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**FOOD
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2019 - 2020

**Gratitude
REPORT**

A Year of **IMPACT**



Dear Friends of Inter-Faith Food Shuttle,

It certainly has been a busy year at Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, especially these past several months. We have expanded our services to make sure we are meeting community needs, served more people than ever, and have redefined our work to better empower those most affected by the inequities of food and racial justice. Our work grew in harmony with the growing generosity of our friends and neighbors who continued to give generously to enable everything that happens here, representing the truest form of a *“community taking care of a community”*.

Our work remains clear, focusing not on the immediacy of hunger, but rather the underlying systemic issues that contribute to generational poverty. Through collaborative efforts, we will continue engaging in intentional community organizing work. We are energized by the response and the support we received from you--our partners, donors, volunteers, and community--over the past several months as we worked to equip thousands of North Carolinians to meet the challenges in their lives. Through gifts of your time, talent and treasure, our community ensures that Inter-Faith Food Shuttle remains strong. Your kindness enables us consistently to say *“Yes!”* to new opportunities to help, and to respond proactively to the unmet needs of our neighbors. *None of this work would be possible without you.*

For your generosity in allowing us to do this, *we are forever grateful.* Although, I have only been a part of this amazing organization a short time, I remain humbled to be a part of such a powerful mission of service and a community that gives what they can to sustain our efforts. We will continue to work hard every day to provide a strong return on the investment that each of you makes. Thank you for confirming our resolve that a community *can* and *will* always take care of a community, and that the only way is growing forward together.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Ron Pringle', written over a light blue horizontal line.

L. Ron Pringle
President & CEO



Dear Friends of the Food Shuttle,

What strange and scary times we find ourselves living in these days. It would be so easy, and honestly, understandable, to want to retreat to within one's own safe place and block out all mention of great sickness, social upheaval, and mounting economic calamity. These are indeed unprecedented times.

And yet, I continue to marvel at the steadfast dedication of our wonderful staff, incredible volunteers, and committed stakeholders that allow the Food Shuttle to continue its mission to pioneer innovative, transformative solutions to end hunger in our community. The struggles that face so many of our communities have only been compounded by this pandemic. In spite of these challenges, we continue to see extraordinary heroes rise up each day to face a new tomorrow.

Never before has the Food Shuttle seen such an urgent need as it is seeing today, and at the same time, never before has the Food Shuttle seen its partners come together to work to meet the ever increasing needs of our community.

As I sit and think about what I want to express in this letter, the one word I keep being drawn to is "Gratitude". I am grateful to our staff, who have more than risen to this immense challenge. It is their passion that drives their work and it is their work that will one day help transform our community and end hunger. I am grateful to our community partners and volunteers for providing the resources that fill our food bags and help us deliver on our mission each day. The support we have seen over these last few months is *nothing short of amazing*, and for that I am truly grateful.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and "R".

Matt Robinson

2020-2021 Chair, Board of Directors

MISSION STATEMENT

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle pioneers innovative, transformative solutions designed to end hunger in our community.

As a member of **Feeding America** and **Feeding the Carolinas**, the Food Shuttle distributes over six million pounds of food each year, 36% of which is fresh and locally-sourced produce. From Hunger Prevention Programming, Community Health Education and Food Recovery and Distribution, to Catering and Culinary Job Training, Urban Gardening and a 14-acre Farm, we go directly to the point of need to empower people.

We FEED, TEACH and GROW to create a healthy and hunger-free North Carolina.

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IMPACT REPORT

While COVID-19 has changed many aspects of how we deliver our mission, thanks to our generous supporters, our commitment remains steadfast to pioneer innovative, transformative solutions to end hunger. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact our communities, the Food Shuttle forges ahead, focusing our services to be agile and targeted to meet the needs of those we serve.



