



2021 - 2022 GRATITUDE REPORT

A Year of IMPACT



Dear Friends of Inter-Faith Food Shuttle,

This has been a year of listening to and learning from our partners and those we serve, and we intend to continue doing so in the coming year. Thanks to the partnership of generous supporters like you, we are putting systems in place to ensure that the voices of our neighbors are heard and that their needs are fully understood by our staff and volunteers. As our communities continue to transition through the pandemic and are grappling with the strains of inflation, this reminds us that community-informed responses are the best strategy to meet the challenges ahead.



According to Feeding America, the rate of food insecurity across our service area is 11.9% - lower than the 12.6% recorded in 2019, just before the pandemic. This speaks to the success and timeliness of the child tax credit and other federal assistance provided during 2020 and 2021. Now, as those benefits are being halted, food banks such as ours are bracing for an influx of need. Our urban neighbors are increasingly priced out of their homes due to gentrification. Our rural neighbors continue to face the impacts of unemployment, limited transportation, and lack of access to sources of nutritious food. All neighbors, no matter where they live in our service area, are feeling the effects of food and fuel inflation. Your support has been invaluable as we have addressed this ongoing need. Thank you!

Tapping into the lived expertise of our neighbors experiencing hunger is the only way to create a hunger free community. We remain vigilant, hopeful, and determined as we collaborate strategically to dismantle the root causes of hunger. When food insecurity no longer exists, we create food justice – and thereby achieve our vision to end hunger in our community. Please accept our gratitude for your essential role in helping us to deliver our mission each day as a "community taking care of 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.

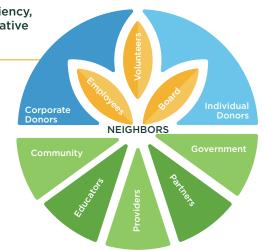
We approach everything we do with INTEGRITY.

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 1, 2021-2022 Goals Achieved	Expanded child hunger programs into high-need rural counties
	Increased volunteer participation by 11%
	Increased community engagement by 6%+
Year 2, 2022-2023 Objectives	Expand partnership with Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC in shared service area
	Establish farm network with limited-resourced farmers in 5 or more counties
	Launch Community Advocacy Fellowship with people with lived experience and train as advocates for social justice

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The POWER of the FOOD SHUTTLE

9,031,866 Pounds of Food Distributed, of which 7.2 Million Pounds were Prevented from Reaching Landfills



Counties We Serve:

ORANGE
DURHAM
WAKE
CHATHAM
JOHNSTON
NASH
EDGECOMBE

CHILD HUNGER

72,766 BackPack Buddies Distributed
8,713 Familes Served Through School Pantries
758 Community Health Education Participants

SENIOR NUTRITION

19,093 Grocery Bags for Seniors Delivered

FARMS & GARDENS

77,123 Pounds of Produce Harvested **2,984 Agriculture Education** Participants

FOOD RECOVERY & DISTRIBUTION

9,031,866 Pounds of Food Distributed **186,085 Number of Neighbors** Served Through Mobile Markets

VOLUNTEERS

20,130 Volunteer Hours Engaged Across All Our Programs



BackPack Buddies

delivered to 2,486 children at 73 school sites

School Pantries

30 stocked and maintained for students and their families

Mobile Markets

38 distributions per month where those in need received free groceries, fresh produce, and more

The Spinning Plate

2,396 fresh, hot meals delivered directly into our hardest hit communities

Grocery Bags for Seniors

packed and delivered to 28 low-income communities

Culinary Program

34,261 meals prepared and distributed to neighbors through agency partners



School Gardens

7 elementary school gardens grew 212 pounds of fresh produce and created learning opportunities

Grow Kits

2,044 grow-at-home kits distributed to children and families

Community Health Education

1,910 hours of education on cooking affordable, healthy meals for adults and families

Agriculture Education

3,181 hours of gardening, cooking, and nutrition education for youth and educators

Nutrition Education

72,922 Community Health Education resources printed and distributed







Camden Street Learning Garden

Home to 25 community gardeners and volunteers who harvested 1,863 pounds of fresh produce to share with their neighbors

