



Annual Report 2016

Nearly 1 in 10 Minnesotans are food insecure. **1 in 10.** That's half-a-million Minnesotans who don't always know where their next meal is coming from. Hunger can seem like a big, insurmountable problem. It won't go away overnight. But if we work together, we have the power to solve it.

In 2016, Hunger Solutions continued our work to build a strong, statewide hunger relief network through collaboration, connecting struggling individuals with resources, and advocating for strong anti-hunger policies and programs.

Our work with both federal and state government agencies advances programs that tackle hunger on a large scale. We work with food banks and food shelves to distribute food and connect people struggling with hunger with the help they need to put food on their table. And we work with public and private sector partners to bring community resources to the table to move us closer to a Minnesota without hunger.

As the only anti-hunger organization whose services reach every county in the state, we are fighting hunger not only today, but also finding long-term solutions to end hunger in the future as well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Moriarty".

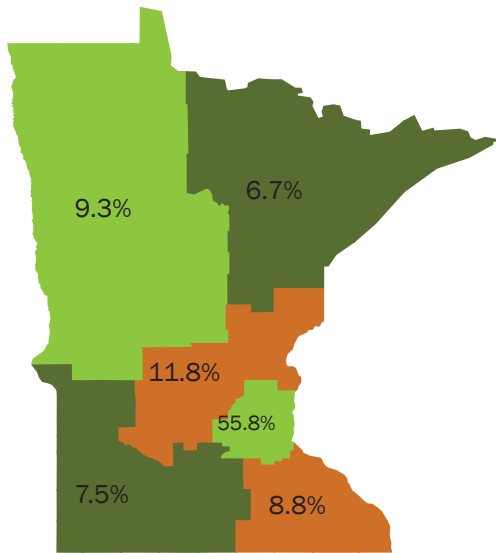
Colleen Moriarty
Executive Director

Food Shelf Capacity

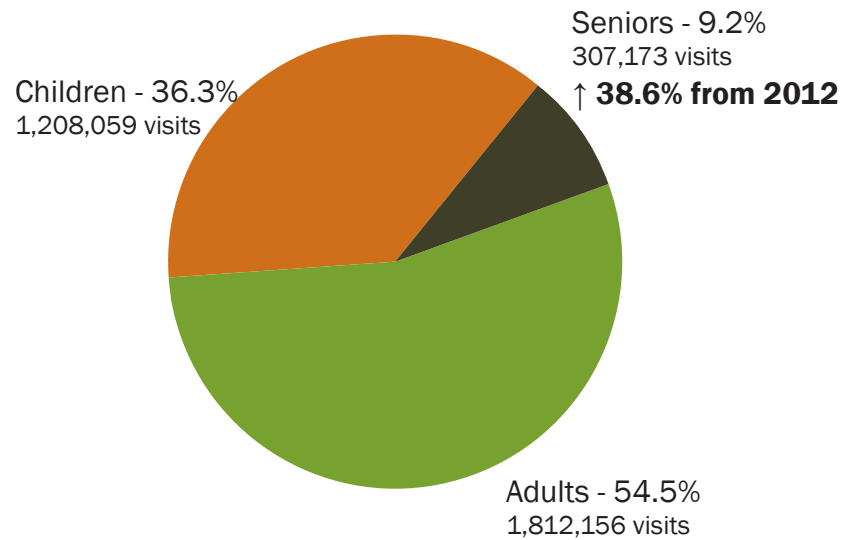
VISITS TO FOOD SHELVES

Minnesotans made 3,327,388 visits to food shelves in 2016—the sixth consecutive year with more than 3 million visits.

Food shelf visits by region, 2016



Share of food shelf visits by type, 2016



THE OPEN YOUR HEART FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE LEVERAGED

