 47
 Senior Box Program: 206
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 6
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 3,466,570
 Value of Food Distributed: \$5,161,723



Claiborne Parish

Population: 14,390
 Poverty Level: 16.4%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 2,360
 Number of Partner Agencies: 3
 Senior Box Program: 58
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 3
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 730,194
 Value of Food Distributed: \$1,087,589



DeSoto Parish

Population: 26,250
 Poverty Level: 14.1%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 3,780
 Number of Partner Agencies: 3
 Senior Box Program: 282
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 1
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 863,351
 Value of Food Distributed: \$1,285,530



Red River Parish

Population: 7,812
 Poverty Level: 12.8%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 1,000
 Number of Partner Agencies: 2
 Senior Box Program: 443
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 3
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 588,133
 Value of Food Distributed: \$875,730



Webster Parish

Population: 37,468
 Poverty Level: 15.8%
 Food Insecure Individuals: 5,920
 Number of Partner Agencies: 17
 Senior Box Program: 82
 Mobile Distribution Locations: 7
 Food Distributed – Pounds: 2,547,159
 Value of Food Distributed: \$3,792,720



FACTS

22,583 neighbors
 receive food
 each month

130 partner
 food pantries,
 soup kitchens &
 homeless shelters

6,774 Seniors
 received food
 monthly

\$10 donation
 provides \$100
 in value of food

293 Volunteers
 donated
 9,982 hours

Distributed food
 for 10,200,000
 meals

95% of all
 funding received
 provides food

4,162,392
 pounds of fruits
 and vegetable
 distributed

A Message from the Executive Director:

Dear Friend of the Food Bank,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the collective impact we have made in the fight against hunger. There were challenges, but our resilient team, Board of Directors, dedicated volunteers, and generous supporters rallied together, ensuring that our mission to alleviate food insecurity remained unwavering. We not only sustained our operations but expanded our reach, providing sustenance to even more individuals and families in need.

The heart of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana beats strong with the spirit of compassion and unity. Every box of food distributed, every community outreach initiative, and every collaborative effort with our partners tell a story of resilience and hope. As we navigate the path forward, I extend my deepest appreciation to each member of our community who has contributed to our success. Your support fuels our determination to build a future where hunger is a distant memory, and every person has the nourishment they need to thrive. Together, we are creating lasting change and making a profound difference in the lives we touch.

With gratitude,



Martha Marak



Our Team:

DIRECTORS:

Susan Garcia, Director of Programs and Agencies
Emilie Harmeyer, Director of Neighbor Services
Tina Jones, Director of Finance and HR
Jim Lopez, Director of Operations
Martha Marak, Executive Director

OFFICE STAFF:

Demetrius Allen, Nutrition Education
Gene Haynes, Community Resource Coordinator
Lucy Hines, Development Manager
Kathleen Jones, Outreach Coordinator
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Darrell LeBeau, Food Sourcing
Bree Marshall, Marketing Coordinator
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OPERATIONS STAFF:

Dremeco Alexander, Driver
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Jay Gustain, Warehouse Worker
Jerry Johnson, Distribution and Logistics Manager
Phil Jones, Facilities Manager
Steve Paeth, Warehouse Manager
Robert Scott, Warehouse Worker
Daidron "Dai" Thompson, Driver
Anthony Thornton, Warehouse Worker
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Ron Youngblood, Warehouse Worker

Our Mission:

Our mission is to serve as the primary resource for fighting hunger in Northwest Louisiana.

Our Vision:

Our vision is to ultimately end hunger in Northwest Louisiana by ensuring a consolidated network of effective food collection and distribution which will provide universal access to food for the needy in our communities.



Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana



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