



2022- 2023
GRATITUDE
REPORT

A Year of IMPACT



Dear Friends of Inter-Faith Food Shuttle,

First, we would like to thank each and every one of you who contributed your time, your talents, and/or your treasures to our community this past year. In 2022 we shared our objectives with you that this would be a year of listening and learning from our community partners, and our neighbors with lived experience with a key focus on our shared values. Together we wrestled with the challenges of inflation, rising food costs, and government subsidies that ended for thousands across our NC communities.

For 2023, we labeled it a "year of impact". Our strategies this past year were community-informed and included actions that lead to new initiatives that are truly having an impact. Our Limited Farmer Initiative is an intentional



effort to support limited resourced farmers right here in North Carolina. Small local farmers play a significant role in redefining our local food systems and what we all know to be food deserts. We also partnered with Leadership Raleigh 46 to build a business plan to relaunch and expand our Culinary Apprenticeship Program (CAP) in the 2023-24 fiscal year. CAP is a workforce development program geared toward helping our neighbors learn valuable skills in the culinary arts, while also working towards our mission of FEED. TEACH and GROW.

Together we were able to accomplish all of this because we listened, we learned, and we applied neighbor centered strategies. Because of you, our impact on the lives of thousands of neighbors throughout central North Carolina were and continue to be life changing. Our focus remains not on the number of pounds of food out the door, but the fundamental impact on the lives of everyday North Carolinians. We walked in our belief that a community truly takes care of community.

As we grow forward, we will continue to meet the needs of our neighbors, advocate for change, and speak on behalf of those that feel unheard. Our continued collaborative focus remains on improving access to healthy, nutritious foods, educational experiences that empower, and training that leads to better lives for our neighbors. Thank you for your continued support and belief in our shared vision of a hunger-free community.

Yours in service.

L. Ron Pringle
President and CEO

Kurt Heusner 2022-2023 Chair. Board of Directors

Our Vision

Our **Mission**

A hunger free community

We **feed** our neighbors, **teach** self-sufficiency, **grow** healthy foods, and **cultivate** innovative approaches to **end hunger**.

Our Core Values

We RESPECT each person's inherent value.

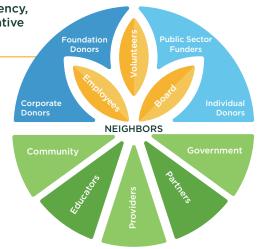
We approach everything we do with INTEGRITY.

We COLLABORATE to build strong relationships.

We believe **HEALTH** is the foundation of any community.

We commit ourselves to achieving **EQUITY**.

We SERVE with excellence, compassion, and responsiveness.



FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

YEAR 2, 2022-2023 Goals Achieved Maximized Fair Share model with Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC resulting in more equitable distributions.

Established a successful purchase program with more than 10 Limited Resourced Local Farmers.

Launched new Agricultural Technology introducing the Farm Bot for middle school students.

YEAR 3, 2023-2024 Objectives Expand partnership with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC by completing a new Local Agreement and joint community assessment.

Expand Culinary Apprenticeship program participation by 25% with a 90% graduation rate.

Execute a new Learning Management System for continual employee development.

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The POWER of the FOOD SHUTTLE

10,128,655 Pounds of Food Distributed, of which 9.3 Million Pounds were Prevented from Reaching Landfills



Counties We Serve:

ORANGE DURHAM WAKE CHATHAM JOHNSTON NASH

EDGECOMBE

CHILD HUNGER

65,914 BackPack Buddies Distributed
13,472 Familes Served Through School Pantries
1,137 Community Health Education Participants

SENIOR NUTRITION

17,826 Grocery Bags for Seniors Delivered

FARMS & GARDENS

41,511 Pounds of Produce Harvested **1,125 Agriculture Education** Participants

FOOD RECOVERY & DISTRIBUTION

10,128,655 Pounds of Food Distributed 208,444 Number of Neighbors Served Through Mobile Markets

VOLUNTEERS

27,239 Volunteer Hours Engaged Across All Our Programs



BackPack Buddies

delivered to 2,258 children at 67 school sites

School Choice Pantries

39 stocked and maintained for students and their families

Mobile Markets

36 distributions per month where those in need received groceries, fresh produce, and more at no cost

Spinning Plate Food Truck

18,773 fresh, hot meals delivered directly into our hardest hit communities

Grocery Bags for Seniors

packed and delivered to 1,828 low-income seniors through 40 housing sites and church partners

Culinary Services

51,658 meals prepared and distributed to neighbors through agency partners



School Gardens

6 elementary school gardens grew 286 pounds of fresh produce and created learning opportunities