6,863,516

pounds of food

distributed to those in need, 36%
of which was fresh produce



79,532

BackPack Buddies

provided for
children

struggling with hunger



15,863

people

sustained through
School Pantries



20,963

Grocery Bags

filled and
delivered to Seniors



2,544

**children
and adults**

lifted up through
Community
Health Education



1,787

participants

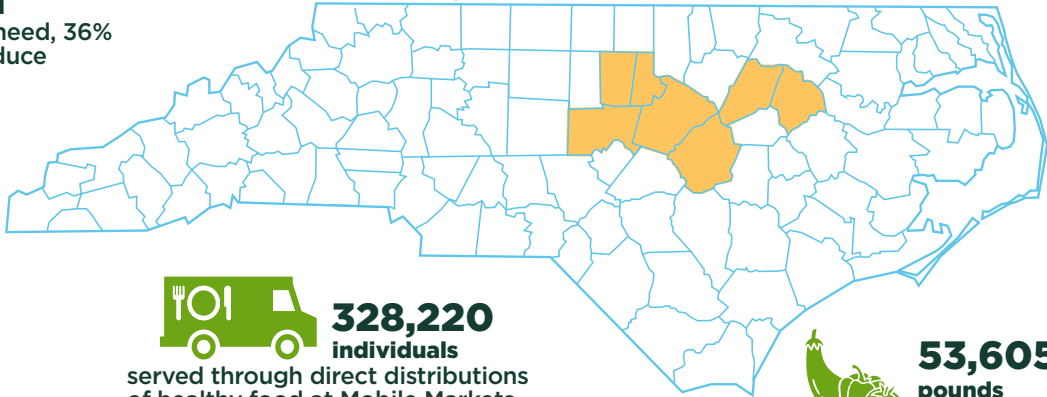
grew through programs
in Urban Agriculture



30,876

volunteer service hours
engaged across all
our programs

428,536 PEOPLE IMPACTED IN OUR
7-COUNTY SERVICE AREA



328,220

individuals

served through direct distributions
of healthy food at Mobile Markets



53,605

**pounds
of produce**

harvested at the Food Shuttle Farm



BackPack Buddies

3,020 bags filled and distributed each week to children in 81 elementary schools



School Pantries

27 pantries stocked and maintained at schools in 4 counties, including 2 on college campuses



Grocery Bags for Seniors

1,991 bags packed and delivered each month to seniors in 28 low-income communities



Mobile Markets

10 markets per month where those in need receive free groceries and fresh produce



Mobile Tastiness Machine

535 meals delivered directly to children during the summer months

Youth Ag Ed

1,334 students participated in agriculture education with FoodCorps service members during the school day and with volunteers through the after-school *Sprout Scouts* program



Growing Garden Classrooms

88 educators participated in workshops to learn how to connect standard academic material to hands-on activities for growing food



Cooking Matters

765 adults and children learned to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make healthier choices, and cook delicious, affordable meals



Seed to Supper

20 beginning gardeners graduated from this six-week course, learning affordable ways to grow their own fruits and vegetables, build backyard gardens, and sustain their harvest



Culinary Apprenticeship Program

5 apprentices were provided with hands-on education and paid work experience, in order to pursue careers in the food industry and gain steady employment





Food Shuttle Farm

14-acre farm distributed 48,166 pounds of fresh produce through Food Shuttle programs; 1,466 volunteers provided a total of 7,671 hours of service

Food Shuttle Farm Stand

Sold \$3,736 of produce to the community and did \$1,619 in sales to area restaurant partners

Camden Street Learning Garden

Home to 23 community gardeners, sponsored 2 Seed to Supper programs, held weekly mini Mobile Markets for neighbors affected by the pandemic, and 385 volunteers gave 1,342 hours in service

Geer Street Learning Garden

Mentored 5 community gardeners, hosted 1 Seed to Supper class and 1 beginning gardener workshop, and provided 2,050 lbs. of produce with the help of 142 volunteers who gave 491 hours in service

School Gardens

10 school gardens at elementary schools in Wake and Durham counties provided support to grow fresh produce and create learning opportunities

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle staff has remained hyper-focused on providing innovative, transformative solutions to meet immediate needs and end hunger in our community.



42,204 frozen meals

These nutrient-rich **individual quick-frozen meals** were prepared and distributed by the Food Shuttle culinary team, temporary workers, and area restaurants.



10,925 weekend supplement bags

To ensure weekend meals for students, **weekend supplement bags** of healthy food items and snacks were distributed to children.



19,095 emergency food boxes

Filled with healthy non-perishable food items, these **emergency food boxes** helped stock the pantry for families in need.



200% Mobile Markets increase

The **Mobile Markets** served unprecedented numbers of families and individuals, with new locations added to supplement the regular schedule. The number of households served by **Mobile Markets** increased nearly **200%**.



25,758 frozen family meals

In partnership with area restaurants, these nutritious **frozen family meals** were distributed individually and alongside shelf-stable food items and fresh produce.

1,697,327 POUNDS OF FOOD

In total, through Food Shuttle programs, **1,697,327 pounds of food** were distributed.

