



CHATTANOOGA AREA
FOOD BANK

2022 Impact Report



Dear Friends of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank,

I have been taking extra time in 2023 to reflect on the challenges of the past few years and appreciate the goodness and generosity of our communities across southeast Tennessee and northwest Georgia. I am hopeful and excited for the future. As we look ahead, we must take time to evaluate not only the daily work of providing hunger-relief, but also the larger systems and inequities that force so many of our neighbors to turn to charitable food assistance. Our leadership team is committed to increasing access to nutritious food and resources across our entire service area, and we are equally focused on addressing the broader systemic issues and finding more holistic approaches that help our families find pathways to stability. I want our brand to reflect our communities and our partners, from the southernmost part of Chattooga County, Georgia, to the northernmost parts of Rhea and Van Buren County, Tennessee, so when people hear the name “Chattanooga Area Food Bank” they don’t question what we do, how we work, or who we serve. We are one food bank with one goal – to end hunger in every community across our twenty-county service area.

Our work is truly about neighbors helping neighbors.



Do Good Together,

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The infographic features a central orange circle with a yellow border. Surrounding this circle are various line-art illustrations of fruits: watermelon slices, grapes, bananas, and oranges. Two smaller circles, one green and one blue, are positioned on the left and right sides of the main circle, respectively. A dark grey horizontal bar is located at the bottom left of the image.

IN 2022

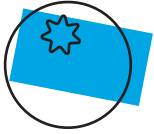
WE
DISTRIBUTED

**OVER 17 MILLION
POUNDS OF
FOOD**

INCLUDING
**4.5 MILLION
POUNDS OF
PRODUCE**

**OUR
MISSION**

Lead a network of partners and unite the community to eliminate hunger by feeding, nourishing, and empowering those we serve.



OUR WORK

Foxwood Food Center

We provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families in a grocery-store-style setting.

Community Partners

We work with over 250 agencies to supply their food pantries, senior programs, mobile pantries, sack packs, and other programs.

Summer Bags Program

We ensure children and their families continue to receive food while out of school for the summer.

Mobile Pantries

On a regular basis, we supply a wide variety of food to individuals and families in our service area.

Retail Rescue Programs

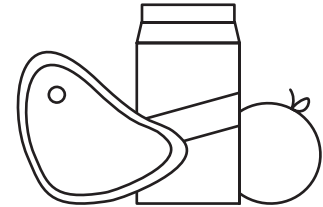
Meat, dairy, produce, baked goods, and pantry staples are donated by local grocery stores and distributed to our partners, saving good food from landfills.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) Outreach

We assist year-round in the SNAP application process for individuals in Tennessee and Georgia.

Milk to My Plate Program

We purchase and distribute fresh gallons of milk to families and individuals.



MEAT, MILK, AND PRODUCE ARE OUR MOST REQUESTED ITEMS.

Sack Pack Programs

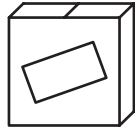
We ensure food insecure children have enough to eat while out of school for the weekend.



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



118,719 lbs
for Sack Packs



21,838
Emergency
Food Boxes



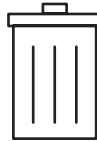
10,093
Gallons
of Milk



271
Community
Partners



5 Million lbs
Food Rescued
from Retail



Only 1%
of Food Waste



400+
SNAP Applications
Submitted



667
Mobile Food
Pantries

GUEST SPOTLIGHT

Sherry Jenkins currently lives in Sale Creek, Tennessee, but she's been all around the Chattanooga area. She grew up in Hixson, lived in Georgia for a while, then moved to Sale Creek to manage property owned by her cousin who's ill and unable to care for the house alone. Her goal is to clean up the property and make a home for him. "It's not easy, but that's what I'm trying to do," she says. "It was like a rain forest when I got there. It was just covered with trees. You couldn't really tell what was there anymore, until I started clearing it out." She lives in a camper on the property, playing host to a variety of animals. "I've got five cats," she says with a laugh. "Two I brought with me, and three just showed up." She explains that a nationwide shortage of cat food has forced her to buy a different brand than usual, and her cats don't like it. "They'd rather go outside and catch mice." Sherry has one dog, and she looks after her son's dogs while he's at work. She proudly states she's a breast cancer survivor and has been cancer-free since 2015.

