



Fighting Hunger Feeding Hope

Annual Report 2019



A Letter From Our CEO



I am honored to share the Food Bank's 2019 annual report with you – our friends and supporters!

Every year, at this time, when I reflect on the Food Bank's accomplishments over the past year, I always marvel at how much our staff and family of volunteers have achieved – thanks to your support. This past year, we distributed 32 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 27 million meals. That's 4 million more pounds of food than the previous year! And we served more than 350,000 people every month in communities throughout San Diego County.

I am particularly proud of the work that we are doing in North County. In 2015, we assumed control of the North County Food Bank's operations from North County Community Services. Since then, we have increased the number of people served monthly from 25,000 to 60,000, and we distributed 4.3 million pounds of food to North County communities last year.

Our Diaper to Degree Initiative has become an established community resource that is providing assistance to young people from infancy to college. Operating through four direct-service programs, we are providing emergency diapers to working-poor families and food assistance to food-insecure students from elementary school through to college.

This Initiative is at the core of our mission to break the cycle of poverty and build self-sufficiency among those we serve.

Among several awards that we were honored to receive last year, Charity Navigator awarded the Food Bank its coveted 4-star rating for the seventh consecutive year.

This is the highest possible rating from the nation's leading, independent charity evaluator. Only 7% of charities across the United States have received this award for seven consecutive years which recognizes our exemplary service to the community while stewarding your donor dollars efficiently and effectively. On behalf of the Food Bank's Board of Directors, our staff and family of volunteers, we thank you for your continued support for our mission.

It takes a community to feed a community. Please know that you are at the heart of all we do.

Sincerely,

James A. Floros

President/CEO, Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank
Board Chair, California Association of Food Banks



Program Highlights

Food Rescue Program Saves 5 Million Pounds of Food

The Food Bank partners with farmers, supermarkets, food retailers, hotels and restaurants to prevent perishable and soon-to-expire food from going to waste. This program rescues high-quality food and distributes it to our network of nonprofit partners with feeding programs. In the last year alone, we diverted over 5 million pounds of food from the landfill to the dinner table.



200 Children Join the Food 4 Kids Backpack Program

The Food 4 Kids Backpack Program provides food-filled weekend backpacks to elementary schoolchildren living in poverty. These kids receive free school meals during the week but face hunger at home on the weekends. Last year, the Food Bank took 5 schools off the waiting list which added 200 children to the program.

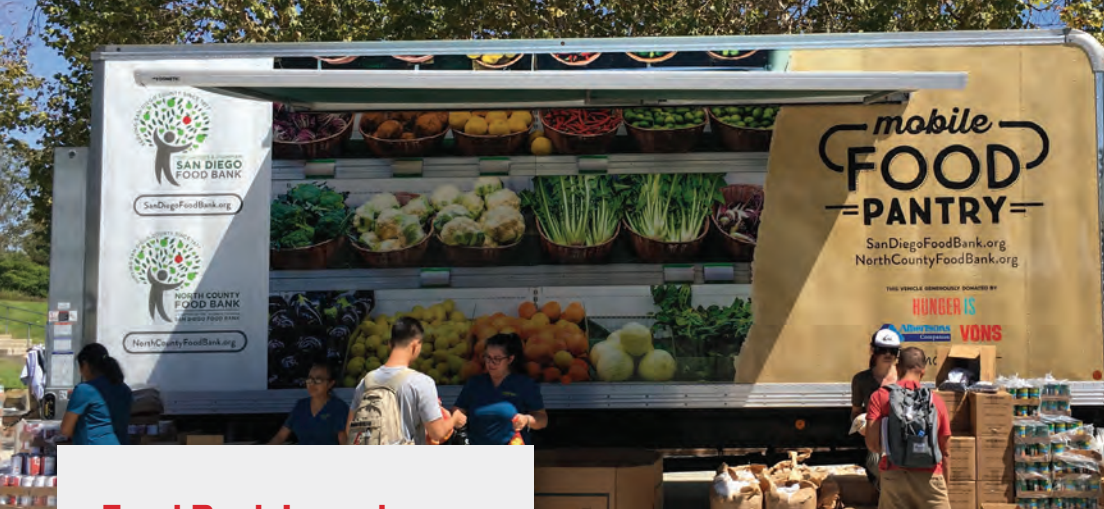
"I live on Social Security. My first priority is medication, then rent, then utilities. Food is always the last priority. I don't know what I would do without the help that I get from the Food Bank every month."

