



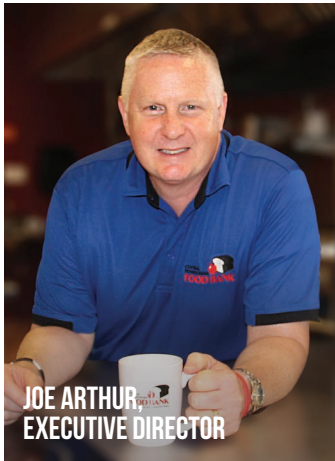
Food For Thought

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY | 2019



Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

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JOE ARTHUR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JAVA WITH JOE

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you some exciting Food Bank endeavors and achievements that highlight our progress toward achieving our Bold Goal.

In 2018, we enhanced our Bold Goal. While we remain dedicated to ensuring that everyone struggling with hunger in central Pennsylvania will have access to enough

nutritious food every day, we will also enhance partnerships to make progress toward ending hunger. We believe that by working in collaboration with existing and new partners, **we can all help more families reach a level of sustainability where food assistance is no longer needed.**

We know our goals are challenging, but as a friend of our mission, you know that we have met great challenges before. We not only survived the Great Recession, we transformed our mission while growing to meet the massive increase in need in our communities. Back in 2008, we worked hard to serve about 50,000 individuals each month, but we were not able to provide much fresh produce, dairy, and other refrigerated product. Now, after two expansions and investments in equipment, personnel, and partner capacity building, we now serve about 140,000 individuals each month. And we provide a broad array of healthy fresh, frozen, and shelf stable foods, including more than 10 million pounds of fresh produce and more than 2 million servings of low-fat milk last year alone!

We are also proud of our remarkable innovations including the Mid-Atlantic Regional Produce Cooperative, a program of our state association Feeding Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System, which provides us with Pennsylvania grown and crafted food products. Our sharing innovations like MilitaryShare and Fresh Express mobile distributions, and enhanced efforts by many of our partner agencies, help us ensure this nutritious bounty reaches people in need throughout our region.

Please enjoy our Report to the Community and know that none of this would be possible without our generous donors, volunteers, and advocates. Without you, this mission wouldn't exist.

Thank you!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited www.centralpafoodbank.org recently? If not, you're in for a treat. Thanks to a grant from the Lancaster County Community Foundation, we have completely transformed our website. You'll find a fresh new design, easier navigation, information about our programs, and so much more! You'll find easy links to donate, volunteer, locate our partner agencies, and raise your voice through our advocacy efforts. Read our latest news and register for our events. We even have a page where you can share your story with us — tell us why you support the Food Bank's mission of fighting hunger, improving lives, and strengthening communities.

And the best part? It's mobile friendly! Check out our new and improved website and let us know what you think. Send us an email at info@centralpafoodbank.org.



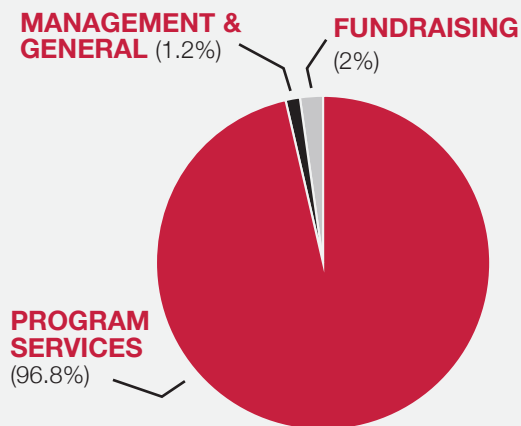
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BY THE NUMBERS *(ENDING JUNE 2018)*

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$87,715,657
Management & General	1,116,648
Fundraising	<u>1,777,751</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$90,610,056

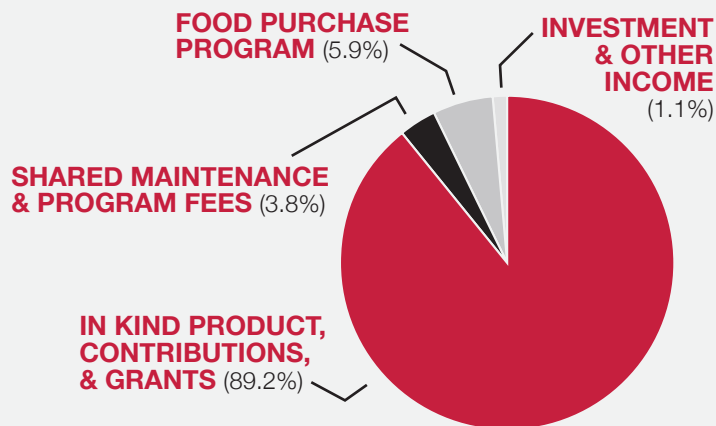


Support & Revenue

SUPPORT

In Kind Product, Contributions, & Grants	\$81,189,579
Shared Maintenance & Program Fees	3,451,895
Food Purchase Program	5,318,762
Investment & Other Income	<u>1,036,147</u>

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$90,996,383



FIGHTING HUNGER BY ...

serving
140,000
individuals
each month

distributing
46 million
meals

distributing
10.2 million
pounds of
produce

distributing
2.2 million
servings of
fresh milk

IMPROVING LIVES BY SERVING ...