In each of Sherry's stories, she lends a hand wherever it's needed, without a second thought. Whether it's a kitten or a cousin who needs a proper roof over their head, Sherry steps in. Then, food prices started soaring last fall, and Sherry needed help. She's known about the Chattanooga Area Food Bank for a while, but only started visiting the Foxwood Food Center about six months ago. "I knew it helped a lot of people," she says, "but I just didn't need it...I should leave it for somebody else to have it." But, she says, she's at a place in her life where the amount of money coming in doesn't cover her food costs. She likes coming to Foxwood because she can choose the foods she wants. "It gives you a sense of still feeling like you're in control of something." Sherry's off to work in the evening, and she'll keep looking for food to satisfy her picky group of cats.



Clay Davis is a new addition to our fleet of volunteers, quickly becoming a regular at our Foxwood Food Center. He helps our staff provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families in our service area. Clay has spent some time in our warehouse, sorting food and packing items into the Emergency Food Boxes, but he particularly loves the work at Foxwood. He stocks shelves, talks guests through their options, then loads groceries into guests' cars. "It's exhilarating. You feed off the job you're doing and the gratitude people give you," he says. He mentions a strong camaraderie among the volunteers, that everyone's there for the same purpose, and everyone helps however they can. There's a bond that forms, "and then you gradually learn the ropes, and you show somebody else."

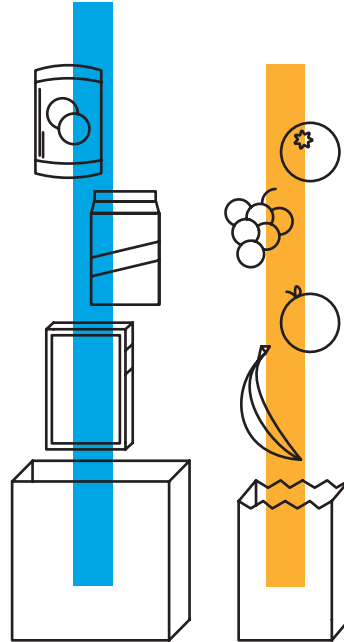
Clay is spreading the word about Foxwood and our need for consistent volunteers. "I'm trying to get more people in. We have a group at church that was looking for a place to volunteer, and I think they're lined up to come over here [to Foxwood]." Clay makes it clear he's in for the long haul. "I still haven't learned what all goes where, but they're very patient with me and they'll tell me. Hopefully, I'll be of more and more help as I get along in my career here."

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

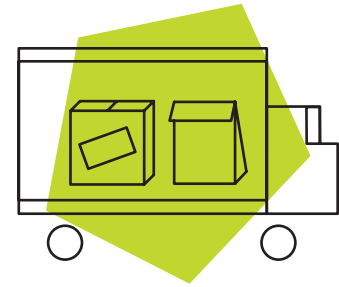
OUR PROCESS



We source food from retailers, manufacturers, farmers, and government nutrition programs.



Our staff and volunteers sort and pack food across our three locations.



The food is distributed to our Foxwood Food Center, mobile pantries, and community partners.