– Paula, La Mesa



Diaper Bank Program Distributes 500,000 Diapers Countywide Every Month

Our Diaper Bank Program provides emergency diapers to working-poor parents struggling to make ends meet. Last year, the Food Bank established 54 "diaper distribution hubs" through a network of nonprofit partners across the county and distributed a total of 8 million diapers to 45,000 families in need.



Food Bank Launches Mobile Food Pantry Program

The Food Bank launched our new Mobile Food Pantry Program with a 26-foot refrigerated mobile pantry truck generously funded by the Albertsons Vons Foundation. The mobile pantry distributes food to families in need living in “food deserts” in rural and remote parts of the county. In addition, the pantry serves low-income military families at military nonprofits and low-income students at community colleges.

College Hunger-Relief Program Expands to Serve Every Public College & University in the County

Our College Hunger-Relief Program provides food assistance to food-insecure college students from low-income backgrounds. Last year, the Food Bank expanded the program to serve every public college and community college in San Diego County. Since the program’s start, we have distributed over 1 million pounds of food to students in need.

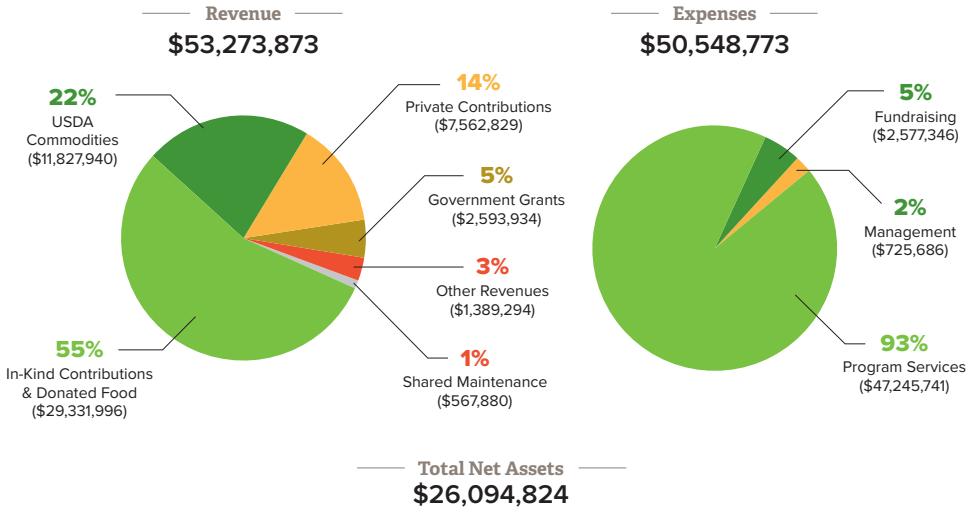


“My husband is in the Navy. His rank is E5. We rely on one paycheck for the whole family. He makes \$30,000 a year. I tried to find work, but childcare would cost more than I could earn. We survive by using WIC and the San Diego Food Bank.”

– Heidi, Tierrasanta

Financials

This report covers the fiscal year 07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019



By the numbers.

\$1 = 5 meals

The number of meals a \$1 donation can provide to San Diegans in need.

350,866

The number of people served in San Diego County by the Food Bank every month.

10.3 Million

Pounds of fresh produce distributed in the fiscal year 2018-19.

245

The number of food distribution sites we host every month in communities throughout San Diego County.

177,000

The number of children who face food insecurity in the county.

57

The number of elementary schools on the Food 4 Kids Backpack Program.

450,000

The number of people who face food insecurity in San Diego County.

93%

The percentage of your donation that goes directly to feeding programs.

91,061

People served monthly by our Emergency Food Assistance Program which provides food packages at 86 distribution sites throughout the county.

12,400

The number of fixed-income seniors who receive a monthly 30-pound box of food on our Senior Food Program at 47 sites throughout the county.

32 Million

Pounds of food distributed by the Food Bank last year.

75,174

The number of hours our volunteers worked helping to inspect, sort, and package food for individuals and families in need.

90,000

Total square footage of the Food Bank's warehouse in Miramar.

2,800

The number of elementary school children living in poverty who receive a weekend backpack full of food on our Food 4 Kids Backpack Program.

31,832

The number of volunteer visits to the Food Bank's warehouse last year.

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