\$150,000
matching funds

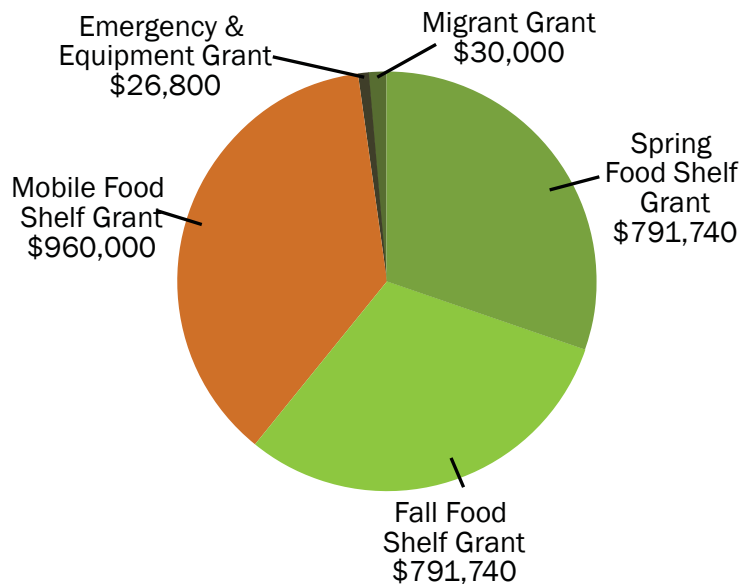


\$1.2 million
in local fundraising by 159 food shelves

STATE GRANTS TO FOOD SHELVES

Hunger Solutions, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, distributes state grants to food shelves.

In 2016, \$2.6 million was distributed to 276 food shelves throughout Minnesota.



THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Hunger Solutions partners with the Minnesota Department of Human Services - Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to administer USDA's The Emergency Food Assistance Program. TEFAP is the backbone of the emergency food system, providing commodity foods to food banks, food shelves, and meal programs. In FFY 2016, we distributed:

70
products

10,452,148
pounds of food

valued at
\$7.8 million
to 7 food banks serving
270 food shelves.



MOBILE FOOD SHELF GRANT



Mobile food shelves increase access to nutritious food for individuals who experience barriers to accessing traditional bricks-and-mortar food shelves because of transportation or mobility challenges. In 2016, mobile food shelf funding resulted in:



3 vehicles
purchased



41
new service sites



1.77 million
pounds of food
distributed



102,688 visits
50.2% of which were by seniors

SNAP Outreach

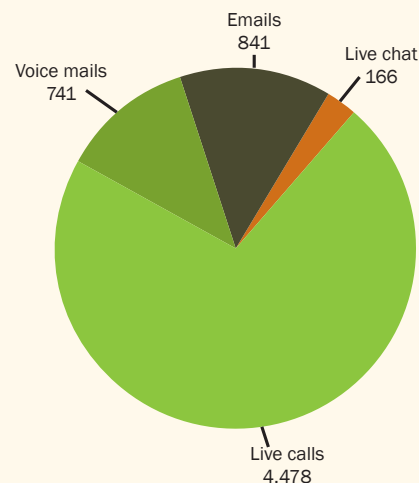


MINNESOTA **FOOD**
HELPLINE

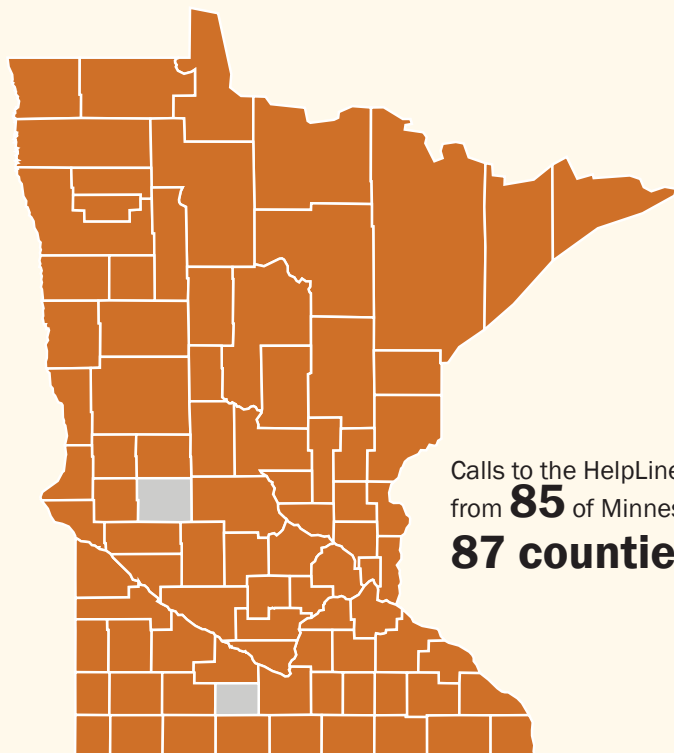
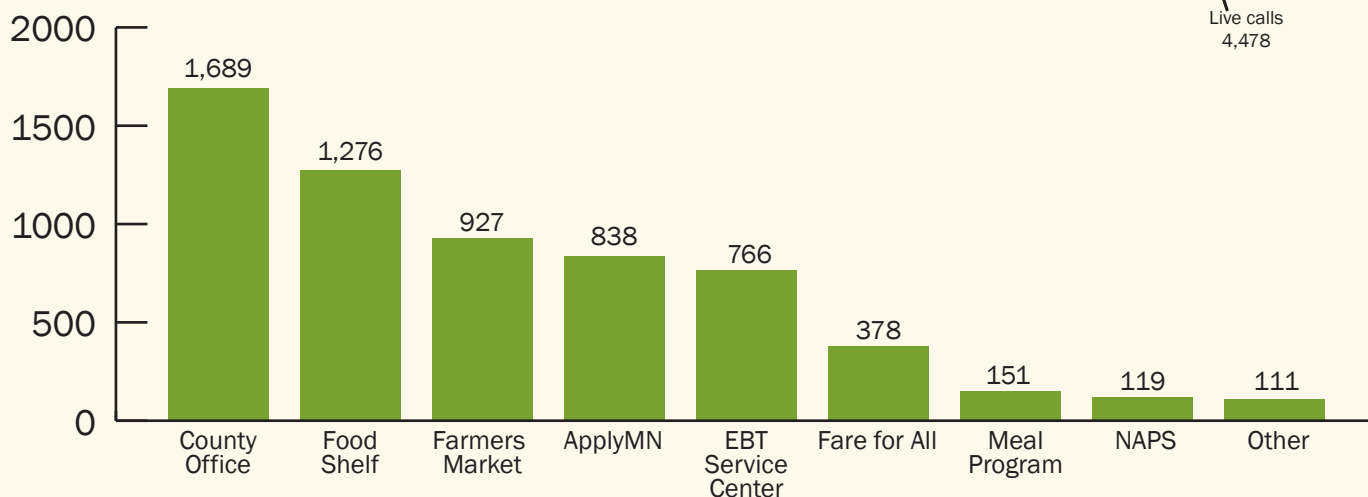
A program of Hunger Solutions Minnesota

The Minnesota Food HelpLine answered **6,230** calls, emails, and live chats from people looking for help with food resources in 2016. We connected **8,010** people with food resources.

HelpLine Calls by Type, 2016



Where HelpLine Callers Were Referred, 2016



Calls to the HelpLine came from **85** of Minnesota's **87 counties**.

MINNESOTA FOOD HELPLINE BY-THE-NUMBERS

1,132

callers were screened and qualified for SNAP

2,259

callers were already enrolled in SNAP

1,044

SNAP applications were mailed

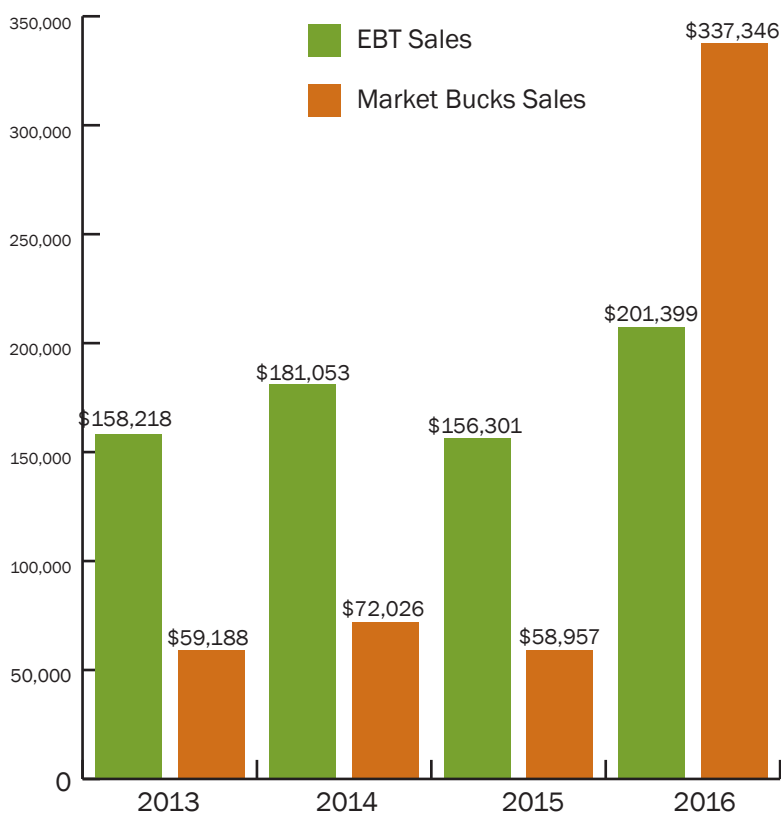
Market Bucks



MARKET BUCKS

Hunger Solutions helped pass legislation to make Minnesota's Market Bucks program the first publicly-funded farmers market incentive program in the nation. Market Bucks double the amount SNAP customers spend at farmers markets (up to \$10 per market visit) and were offered at 85 market locations during the regular farmers market season from May 1 to October 31, 2016.