21,000
families
through MilitaryShare

90,000
children
through Backpack,
Kids Café, and School
Pantry programs

7,500
seniors
through ElderShare

171,000
individuals
through 92 Fresh Express
Distribution Sites

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ...

submitting SNAP/Food Stamp
applications on behalf of
2,000
families

offering
more than
32,000
hours
of volunteer time

partnerships with
more than
1,000
local agencies
and programs

partnering with
more than
20 healthcare
organizations
to improve healthy eating
and screen for hunger

LIVING OUR MISSION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS



EMPLOYEES FROM KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORE VOLUNTEER MONTHLY AT OUR WILLIAMSPORT HEALTHY FOOD HUB, PACKING BOXES FOR OUR FRESH EXPRESS DISTRIBUTIONS AT THE WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

In 2018, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank announced a new initiative to help feed students in the Williamsport Area School District (WASD), combining two of the Food Bank's existing programs, Fresh Express and Backpack, into the Hybrid Backpack Program. Grant funding for the project was made possible through the Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund and the Charles A. Szybist and Carla G. Szybist Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, **more than 70 percent of students at the WASD are eligible for free or reduced meals**, which is above the state average of 49.5 percent. The Hybrid Backpack Program is designed to feed the whole family, since chances are that if a child is hungry, their family is struggling as well. To date, this program has served more than 800 students per month at the school district and distributed nearly 50,000 pounds of produce, milk and other nutritious items to families in the district. Students and their

families also receive recipe cards and nutrition education fliers, allowing families to prepare meals and eat together.

While the program began at the primary and intermediate school levels, the Food Bank, in collaboration with WASD, has planned for 1,500 meal kits and Fresh Express distributions at the high school during the 2018-2019 academic year. **This will guarantee all 3,000 eligible students will have access to healthy and nutritious meals.**

Community support for this project has been overwhelmingly positive. Employees from Kohl's volunteer once a month to pack items for these distributions.

"Our associates are encouraged to give back to the community through our Associates in Action (AIA) program," said Michelle Clemons, Administrative Assistant at Kohl's Store 1155. "This program has allowed us to provide five associates each month for three hours."

Kohl's partnership with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is entering its eighth year. Team members from Kohl's were initially packing items for traditional Backpack programs throughout the year. But once the need for volunteers increased due to weekly distributions for Williamsport School District, Kohl's stepped up to lend a helping hand.

Since helping with this new Hybrid Backpack Program, Kohl's has donated more than 180 hours of their time. Plus, with each time they volunteer, Kohl's donates \$500 to the Food Bank.

According to Clemons, "We continue to dedicate our time each month because we are proud to help with the awareness of hunger in our community and to know that we will continue to provide the support that the Food Bank needs to ensure that the children in our community have healthy food to eat every day."

INTERESTED?

If you would like to volunteer, visit our website at www.centralpafoodbank.org or give us a call at 717-564-1700 (Harrisburg) or 570-321-8023 (Williamsport).

FEEDING AMERICA VISIT

In early 2019, we were honored to host Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, the new CEO of Feeding America. Claire met with our board and leadership team and sat down for lunch with our entire staff. After her visit, she had the opportunity to attend the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show and participate in the "Celebrity Cow Milking Contest," where her team finished third! We are proud to be part of the Feeding America network of food banks and look forward to working with Claire in the future.



CLAIRE VISITS THE ANNUAL PA FARM SHOW.



CLAIRE ENJOYS LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF THE FOOD BANK STAFF.

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A NOTE ON ADVOCACY

In February, we were thrilled to give Pennsylvania lawmakers a chance to be a kid again — or at least eat like one.

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank joined the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Coalition in hosting a “lunch and learn” for elected officials. Attendees were served a box lunch with the same sandwich, veggies, fruit, and milk that children get during the Summer Food Service Program. More than 100 elected officials and staff grabbed their lunch and discussed who is hungry in Pennsylvania, what programs help hungry Pennsylvanians, and what strategies can fight hunger in local districts. Representatives from food banks and anti-hunger organizations from across the Commonwealth shed light on these important questions with interactive stations and informative handouts.



OUR ADVOCACY TEAM MEETS WITH PA REP. SHERYL DELOZIER DURING THE SUMMER HUNGER LUNCH AND LEARN EVENT AT THE PA STATE CAPITOL.



For the next several months, the Pennsylvania General Assembly will debate how to allocate funding for the 2019-2020 Commonwealth Budget, including line items that provide nutrition assistance. We hope our lawmakers will remember this lunch, and the students and families who benefit from these programs, when they cast their votes.

THE BOXED LUNCH THAT WAS SERVED TO PA LEGISLATORS DURING A LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION ON SUMMER HUNGER.



SAVE THE DATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2019

Soup and a Bowl events in Harrisburg and Williamsport! We appreciate your support, as well as the support of our sponsors and the local potters who provided us with more than 1,000 beautiful, handcrafted bowls.

*Save the date for our 2020
Soup and a Bowl events!*

Williamsport Event: February 21, 2020
at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport

Harrisburg Event: March 9, 2020
at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill

Watch for more information in the coming months!

Thank you!

On behalf of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, we would like to thank the following businesses and foundations for their very generous support.

- Bemis Foundation
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- Feeding America Multi-Donor Shutdown Assistance Program
- Joy in Childhood Foundation
- McCormick Family Foundation
- PA Dept. of Veterans and Military Affairs Veterans Trust Fund
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