



In the face of unprecedented challenges, the year 2022 has been a testament to the resiliency and unwavering spirit of our Minnesota community. As we reflect on the past year, a mix of gratitude for our collective strength and a recognition of the immense hurdles we have faced come to surface. In 2022, the shadows of uncertainty loomed over our beloved state. Economic fluctuations and record inflation, ending pandemic relief supports, and lingering impacts the COVID-19 pandemic conspired to create a perfect storm of need.

The numbers speak volumes: we experienced record-high visits to our food shelves, nearly 2 million more visits than in 2021. A stark reminder of the very real struggles that countless individuals and families in our state face daily.

Yet, in the midst of statewide struggle, we found rays of hope and inspiration. A coalition of collective change makers was forged within the Hunger-Free Schools coalition—a monumental step toward ensuring that no child in Minnesota would ever face the day on an empty stomach. While our efforts were not successful, we made strides in the fight and have well positioned ourselves to try again, and again, to ensure all Minnesotans have access to the food they need to live healthy, fulfilling lives.

2022 was further testament that our collective resolve remained unyielding. It is in times of adversity that the true character of a community is revealed. And here in Minnesota, we stand tall. Community based food shelves worked tirelessly, our partners rallied together, and our supporters opened their hearts and their wallets. This Annual Report is a testament to that collective effort. Within its pages, you will witness the impact of your support, not only in the numbers, but in the lives touched and the hope rekindled.

As we navigate the path forward, we do so with a renewed sense of purpose. We know that the road ahead may be challenging, but we face it with the knowledge that we are not alone. Together, we are a force that can overcome any obstacle and bring sustenance, dignity, and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for standing with us in 2022. Your support has been the beacon that guides us through the storm, illuminating the way toward a brighter, more nourished future for all Minnesotans.

With gratitude,

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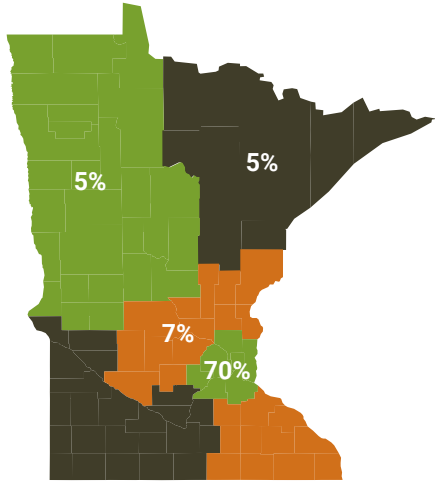
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Food Shelf Capacity

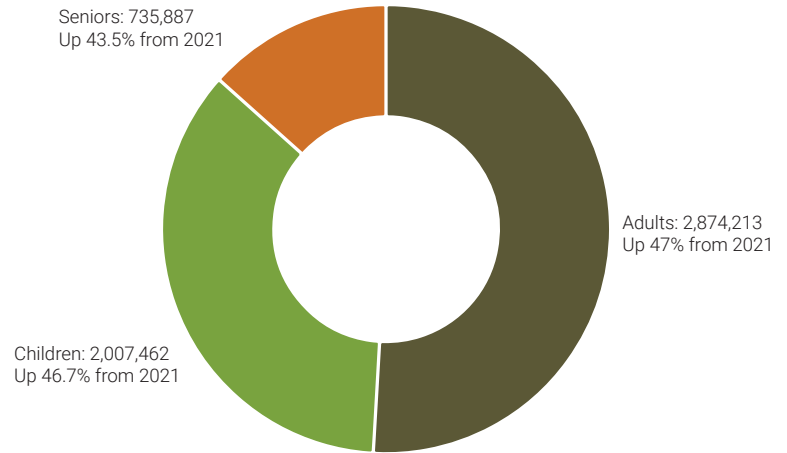
Visits to food shelves

Minnesotans made 5,617,562 visits to food shelves in 2022 - nearly 2 million more visits than in 2021, and up 31% since the previous record set in 2020.

