



WE GREW:

From March 29, 2021 to November 29, 2021 we grew Potatoes, Squash, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Zucchini, Okra, Bell Peppers, Cantaloupe

PRODUCE

All produce grown in our Springdale Teaching Garden went directly to our partner agencies who shared with our neighbors in need.

VOLUNTEERS

81 unique volunteers worked in our Springdale Teaching Garden from March 29, 2021 - November 29, 2021. These individuals donated 705.76 hours of service to the Food Bank.

FOOD DISTRIBUTED

Our volunteers planted over 4,700 plants and all produce grown was distributed directly to our partner agencies free of charge.

FROM our GARDEN



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2021 Annual Impact Report

OUR MISSION IS TO NOURISH NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITIES BY FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE.



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2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Total net assets as of December 31, 2020 Totalled \$7,620,630



INCOME:

- Donated Product - \$18,500,351
- Shared maintenance fees - \$1,937,628
- Grants - \$2,004,498
- Contributions - \$4,182,941
- Other income - \$44,248
- Total Income: \$26,669,666**

EXPENSE:

- Program Expenses
- Warehouse - \$21,780,809
- General & Administrative - \$590,602
- Development - \$861,390
- Total Expenses: \$23,232,801**

Volunteering at the

Northwest Arkansas Food Bank

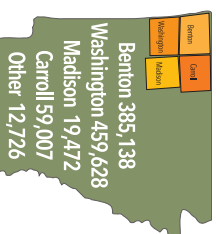
We love our volunteers and the support they give our organization! In 2021 we had 708 individual volunteers work a total of 5,549 volunteer hours. These volunteers helped pack boxes, worked our Mobile Pantries, helped out in our garden, and so much more. We could not do what we do without our volunteers. We have many volunteer opportunities with a variety of days and times available. We do ask that all of our volunteers pre-register. To find a day and time that would work for you, your team or your family, please visit www.nwfoodbank.org/volunteer.



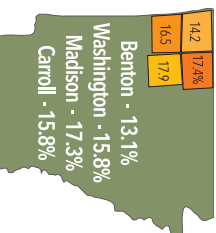
Our Neighbors in Need

Serving the food insecure in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties through a network of more than 135 partner agencies and programs.

Total number of clients per county we served:



2021 projected overall food insecurity rate by the counties we served:



Source: Feeding America Northwest Arkansas Food Bank Number reflects duplicated individuals served



School Pantry

In 2021 we hosted school pantries in 12 area schools. HOUSEHOLDS SERVED: 7,610 INDIVIDUALS SERVED: 35,550

Mobile Pantry

Serving Benton, Washington, Carroll, and Madison Counties.

LOCATIONS:

- Bentonville
- Berryville
- Elkins
- Fayetteville
- Gravette
- Huntsville
- Lowell
- Lincolnton
- Pea Ridge
- Prairie Grove
- Sileam Springs
- South Fayetteville
- Springdale
- Winslow

31,527 Households Served

104,957 Individuals Served

Retail Rescue

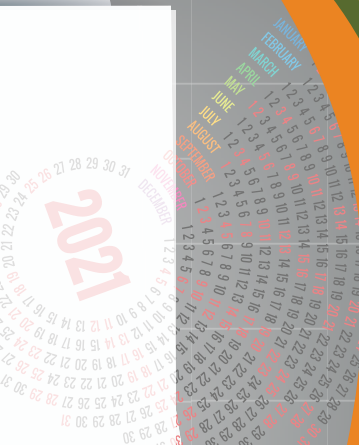
Through our Retail Rescue program we were able to collect and redistribute 4,578,266 lbs of food through our community partner agencies. Retail Rescue is a critical strategy that both prevents food waste and helps fight hunger in NWA.

Food Distribution

DISTRIBUTION BY FOOD TYPE PERCENTAGES FOR 2021

Fresh Produce	37%
Frozen Protein	22%
Shell Stable	23%
Dairy	6%
Grains	4%
Non-food	1%
Fresh/frozen Bakery	5%
Oil	2%

Because of you, in 2021 we were able to distribute 14 million pounds of food and provide 11.3 million meals in the four county area.



Some days January 1, 2016 seems more like yesterday than six years ago. Obviously much has happened over that time. The landscape of Northwest Arkansas and beyond looks differently. One special thing that has changed is the face of food insecurity. Speaking very frankly, the cost of living is fast outpacing the average persons take home pay. This growing disparity is causing additional stress on already stressed household budgets, forcing the charitable food system to play a more prominent role in the lives of our neighbors in need. Hundreds of families who never needed our help are entering a food pantry each week for the first time. Because of your support, the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank is there to step in where we are needed. While 2016 seems like yesterday, March 2020 seems like an eternity ago. The COVID 19 pandemic did, and continues to have a profound effect on our lives. Thousands of our neighbors were impacted either by the disease itself or by the economic fallout it created.

When I sat down last year to share year end numbers with you, our supporters, I mistakenly assumed that COVID 19 would be a memory. It's not! But like last year, we were there to meet the challenge. Looking forward, I don't know if the pandemic will be a memory or not, but I do know the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank will still be standing tall, being a beacon of hope for those members of our greater community that need our help. I encourage you to take a few moments and read through this annual report. You will see lots of examples of what we were able to do with you. I want to close with the same closing paragraph as last year. Hopefully it will not need to be repeated next year.



"I'm sure all of us can honestly say we don't want to experience a year like the past one. But it is important to recognize that regardless of everything the year threw at us, the staff of the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank weathered the storm. Whether it was leaving our offices to go pack boxes in the warehouse, whether it was making home delivery to a family who was quarantined, whether it was working late or on weekends, the staff did it. No questions asked. No grumbling. It was all done with little or no concern for their own health or safety. Our 30 plus men and women are truly heroes in my book and I cannot ever begin to thank them enough."

Thank you all once again for your continued support of our mission. I deeply appreciate it and respectfully ask that as you read this document, you take a moment and reflect on your being part of the solution.

Because of you someone will eat today





2021 Community Impact Dashboard

Through the hard work of our staff, partner agencies and community partners, together we fed 479,085 households and 1,259,175 individuals, some more than once. (229.52% Increase in total households served and a 162.82% Increase in total individuals served over 2020). We distributed more than 14 million pounds of food and provided 11.3 million meals in 2021.