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Margie Blake and her granddaughters

Margie Blake doesn't get out much anymore. It's just too hard to keep up with her three young great, great, great granddaughters who have moved in with her since their mother was unable to care for them for a time. Margie, a retired teaching assistant in Smithfield, used to go to the Johnston County Mobile Market once a month to supplement her small food budget. Now, each week, Food Shuttle volunteers Sheila and Gerald pick up food donations from the Sheetz in Smithfield--one of the Food Shuttle's community partners--and bring Margie and her granddaughters a supply of groceries to ensure that they get the nutrition they need to get through the week. "They're a godsend," says Margie. She couldn't be more grateful for the food donations that feed her small family: "God put it in their mind to do this for a reason." A very good reason, indeed.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mac Newsom and his wife Lindsay

Mac Newsom retired back in 2009 and started looking for some volunteer work to fill his time. He had heard about Jill Staton Bullard and her epiphany at McDonald's and thought it was a great idea, that the Food Shuttle would be a good fit for him. "I'm not very happy when I see hungry people, especially children." Mac began sharing his time with the Food Shuttle as a driver on a box truck, helping with pickups at local grocery stores. He quickly moved to delivering BackPack Buddies in Chatham County. Mac has never forgotten the feelings he experienced pushing a cart with 40 or 50 bags down a school hallway. "Nobody can learn if they are hungry, especially kids in school. I'm really encouraged by the Food Shuttle's unique approaches to help solve hunger. The Food Shuttle is a very special organization that really is determined to feed, teach and grow."

PARTNER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT



Lottie Moore of The Oaks Community

Lottie Moore is well known among the residents of **The Oaks** community in North Raleigh, as well she should be. Lottie has been Resident Council President of the Raleigh Housing Authority Community since 1992 and has spent the better part of the last three decades doing all she can to improve the lives of the 170 or so people who live there. A big part of that effort has been strengthening the relationship between The Oaks and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Whether it's a Mobile Market, afterschool snacks, annual back-to-school supplies, nutrition classes for families living on a tight budget, or turkeys and all the trimmings at Thanksgiving—the connection between The Oaks and the Food Shuttle runs deep and makes a world of difference for the families of the community it serves. "Inter-Faith Food Shuttle has been a lifesaver. They have been a support system. They ask the questions that need to be asked," says Lottie. "The Food Shuttle is always there to help."

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

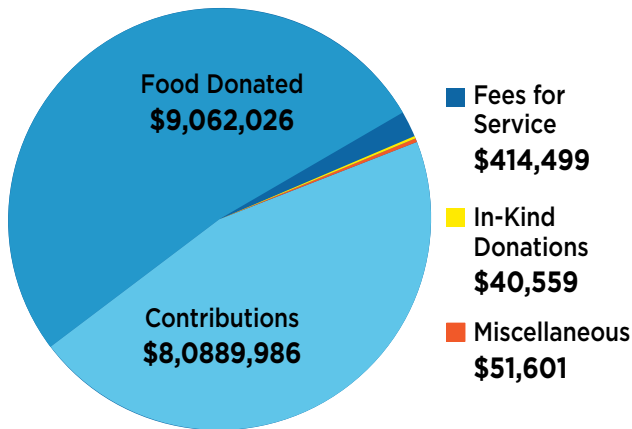


Sucheta Jain of Farragut Systems

For over 20 years, **Farragut Systems'** employees take time out of their week, and funds from their own pockets to sponsor and pack bags of nutritious food for the Food Shuttle's Backpack Buddies program. This past year, they sponsored and packed 100 bags per weeks for children at Parkwood and Eastgate Elementary Schools in Durham. Farragut Systems' Co-Founder and Co-Owner Sucheta Jain understands the critical connection food has to children's ability to learn. "Education is the key to everything," she says. Even with changes due to the pandemic, Farragut Systems continues to fund the Food Shuttle's child hunger program. "When you actually fill the bags, you recognize the reality that someone is going to eat this food. It's not just the impact of the food. It's the impact on us, as well. It's not wrong to say that 'It takes a village.' It really does."

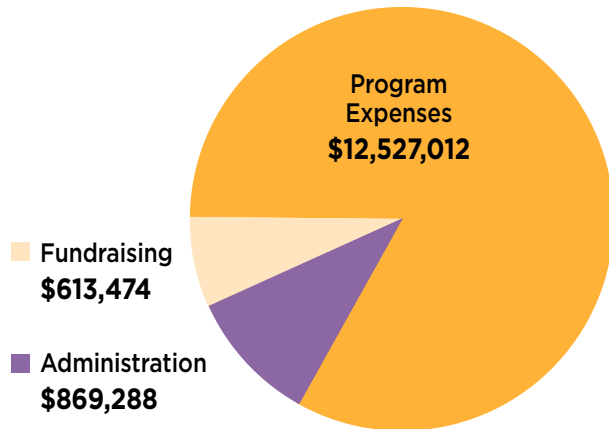
2019-2020 REVENUE

TOTAL: \$17,657,671



2019-2020 EXPENSES

TOTAL: \$14,009,774



2019-2020 NET ASSETS

Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year: \$2,873,159

Net Assets at the End of the Year: \$6,521,056

Increase in Net Assets: \$3,647,897

COVID-19 IMPACT *

31% increase in the number of households served

77% increase in the pounds of food distributed

553% increase in the cost of food purchased

*Comparison April-June 2019 to April-June 2020

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