Food shelf visits by region, 2022



Food shelf visits by age, 2022



Food Shelf Capacity Building

In 2022, Hunger Solutions distributed \$6.7 million to over 400 food shelves, Tribal Nations and meal programs throughout Minnesota. Partnering with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Hunger Solutions worked with DHS to distribute the annual Minnesota Food Shelf Program (MFSP) Grants and funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

In addition to standard MSFP grant payments, Hunger Solutions facilitates the distribution of Cultural Collaboration Grants that allow food shelves in greater Minnesota to procure culturally-diverse foods and Emergency Grants that provide funding for food shelves facing emergencies or equipment failures.



Over 400 organizations supported



Over \$6.7 Million in grant funding distributed



Average grant award was \$8,756.17

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, Tribal Nations and meal programs. In FFY 2022 (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022), we distributed TEFAP to 7 food banks serving 486 food shelves, Tribal Nations and Meal Programs:



93 products



10,985,700 pounds of food



\$18 million value

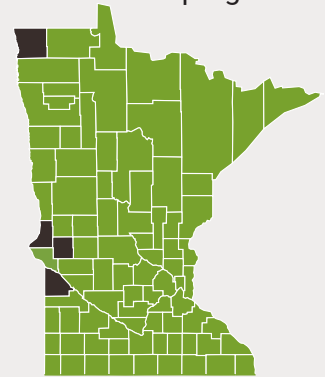


Calls to the Helpline continue to increase as need grows throughout state.

The Minnesota Food Helpline answered 13,651 calls, emails, and live chats from people looking for help with food resources in 2022 connecting over 16,730 people with help putting food on their table. These resources include food shelves, free meal locations, and help with SNAP applications. 135% more calls than the 5,453 calls received in pre-pandemic 2019. Many calls to the Helpline were related to pandemic relief programs. IN 2021, 2,724 calls were regarding the Pandemic- EBT program.

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3,102 households screened for SNAP.
1,072 households eligible for SNAP.
661 SNAP applications mailed to households.



Calls to the Helpline came from 83 of Minnesota's 87 counties.

SNAP Rx

SNAP Rx is a program of Hunger Solutions Minnesota that strengthens the connection between health care and hunger relief organizations. Clinics use the Hunger Vital Sign™ screening tool to screen their patients for food insecurity during routine care. Patients who screen positive for food insecurity are referred to the Minnesota Food Helpline and connected with food resources in their local community. The Helpline connects people to their local food shelf and to programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

SNAP Rx helps clinics to leverage the food access expertise of the Minnesota Food Helpline to address their patients' social determinants of health. In 2022, we received 2,015 referrals from clinics. Of those, we connected with 46% of patients. 64% of patients screened for SNAP were eligible for the program and received application assistance and guidance.



45 clinic partners



2,051 referrals received



15% already on SNAP
23% screened for SNAP

Market Bucks & Advocacy

Market Bucks

Market Bucks double the amount SNAP customers spend at farmers markets (up to \$10 per market visit). Market Bucks were offered at 105 market locations during the regular farmers market season from May 1 to October 31, for the state of Minnesota. New in 2022, SNAP customers could also receive an extra Produce Market Bucks match for fruits and vegetables at the market, up to an additional \$10 per market visit.

Market Bucks By-the-Numbers

\$1,029,532

in Market Bucks, Produce Market Bucks & SNAP spent by customers in Minnesota.

34,844

SNAP transactions made by customers in 2022.

\$1.5 Million

created in economic activity because of the Market Bucks Program.

Partners to End Hunger

Hunger Solutions is proud to convene and chair the Partners to End Hunger Coalition, a group of over 30 organizations working together on an anti-hunger legislative agenda. In 2022, the Partners to End Hunger coalition had a robust anti-hunger legislative agenda that put many great bills on the floor for the state legislature.