Geer Street Learning Garden

Mentored 5 community gardeners and harvested 1,993 pounds of fresh produce to share with neighbors in need

Food Shuttle Farm

14-acre Farm distributed 73,055 pounds of fresh produce through Food Shuttle programs

Food Shuttle Farm Stand

Sold \$5,443 of produce to the community, with proceeds going back into Food Shuttle programs

Gardens For Everyone

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



Neighbors

Engaged intentionally with our neighbors to better respond to their needs

Community Partners

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

Agricultural Resources

Celebrated a milestone moment with our community of friends and supporters to begin a new chapter in agricultural growth

Funders

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

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT



Helen White is a woman of strength and resilience. For years, she cared for her disabled adult son and young grandchildren, while working overnights as a nursing assistant. Last December, she lost her home and was forced to move with her son into a local hotel, while her grandchildren went to live with another relative. Through the assistance of Helping and Healing Hearts, Inc. and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, Helen and her son were provided with nutritious food and fresh produce to ensure that they had plenty to eat. Finally, after five long months, Helen and her son moved into a lovely, permanent home—and the Food Shuttle helped to stock her new pantry. Thanks to our supporters, the Food Shuttle is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors in our community.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



When Leanne Brisbin retired, she wanted to contribute to her community in a meaningful way. Since 2019, Leanne has given over 400 hours of service as a volunteer at the Food Shuttle. She shares her time as a delivery driver for BackPack Buddies, Summer Meals, and Grocery Bags for Seniors, as a warehouse assistant, administrative assistant, and for a variety of special events. Leanne also recruits friends and family members to join her in volunteering. "Inter-Faith Food Shuttle's diversity of approaches to addressing the problem of hunger in our community drew me to them," says Leanne. "As a volunteer, I love being able to contribute in a variety of roles knowing that I've been a small part of the Food Shuttle's expansive reach."

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



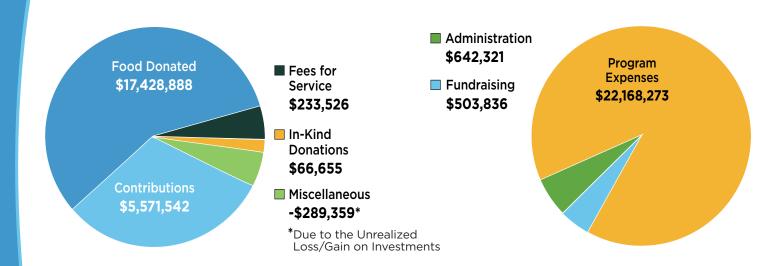
Following the fall of Afghanistan in August 2021, **Lutheran Services Carolinas** received an unprecedented volume of Afghan humanitarian arrivals. Faced with the care and feeding of so many, LSC reached out to Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Within a week, the Food Shuttle delivered a freezer to store the halal meat which had been ordered to meet the dietary needs of LSC's Muslim clients. Since then, the Food Shuttle has made weekly deliveries of fresh produce, staples, and protein sources. On average, this partnership feeds approximately 40 families consisting of 175-200 individuals each week. As refugee and Ukrainian humanitarian arrivals pick up, this partnership is vital in meeting the nutritional needs of LSC's clients.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



The **Leon Levine Foundation** is known for strengthening partnerships that make the Carolinas thrive. Such a partnership has proven fruitful with Inter-Faith Food Shuttle through gifts totaling over a quarter million dollars. The Leon Levine Foundation has provided support for Food Shuttle initiatives to empower our neighbors to overcome the burden of hunger by addressing its root causes through education, agricultural development, and community health. The Foundation's most recent gift of \$75,000 has directly funded efforts to assist our neighbors facing an inflationary economy, with rising food, fuel, and housing prices. Partnerships such as this enable the Food Shuttle to continue our programs dedicated to creating a hunger free community here in central North Carolina.

2021-2022 REVENUE TOTAL: \$23,011,252 **2021-2022 EXPENSES** TOTAL: \$23,314,430



2021-2022 NET ASSETS

Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year: \$8,190,316

Net Assets at the End of the Year: \$7,887,138

Change in Net Assets: -\$303,178



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