Grow Kits

630 grow-at-home kits distributed to children and families

Community Health Education

1,504 hours of education for adults, and 1,142 hours for children on how to cook affordable, healthy meals

Agriculture Education

1,921 hours of gardening education for youth and adults

Nutrition Education

62,642 Community Health Education resources printed and distributed



Camden Street Learning Garden

Home to 33 community gardeners who harvested 1,326 pounds of fresh produce for themselves and to share with their neighbors

Geer Street Learning Garden

Mentored 8 community gardeners and harvested 1,824 pounds of fresh produce for themselves and to share with their neighbors

Food Shuttle Farm

14-acre Farm distributed 26,617 pounds of fresh produce for distribution through Food Shuttle programs

Food Shuttle Farm Stand

Sold \$5,579 of produce to the community, with proceeds going back into Food Shuttle programs

Gardens For Everyone

147 garden beds built, with education and resources provided, so that neighbors can grow their own food



Community Partners

Strengthened and expanded relationships with community partners to serve those in need

Neighbors

Engaged intentionally with our neighbors to better respond to their needs

Agricultural Resources

Celebrated impact from equity-based efforts such as hiring from within communities served, and growth of the Farmer Produce Initiative which cultivates more revenue for local BIPOC farmers

Funders

Teamed up with our funding partners to provide the critical support needed to realize our vision of a hunger free community

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT



Brenda Rogers is driven to be self-sustaining and independent. She has a part-time job at Amazon, exercises, and attends church, all while navigating life as a blind person. Like many neighbors in our community, she struggles to meet her essential needs like food. Mrs. Rogers and her lovable guide dog Al take a cab every two weeks to the *Blessings in Bags* Mobile Market at Martin Street Baptist Church in Southeast Raleigh. The market plays a critical role in meeting budget needs and keeping food on the table, "It really is a touch of kindness." Fresh produce, like sweet potatoes and greens, are personal favorites. Mrs. Rogers shares her "blessings" with neighbors, often splitting a big cabbage or other groceries. "The Mobile Market makes sure people have food to eat."

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Etta Barksdale and Michael Ross show up ready to work almost every Tuesday and Thursday at the Camden Street Learning Garden. "I was familiar with the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle's mission and had purchased vegetables and flowers from the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle's Farm Stand. Mike and I both enjoy gardening, so when a friend suggested volunteering at the Camden Street Gardens, it sounded like a perfect opportunity."

What's the most satisfying thing about volunteering? Mr. Ross shares, "the fitness I gain and the sense of accomplishment. I hope it's beneficial for the gardens as well." And for Ms. Barksdale; "knowing that I'm contributing to the Food Shuttle's mission and getting to hang out with good people."

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Martin Street Baptist Church in Southeast Raleigh is known for its big heart and open arms. Since 2012, the church has been running the Blessings in Bags Mobile Market, putting food in the hands of over 900 neighbors every month. Homebound neighbors can even count on food box delivery to their doorsteps. This standout program is now a Mobile Market Training Site for the Food Shuttle. Rhonda Currie, manager of the market, shares their deep understanding and commitment to the community. "We get as much from serving our neighbors as they do from us. We all understand the need for food and can relate to higher grocery bills. We see mothers and grandmothers, children and dads, seniors and juniors. We know when they leave, they will have food to eat and not suffer hunger."

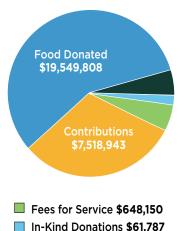
DONOR SPOTLIGHT



In summer of 2023, **Chiesi USA** stepped up to the bat for kids for a second year with a \$25,000 challenge match for our Back to School campaign! Their support inspired \$56,047 in giving during the campaign launch month, giving us a game-changing push towards our total of \$82,000. Because of their support and yours, our children and school families are off to a strong start, knowing they will have consistent access to healthy food during the school year ahead. Our partnership extends well beyond the matching challenge, however. Since 2017, they have provided over \$350,000 for BackPack Buddies and School Choice Pantries, Agriculture Education, Nutrition Education, COVID-19 Emergency funding, and the Food Shuttle Farm. This multi-tiered support is a homerun for our neighbors!

2022-2023 REVENUE

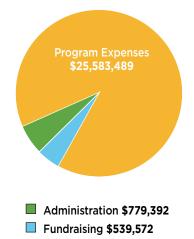
TOTAL: \$27,980,109



Miscellaneous \$201,421

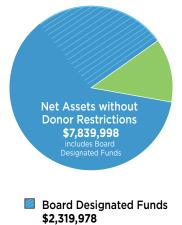
2022-2023 EXPENSES

TOTAL: \$26,902,453



2022-2023 ASSETS

TOTAL: \$8,964,793



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