EBT & Market Bucks Sales, 2013-2016



MARKET BUCKS BY-THE-NUMBERS

3,380

first time SNAP customers using
Market Bucks at farmers markets

2x

Market Bucks double the amount
of money SNAP customers have to
spend at farmers markets

\$554,745

Market Bucks & EBT were spent
by customers at farmers markets—
153% more than the year before

\$992,993

the amount of economic activity
created by Market Bucks

Advocacy



PARTNERS TO END HUNGER

Hunger Solutions convenes and chairs the Partners to End Hunger Coalition, a group of over 25 organizations working together on a common legislative agenda with three priority bills aimed at reducing hunger across the state of Minnesota.

- Increase funding to Minnesota's food shelves,
- Improve SNAP for adults without dependents, and,
- Support the Good Food Access Fund.

VOICE OF HUNGER NETWORK

The Voice of Hunger Network connects anti-hunger advocates to lawmakers via through action alerts, emails, phone calls, and Hunger Day on the Hill. In 2016, constituents made 139 contacts with lawmakers on behalf of Partners to End Hunger legislative priorities.



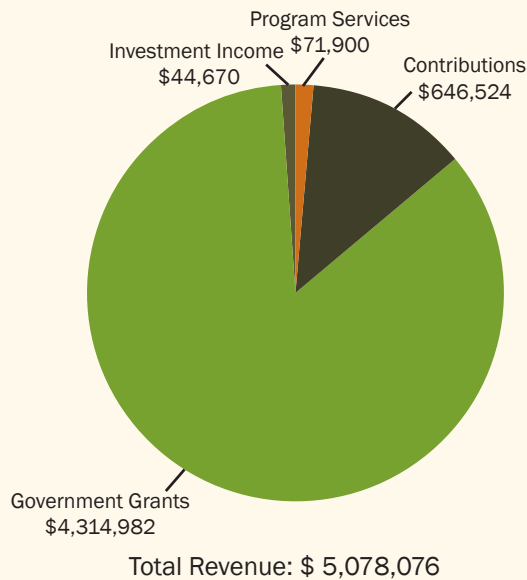
HUNGER DAY ON THE HILL

The 2nd annual Hunger Day on the Hill brought 100 advocates together to learn about legislative bills and meet with their legislators.

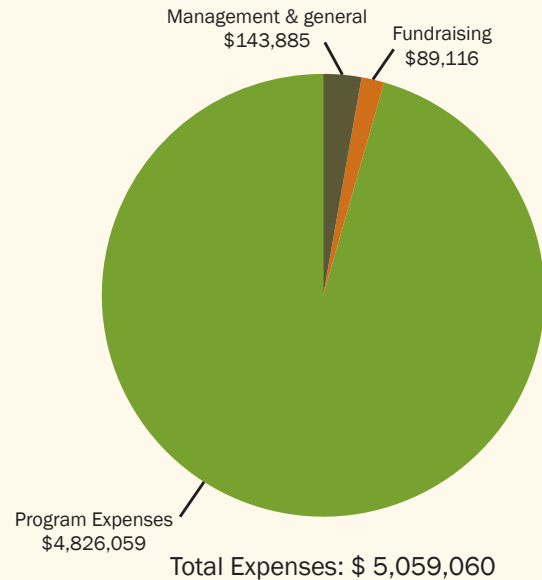
“‘Hunger Day’ is great! I was nervous about meeting my legislators for the first time, but the handouts and training at the event were so helpful. I’m excited to take my advocacy on food issues to the next level.”

~Hunger Day on the Hill Participant

Revenue



Expenses



95.4% of Hunger Solutions Minnesota's funding goes to program services.

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Hunger Solutions Minnesota works to end hunger in our state. We take action to assure food security for all Minnesotans by supporting programs and agencies that provide food to those in need, advancing sound public policy, and guiding grassroots advocacy.

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