

# ANNUAL REPORT to the **COMMUNITY** **2024**



## OUR MISSION

is to eliminate hunger within our community,  
in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor.

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR 2024 BOARD PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Thurston County Food Bank, thank you for taking the time to review our 2024 Annual Report to the Community. Your interest in our work is deeply appreciated, and your continued support is what makes it possible for us to serve our neighbors across the community.

In 2024, we served more clients and distributed more food than ever before through our pantries, satellites, mobiles, home delivery, and dedicated youth programs. As the cost of living, housing, and food continues to rise, the need for food assistance has grown.

Supporting youth in our community remains a priority and that is why we dedicated 2024 to our children’s and youth programs. We are equally committed to ensuring that children are served with dignity. Through our FORKids and summer lunch programs, school break activity bags, and birthday and baby bags, we strive to offer not only nourishment, but consistency, care, and moments of joy for children and families.

This work is only possible because of the generosity of our volunteers, donors, and community partners. As we look ahead, the Thurston County Food Bank remains steadfast in our commitment to ending hunger in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor.

Respectfully,



Philip Kerrigan, TCFB Board President

**1 IN 7 PEOPLE IN THE 4 COUNTIES WE SERVE\* ARE FOOD INSECURE**

## OUR REACH

**TCFB operated**

- 2 food pantries
- 18 satellites
- 15 mobiles

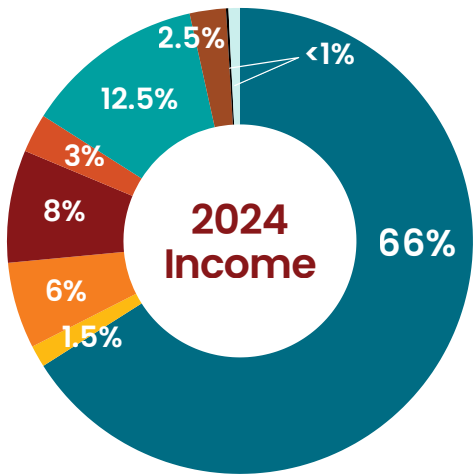
**served 4 counties**

**& partnered with 41 regional & community partners**

**encompassing 4,485 square miles**

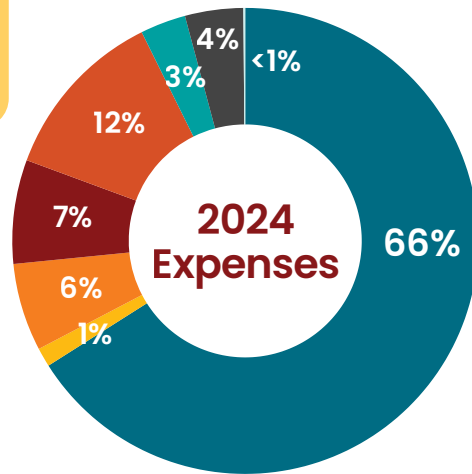
\*Thurston, Mason, Lewis & Kitsap Counties. Data from Feeding America 2023.

**\$17,668,805**



## INCOME & EXPENSES\*

**\$17,369,796**



- Donated & Government Food
- Donated Non-food & Services
- Volunteer Hours
- Private Donations & Fundraisers
- Grants
- Government Contracts
- Businesses & Organizations
- Miscellaneous & Investments
- Govt. Employee Campaigns

- Donated & Government Food Distributed
- Donated Non-food Items Distributed
- Value of Volunteer Hours
- Operations
- Program Staff Salaries & Benefits
- Administrative Staff Salaries & Benefits
- Purchased Food & Non-food Products
- Fundraising & Miscellaneous

\*Income & expenses are 2024 unaudited totals

# 2024 BY THE NUMBERS



**50,159**  
individuals served\*



**37%**  
were children under 18\*



**15%**  
were seniors 60 or older\*



**>11.3 million**  
pounds of food distributed



**>1.3 million**  
pounds of food rescued



**1,968**  
school children served/week (2024-25) by FORKids Program



**5,616**  
meals served by Summer Lunch Program at 7 sites



**75,600**  
pounds of non-food distributed



**2,437**  
volunteers dedicated  
**53,000 hours**

\*served through our Pantries and Satellites

## Spotlight on Our 2024

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



TCFB's **FORKids** Program (Backpacks) provides elementary school students ready-to-eat or easy-to-prepare meals to take home over the weekend. **In 2024-2025, we served 1,968 students/week in 37 schools, distributing 70,925 bags (highest number since 2017-2018).**

Our **SUMMER LUNCH** Program provides healthy lunches so youth ages 18 and under in underserved areas continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. **5,616 meals and snacks were served by our Summer Lunch Program at 7 sites in 2024.**



Since 2010, **SCHOOL GARDENS** have promoted equitable access to healthy food through garden-based learning, community engagement, and education on food systems and nutrition. **In 2024-2025, we supported 1,250 kids in activities at 2 schools.**

## SCHOOL BREAK ACTIVITY BAGS

for youth have activities to enjoy over their spring and winter breaks. This program is fueled by many wonderful volunteers, donations, and local quilters and sewers who create beautiful reversible fabric bags to hold all the goodies! **2,431 school break bags were distributed in 2024.**



**BIRTHDAY BAGS** for kids under 18 may be requested in their birthday month. Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers and generous donations, each bag contains cake mix and frosting, a gift, books, school supplies, and party favors to support a celebration. **We distributed 634 bags in 2024-9,000 since 2009.**

**NEWBORN BAGS** are offered to expecting parents of 37 weeks or with a baby under 2 months. Each bag has new, essential, and handmade items that every new parent needs. **We distributed 200 Newborn Bags in 2024.**



# IMPACT

## WHY WE DO THIS WORK



The easy to prepare stuff is wonderful. When I am struggling with illness, they can make food independently. The snacks are well received as I end up using our grocery budget on meat, eggs, fresh produce, and rarely can afford snacks and treats.

— Family member of kids who receive **FORKids Bags**



Note~ to whoever may read this:  
All the volunteers, who have been coming to the door, since the BIG covid times, have been so kind and polite!  
Besides the free food, I thank you so much for the respectful kind manner. It matters!!

— **CSFP (senior commodities)** client



As a single mom with a limited amount of funds & food stamps, we don't always have easy weekend meal things for my son. These bags help feed him!

— Family of elementary student who receives **FORKids Bags**

## OPPORTUNITIES to ENGAGE



*Thank You for your support!*