



YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

QUARTERLY REPORT: JAN - MAR 2023

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO L. RON PRINGLE



Dear Friends,

As spring returns, growth and renewal abound at the Food Shuttle. New relationships with under-resourced farmers hold promise for food systems change, and new leaders are already fueling refinement of our mission. They come at a time when almost 80,000 people across our service area are feeling the loss of extra dollars in their SNAP benefits, and calls from our partners to re-stock empty shelves come in daily.

We will face these and many other challenges with new funding, like the \$800,000 Retail Agency Capacity grant. This will allow us to build capacity for our agencies while freeing up our drivers to serve new areas. In April, we will bring the next iteration of empowering education to our service area and beyond through our new Food Shuttle online Podia platform.

We are grateful to have you - our donors, volunteers, partners, and neighbors - moving forward alongside us to address the needs in our communities. If you are receiving this Quarterly Report for the first time, welcome! The stories and highlights within show how you are moving us ever closer to creating food justice across our service area.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "L. Ron Pringle".

L. Ron Pringle
President and CEO

SNAP Benefits Change Has Big Impact on Neighbors

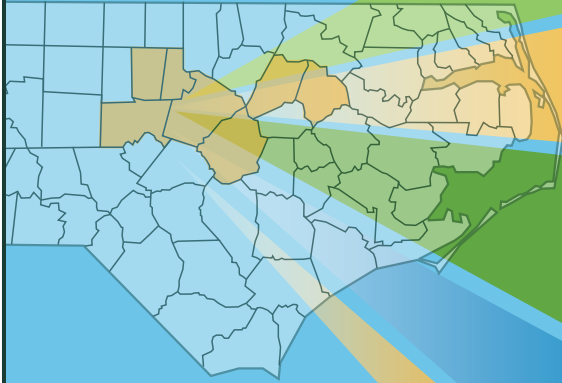
This March, the temporary COVID-19 SNAP Emergency Allotments ended for families across the nation. As SNAP benefits returned to pre-pandemic levels, these families are facing a loss of at least \$95 in food dollars each month. Inter-Faith Food Shuttle knows that our communities are stronger when we pull together, and we are working with partner agencies in our area to ensure that our neighbors' food needs are met as they contend with this change. The full impact of this reduction in food dollar benefits remains to be seen, but the Food Shuttle remains firmly committed to our mission to feed, teach, grow, and cultivate an end to hunger in central North Carolina.

For a full listing of Mobile Market and Food Pantries in our 7-county service area, please visit www.FoodShuttle.org/FindFood

To support the Food Shuttle's continuing hunger relief efforts, please visit www.FoodShuttle.org/Donate



JANUARY - MARCH 2023 IMPACT



Counties we serve:

ORANGE
DURHAM
WAKE
CHATHAM
JOHNSTON
NASH
EDGECOMBE

CHILD HUNGER

6,697 Backpack Buddies Distributed
4,358 Families Served Through School Pantries
249 Community Health Education Participants

SENIOR NUTRITION

4,444 Grocery Bags for Seniors Delivered
73 Diabetic Education for Seniors Participants

FARMS & GARDENS

600 Grow Kits Distributed
35 Gardens For Everyone Built
408 Pounds of Produce Harvested
564 Agriculture Education Participants

FOOD RECOVERY & DISTRIBUTION

2,478,295 Pounds of Food Distributed
303,225 Number of Neighbors Served Through
All Our Programs

VOLUNTEERS

6,426 Volunteer Hours Engaged Across All Our Programs



**LORENZA WILKINS,
CHIEF OFFICER OF PEOPLE
AND CULTURE**

The Food Shuttle recently welcomed a new Chief Officer of People and Culture to our team. Dr. Lorenza Wilkins is an equity-driven servant leader whose background includes multi-level experience in the private, public, and social sectors; formerly serving in human resources leadership roles at several local organizations. "I hope to build upon the rich tradition of human-centric leadership at Inter-Faith Food Shuttle," shares Dr. Wilkins. "By enhancing team building, empowerment, diversity, and the personal/professional development of every individual, the Food Shuttle will continue to aggressively combat food insecurity and create equity-driven opportunities for shared prosperity within our region."



**RETAIL CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT
FUNDED BY FEEDING AMERICA AND
WALMART FOUNDATION**

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle has been awarded an \$800,000 Feeding America Retail Agency Capacity Building Grant funded by Feeding America and the Walmart Foundation. This significant funding will enable the Food Shuttle to continue improving equitable access to nutritious food, focusing on strengthening rural and/or communities of color. The grant will provide equipment, technology, and training for partner agencies, facilitating their capacity for taking on direct relationships with local retailers and small farmers, and enabling them to work directly with retail partners and deliver more food locally, thereby reducing food waste and strengthening communities.

PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

The partnerships highlighted below show the breadth and depth by which our community partners with us to envision a hunger free community. Thank you for the part you play in this critical mission.



Crystal Taylor of the Black Farmers Market is a fourth-generation farmer who has helped get the Food Shuttle's Produce Initiative off the ground. She's been working to forge connections between local small, limited-resourced farmers and partner agencies committed to serving neighbors in need.



The Principal® Foundation put forward a \$100,000 grant that will fund the Food Shuttle's ongoing programming in 2023, and support our continuing work toward Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. The Food Shuttle anticipates an impactful relationship with our new funding partner.



The Back Yard Foundation is a family foundation striving to "make a difference in our own backyard" through giving efforts in education, health, arts and culture, and essential living gifts. They chose to support the Food Shuttle because of our shared dedication to education, essential living care, and strengthening communities.



Farragut Systems, Inc. has been a steadfast donor to the Food Shuttle. With over 11 years of continued support, Farragut has provided over \$200,000 towards the BackPack Buddies program at schools in the Durham Public Schools system.



Duke Health provided a generous gift of \$15,250 for our Community Health Education programs in February as part of their commitment to advance the health and well-being of all. This is their second year of support. Thanks to this partnership, we continue to support neighbors on their path to food security with healthy habits to last a lifetime.



North Raleigh United Methodist Church supports the Food Shuttle's continuing efforts to create a hunger free community with their generous \$50,000 Blessing Initiative grant. The Blessing Initiative funds three other local organizations, as well, and will further the church's vision of "boldly doing more to serve those less fortunate".

CULTIVATE AN END TO HUNGER ALL YEAR LONG



As a **CULTIVATOR Monthly Sustaining Donor**, you will be recognized as a leading partner in building a just community in which all residents have access to the healthy food, knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to thrive all year long.

Join a community of **Cultivators** at a minimum of \$10 per month and we'll send you a durable, reusable tote that will tell the world that you support long-term, sustainable solutions to ending hunger.

Visit www.FoodShuttle.org/Cultivators to learn more and join!



STAY ENGAGED!

1 Donate and partner with us to improve the health and well-being of our communities.

FoodShuttle.org/GiveNow

2 Volunteer in-person or virtually with us.

FoodShuttle.org/Volunteer

3 Sign up for our e-newsletter. Follow us on social media and use our hashtags!



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