



# Second Harvest Food Bank Annual Report 2023



**Second Harvest  
Food Bank**

of the Mahoning Valley

PARTNER  
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AMERICA**

Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley is a member of the Feeding America network of food banks, the nation's largest charitable response to hunger.

## Mission & Vision Statements

The Food Bank's mission is to solicit, store and distribute food to hunger-relief organizations in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties; and to provide education and advocacy. Our vision is that no one should go hungry, and we are dedicated to building a community that makes food accessible to all people.

## Highlights of 2023

In 2023, the Food Bank distributed over 10.5 million pounds of food, including more than 2.4 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables. Last year, the Food Bank's 160 partner programs fulfilled over 17,000 requests for food assistance each week.

The Food Bank provided over 8,700,000 meals to those in need in the tri-county area.

29% of the people served by our partner agencies were children, 25% were seniors

Our *School Pantry Program* received over 36,800 visits by school children for food.

The Food Bank's *Mobile Pantry* provided 859 households with food assistance for seniors, children and families living in Goshen Township's underserved rural area. Some special distributions were also held, especially in East Palestine after the train derailment, bringing the grand total of people helped at our mobile distributions to 9,861.

*Harvest for Hunger*, our annual food drive and fundraiser held during March and April, raised over \$500,000 and collected more than 18,000 pounds of food.

*Feed Our Valley*, WFMJ's annual campaign to raise awareness, food & funds, totaled just over \$295,000 and a total of 44,994 pounds which will provide over 1.5 million meals in the Mahoning Valley.

The Food Bank distributed up to 5 meals for every \$1 donated.



## A Message from our Executive Director

As the vision of Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley states, we believe that no one should go hungry and we are dedicated to building a community that makes food accessible to all people. One of the many ways we intend to honor that vision is to make a commitment to ensure that every person facing hunger has the opportunity to achieve food security.

During 2023, Second Harvest Food Bank's 160 partners saw more people coming to them for food assistance than before COVID, just under 18,000 individuals were helped. The Food Bank distributed one million more pounds of food than we did in 2022. Inflation, rising utilities, gas, housing and groceries added more hardship on our neighbors. A train derailment occurred in East Palestine in February that not only tested the resolve of many living in and around the area, but tested our ability to react in a disaster. I am proud to say we responded quickly to distribute water, food, cleaning products, and other necessary items. As we plan for the future, I can assure you Second Harvest Food Bank is even more prepared to help in an emergency situation not only with food, but with our trucks and our additional warehouse capacity.

On behalf of our board of directors, our staff and our hungry neighbors in our community, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for your outpouring of support through food donations, financial gifts, and in-kind services. Your compassion is so appreciated by so many impacted by hunger.

Sincerely,  
**Michael Iberis**  
Executive Director

# Food Bank

## SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Second Harvest Food Bank is a clearinghouse for large quantities of donated food. Each day, the Food Bank distributes an average of 50,000 pounds of food to 160 hunger-relief organizations and programs in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

**Mobile Pantry:** The Mobile Pantry in Goshen Township, located in Mahoning County, provided food assistance for 2,030 people residing in this rural area lacking access to one of the Food Bank's member agency's brick and mortar pantry.

**Commodity Supplemental Food Program:** The CSFP program (a federal program) ensured that 700 very low-income seniors in the Mahoning Valley receive much-needed food assistance. The program is designed to improve the health of low-income senior citizens age 60+ and whose household income is 130% or less of the federal poverty guidelines by providing them with a supplemental box of food once a month.

**School Pantry Program:** The *School Pantry Program* is a way to distribute food in an easily accessible and safe school environment, discretely providing children with a consistent, daily source of nutritious food for after school and over weekends. School personnel and teachers help the children select the food items they need, such as breakfast cereals and granola bars, microwavable meal cups, soups and crackers, macaroni and cheese, shelf-stable milk, and canned fruits and vegetables. The Food Bank partners with over 40 school sites in the tri-county area.

## VOLUNTEERS

The Food Bank is a volunteer-dependent organization and relies on volunteers from community groups, businesses, religious organizations, schools, and civic organizations. Volunteers gave 10,624 hours of service in 2023 to ensure their friends and neighbors had food to eat.

# Statements of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2022

## REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

| SUPPORT:                              | <u>Without Restrictions</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| United Way                            | \$81,840                    | \$69,698          | \$151,538    |
| EFSP revenue                          | 0                           | 1,250             | 1,250        |
| Contributions and grants              | 1,643,893                   | 258,237           | 1,902,130    |
| Donated food                          | 10,150,598                  | 0                 | 10,150,598   |
| Donated services and other            | 635,020                     | 0                 | 635,020      |
| Fundraisers                           | 257,555                     | 0                 | 257,555      |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 146,676                     | (148,676)         | 0            |
| TOTAL SUPPORT                         | \$12,917,582                | 180,509           | \$13,098,091 |

## REVENUE:

|   |             |   |             |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Shared maintenance fees                               | 740,887     | 0 | 740,887     |
| USDA R.A. reimbursement                               | 234,943     | 0 | 234,943     |
| OFPP reimbursement                                    | 181,193     | 0 | 181,193     |
| CSFP reimbursement                                    | 38,814      | 0 | 38,814      |
| CARES reimbursement                                   | 952         | 0 | 952         |
| Direct & holiday mailing income                       | 406,505     | 0 | 406,505     |
| Government commodities                                | 3,794,853   | 0 | 3,794,853   |
| Membership fees                                       | 4,950       | 0 | 4,950       |
| Delivery fees   | 8,320       | 0 | 8,320       |
| Miscellaneous   | 2,038       | 0 | 2,038       |
| Investment Income                                     | 240,137     | 0 | 240,137     |
| Gain on disposal of assets                            | 14,200      | 0 | 14,200      |
| Net realized/unrealized<br>(loss) gain on investments | (588,819)   | 0 | (588,819)   |
| TOTAL REVENUE   | \$5,078,973 | 0 | \$5,078,973 |

|                                  |              |           |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| TOTAL REVENUE<br>& OTHER SUPPORT | \$17,996,555 | \$180,509 | \$18,177,064 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|

## EXPENSES

|                            |              |           |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Program services           | 18,055,717   | 0         | 18,055,717   |
| General and administrative | 381,748      | 0         | 381,748      |
| Fundraising                | 472,574      | 0         | 472,574      |
| TOTAL EXPENSES             | \$18,910,039 | 0         | \$18,910,039 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS       | (\$913,484)  | \$180,509 | (\$732,975)  |

## NET ASSETS

|                   |              |           |              |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Beginning of year | 17,050,013   | \$281,902 | \$17,331,915 |
| End of year       | \$16,136,528 | \$462,411 | \$16,598,940 |



*Thank you for helping us ... so no one goes hungry*



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