While many of our legislative efforts were unsuccessfully passed in 2022, we were able to raise the SNAP gross income limit from 165% to 200% of federal poverty, allowing thousands of Minnesotans who were previously ineligible to access to SNAP.



Other Partners to End Hunger legislative agenda items for 2022 included:

- Ensuring all schools in Minnesota were Hunger-Free Schools by increasing participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP);
- Securing additional funding for food support and capitol improvements for food shelves, food banks and meal programs;
- Expanding Farm to School Grants to include early child care settings;
- Fund a new food shelf build in St. Paul;
- Provide home delivered meals and social connection services to Minnesota's veterans;
- **and more!**

Voice of Hunger Network

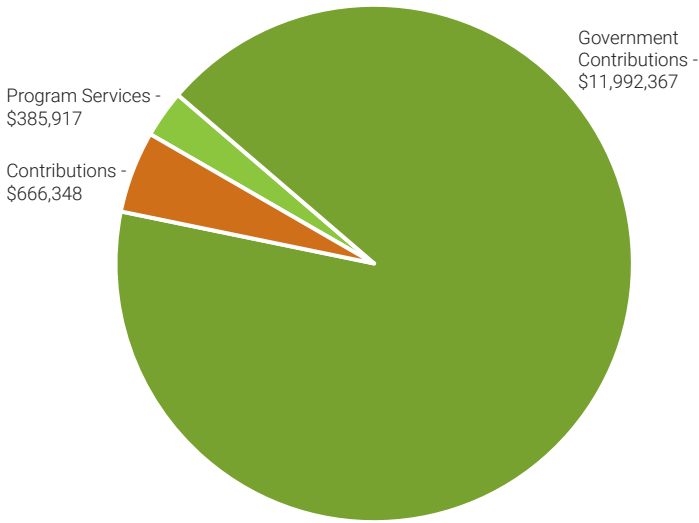
The Voice of Hunger Network connects anti-hunger advocates to lawmakers through 2,500+ action alerts, emails, phone calls, and Hunger Day on the Hill.



Hunger Day on the Hill

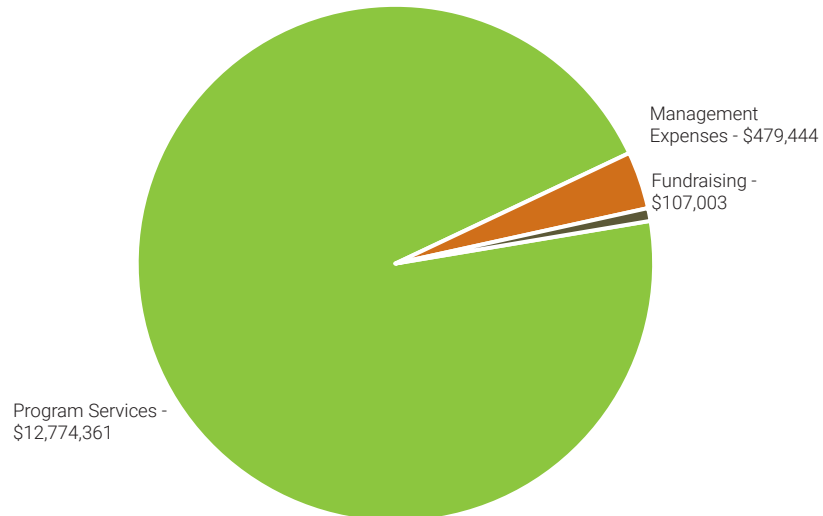
The 8th annual Hunger Day on the Hill brought over 120 advocates together virtually to learn about the Partners to End Hunger legislative agenda, and meet with their legislators via Zoom.

Revenue



Total Revenue: \$13,202,985

Expenses



Total Expenses: \$13,360,808

95.6% 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, building grassroots advocacy, and informing and educating critical stakeholders about the status of hunger in Minnesota.

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