



YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

QUARTERLY REPORT: JULY-SEPT 2022

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO L. RON PRINGLE

Dear Friends,

Over the summer, we took stock of our momentum in preventing food waste. We continued the new initiative to equip our partner agencies for food donation pickups and recruit more local grocers to donate food that reflects the cultures of those we serve. We also had a wonderful opportunity to share our food recovery expertise with visitors from the Department of Environmental Quality.

We received a fantastic response from this community to our “Back to School” campaign. Thanks to donors like you, we were ready to provide for children and families as school doors opened this fall. The nutritious food your support affords ensures students can focus on learning in the classroom.

We are grateful to have you – our donors, volunteers, partners, and neighbors – alongside us as we address chronic food insecurity. If you are receiving this Quarterly Report for the first time, welcome! Please accept our deepest thanks. The stories and highlights within show how your investments are helping us identify the barriers to food access across our service area, and respond to the challenges our communities are facing.

Yours in Service,

L. Ron Pringle
President and CEO



ADDRESSING CHILD HUNGER IN EVERY SEASON

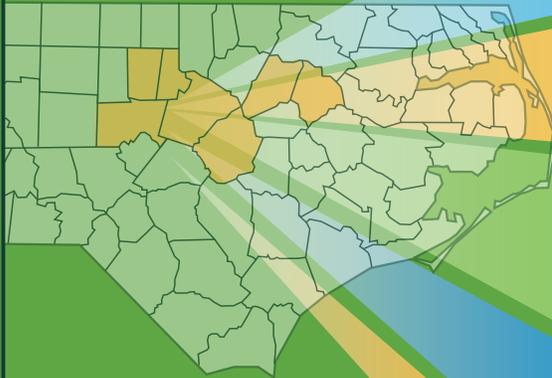
According to Feeding America, one in six children in North Carolina is food insecure. Inter-Faith Food Shuttle is addressing child hunger in our community by broadening our Child Hunger Programs to reach children at their point of need in every season.

During summer, Backpack Buddies was expanded to provide nutritious, kid-friendly meals so children were able to receive the nourishment they need to grow and develop—even when school was out of session. When kids headed back to the classroom, the Backpack Buddies program was there, ensuring that children have plenty to eat on the weekends when free and reduced-price school meals are not available.

School Pantries are another avenue through which Child Hunger Programs are supplying much-needed nutrition to children in food insecure households. Throughout the summer, and into the school year, school families are able to access these Pantries in the safety and convenience of their schools, providing non-perishable food items, fresh produce, and hygiene products.



JULY - SEPT 2022 IMPACT



Counties we serve:

ORANGE
DURHAM
WAKE
CHATHAM
JOHNSTON
NASH
EDGECOMBE

CHILD HUNGER

2,425 Backpack Buddies Distributed
1,118 Neighbors Served Through School Pantries
321 Community Health Education Participants

SENIOR NUTRITION

4,550 Grocery Bags for Seniors Delivered

FARMS & GARDENS

30 Grow Kits Distributed
2 Gardens For Everyone Built
10,806 Pounds of Produce Harvested
57 Agriculture Education Participants

FOOD RECOVERY & DISTRIBUTION

2,417,740 Pounds of Food Distributed
245,654 Number of Neighbors Served Through
All Our Programs

VOLUNTEERS

6,689 Volunteer Hours Engaged Across All Our Programs



SEPTEMBER IS A TIME TO
TAKE ACTION:
HUNGER ACTION MONTH

September is **Hunger Action Month**, a time when Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, as a part of the Feeding America network, and the public come together to raise awareness and help our neighbors facing hunger. For people who are food insecure, a daily meal is often an impossible choice between food and other crucial needs. The Food Shuttle is partnering with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina in a variety of collaborative efforts designed to meet the needs of our neighbors for both immediate and long-term solutions. During Hunger Action Month, we encourage you to take action against hunger. **Learn. Volunteer. Advocate. Donate.**



FOOD SHUTTLE PARTNERS WITH CBS 17'S
"MY CAROLINA" FOR
BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

During August, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle highlighted the issue of child hunger in our community. As part of that effort, we teamed up with **CBS 17** for Back-to-School week on "My Carolina," which airs weekdays at 9 a.m. Food Shuttle staff members joined community partners to discuss the impact of Backpack Buddies, School Pantries, "Cooking Matters," and Agriculture Education in efforts to address food insecurity among school children. Jason Beyer, of **Chiesi USA**, was also featured to discuss their ongoing support of Food Shuttle Child Hunger Programs, as well as our \$25,000 Back-to-School Match Challenge, which was generously funded by Chiesi.

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.



The **American Heart Association** and **UNC Health** are supporting the Food Shuttle and our partners by providing refrigeration and other essentials to improve food distribution with a gift of \$20,000. UNC Health is excited about the partnership and will continue to support our community through volunteering this fall.



Videri Chocolate Factory selected Inter-Faith Food Shuttle's Backpack Buddies program to support during their August round-up campaign. They raised \$793.56 at the register and matched the gift with an additional \$500, resulting in a \$1,293.56 donation from Videri!



The congregation at **Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church** focuses on food insecurity in order to make a significant impact on their neighbors. To that end, they made a generous gift of \$25,000 to the Food Shuttle—our missions aligning to create a hunger free community.



In August, **Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC** provided \$55,000 to fuel the expansion of our Grocery Bags for Seniors programming in Nash and Edgecombe counties. This program provides monthly deliveries of healthy dry goods, produce and recipes tailored to their most common health challenges facing seniors. This generous support will allow us to build towards our overall goal to increase from 1,600 to 2,200 seniors served monthly by the end of this year.



It was all hands on deck at the **Citrix** in-house packing event. Kurt Heusner, the Food Shuttle's Board Chair and Senior Vice President of Global Emerging Sales at Citrix joined his team mates to fill 1,000 Emergency Food Boxes with shelf-stable items. These Food Boxes were distributed to families in need through Mobile Markets in Chatham and Durham counties.



Ten-year-old **Annabel Hill** has a passion for baking – and helping others. She raised \$400 for the Food Shuttle's Backpack Buddies program, which was then doubled to \$800 since she donated during our Back-to-School Match Challenge. We are honored and inspired by her efforts to create a hunger free community!

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 \$25 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 or scan this code 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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