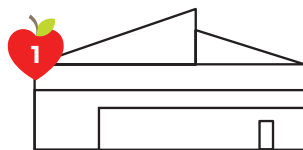
OUR VOLUNTEERS

IN 2022

we hosted **2,141 VOLUNTEERS**

who provided **20,954 HOURS** of service

across our **3 FACILITIES.**



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Chattanooga, TN 37406



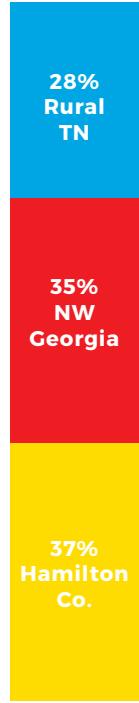
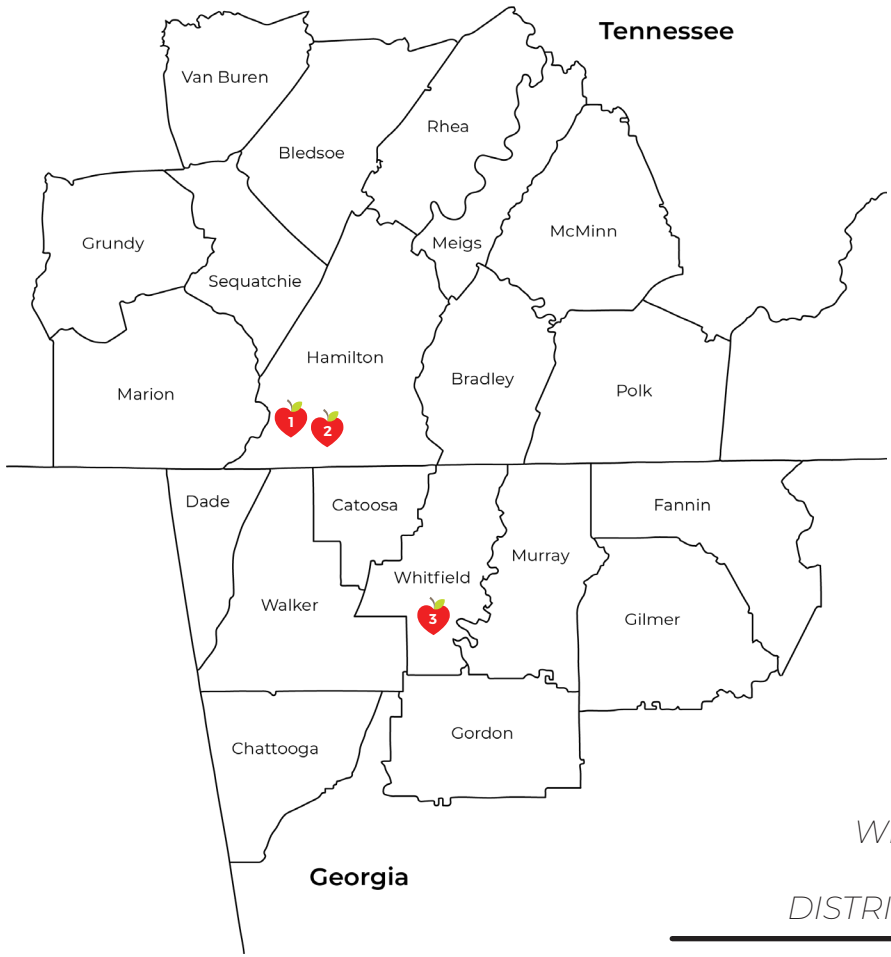
FOXWOOD FOOD CENTER
3209 Wilcox Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37411



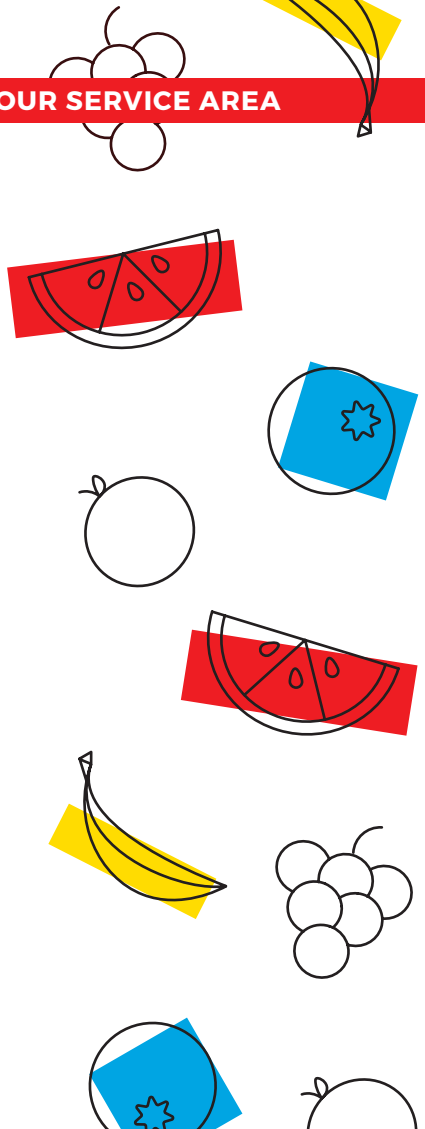
NORTHWEST GEORGIA BRANCH
1111 S. Hamilton St.
Dalton, GA 30720

1 Hour of Volunteering = Groceries for 78 Meals

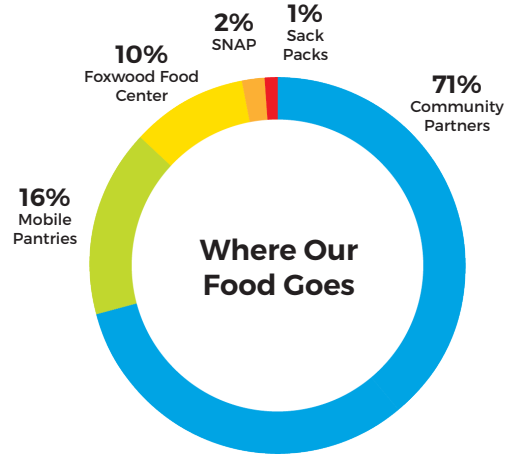
OUR SERVICE AREA



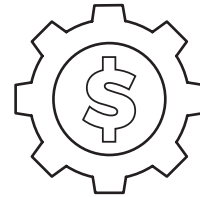
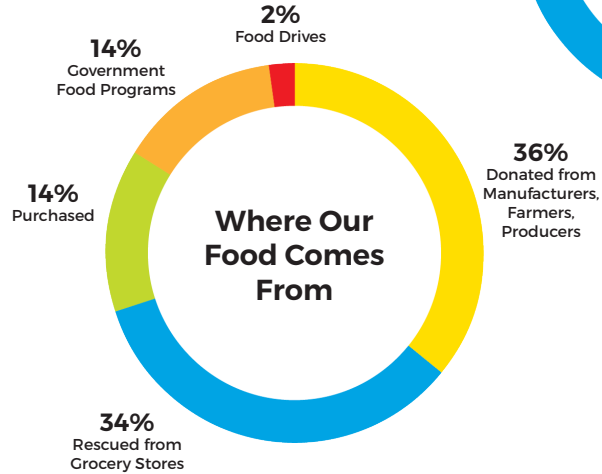
WHERE WE DISTRIBUTE



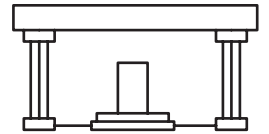
OUR RESOURCES



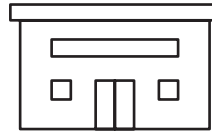
Our Sources of Funding



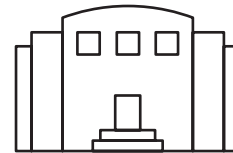
Operational Revenue



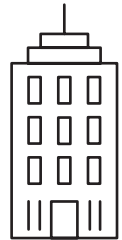
Government



Organizations



Foundations



Companies

OUR FINANCES

ASSETS

Cash	\$8,341,278
Inventories	\$1,249,318
Accounts Receivable	\$200,054
Contributions Receivable	\$497,465
Grants Receivable	\$323,366
Prepaid Expenses	\$55,092
Land, Building, & Equipment	\$3,719,609
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,386,182

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$526,585
Accrued Liabilities	\$85,091
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$611,676

Unrestricted	\$11,962,385
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,812,121
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$13,774,506

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ANNUAL SUPPORT

Food Donations	\$27,838,712
Contributions	\$4,835,374
Grants	\$2,451,411
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$35,125,497

ANNUAL REVENUE

Operational Revenue	\$1,813,111
Commodity Service Revenue	\$477,590
Agency Fees	\$12,500
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,530
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,304,731

TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$37,430,228
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ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	
Food Distribution	\$34,893,580

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Development/Funding	\$764,375
Management and General	\$760,509
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,418,464

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$1,011,764
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OUR CORE BELIEFS

No one should go hungry. Food is a basic human right.

All people are worthy of dignity, compassion, and respect.

Equitable access to quality food strengthens the community,
empowers self-sufficiency, and fosters hope.

The greatest impact happens in collaboration.

The needs of those we serve guide how we do our work.

