

Annual Impact Report

FY2023

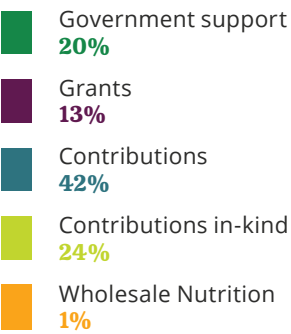


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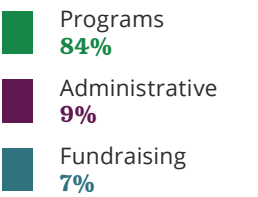


The impact of the Chester County Food Bank extends beyond putting food on the table. We distribute food with the goal of not only providing nourishment, but also reducing the hardship in making difficult financial choices such as deciding between paying for medicine or paying for groceries. Thank you for your investment in our food security efforts to fuel our vision for Chester County.

Source of Funds



Use of Funds



Collaborative Access: Navigating a Nourished Community



Amidst ongoing challenges, the Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring access to healthy food for all. Reflecting on this past year, we are eager to unveil a story of unity, innovation, and collaboration that forges pathways to healthier communities.

Our journey to create a food secure Chester County has been one of resilience and adaptation. Through a deep-rooted belief in collaboration, we have harnessed the power of partnerships to drive change. Our efforts have yielded remarkable results, and over the following pages, we will showcase our impact.

Anchored in our mission, we have proudly distributed over 3.5 million pounds of food, with over 55% being fresh fruits and vegetables. A defining aspect of our approach is our commitment to prioritizing nutrition, sourcing local produce, and upholding the dignity of every individual we serve.



Through advocacy, education, equitable food distribution, and the efficient management of resources, we continue to set new benchmarks for efficiency and impact. Remarkably, 84% of all contributions directly fund our programs and operations, amplifying our ability to provide wholesome sustenance to those battling food insecurity in Chester County.

We thank you and ask for your continued support as we navigate this path TOGETHER.

With gratitude,

Andrea Youndt, CEO



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Part of our increased distribution was directed toward summer meal programs for children, addressing an essential need within our community. As COVID-related programs concluded, we remain committed to filling this service gap, ensuring that children have access to nutritious meals during the summer months.

WHY I VOLUNTEER

"I have a full fridge at home — yet people in Chester County are hungry. We CAN make a difference!"

— Tim



10% More Food Distributed Throughout Chester County

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Navigating the complexities of inflation and supply chain disruptions requires innovative solutions. CCFB has strategically enhanced our procurement processes to optimize sourcing efficiency, maximize cost-effectiveness, and leverage our vendor relationships. This approach allowed us to make the most of every dollar invested in procuring food resources. We maintained a steady supply of food to the community, even in the face of having to allocate an **additional one million dollars** toward food costs. This achievement has been made possible thanks to the generosity of our dedicated donors.

We continually strive to enhance our services. Our efforts have led to the expansion of food choices, with a focus on culturally familiar food and prioritizing local sourcing. We are actively working to transform even more food cupboards into a choice pantry model, allowing individuals to select items that best suit their dietary preferences and needs.



Prioritizing Local Sourcing and Incorporating Culturally Diverse Foods

El Sombrero, Avondale, PA

El Sombrero's reputation for crafting high-quality, traditional corn tortillas aligns seamlessly with our goal to offer food choices that resonate with the diverse cultural backgrounds of those we serve. By fostering these relationships, we not only support the local economy but also contribute to the vibrant tapestry of cultures that enrich our community.



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Food as Medicine refers to the idea that food and nutrition can be used to prevent, manage, and treat various health conditions. This concept emphasizes the importance of a healthy diet in promoting optimal health and preventing chronic diseases.

WHY I VOLUNTEER

"We have volunteered the past few summers at Springton Manor Farm and believe in CCFB's cause and mission."

— Craig & Annalise



50% Increase In Participation with Our Fruit & Vegetable Prescription Program



As a follow up to our published Community Food Security Assessment, we are distributing a large-scale survey to gain deeper insights into how we can enhance the well-being of our community members. We hope to continue to reshape how our neighbors interact with charitable food services and the healthcare system, fostering the health of individuals affected by food insecurity. By providing access to nourishing food, a 'Food as Medicine' initiative empowers those with chronic conditions to attain improved health outcomes.

Drawing inspiration from this concept, CCFB has partnered with nine local healthcare providers to offer a Fruit & Vegetable Prescription, connecting targeted communities with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Patients who screen positive for food insecurity by their healthcare provider receive a produce prescription which can be redeemed weekly at CCFB's Fresh2You Mobile Market. Over the past two years, we have increased participation **by over 50%** and now offer the program to nearly 350 households.



Fruit & Vegetable Prescriptions

\$288

The starting value of a Fruit & Vegetable annual prescription. Total prescription value varies based on household size.

There is NO COST to participants.

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Let food be thy medicine, thy medicine shall be thy food.”

— Hippocrates



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I worked my entire life as a school cafeteria worker. I never imagined I'd still be working at 74. I didn't understand how food stamps worked and the Food Bank helped me get them. I've been able to buy the food I need and take care of my heart issues.”

— Joan, *SNAP Recipient*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If a person is receiving SNAP (food stamps), they are less likely to be food insecure.



Over 55% of SNAP (Food Stamps) Recipients are Children & Seniors

Joan is part of a growing wave of older neighbors needing food assistance. Joan has a heart condition and requires life-saving treatment; however, she was unable to miss work at her part-time job at a local grocery store to have the necessary surgery. Her social security was not enough to make ends meet. With assistance from CCFB to help her obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Joan is now able to address her medical issues.

The cost of living crisis in Chester County is adversely impacting thousands of neighbors who, like Joan, have to decide between paying for food, rent, or medical care. Government funded SNAP helps eligible low income people buy food.



In Fall 2022, SNAP eligibility increased to 200% of the federal poverty level enabling more neighbors access. CCFB expanded our services to assist neighbors in applying for SNAP to supplement their grocery expenses. Although SNAP proves advantageous and unemployment rates in Chester County are at a record low, **food demand is still at record levels.**



Every \$1 in SNAP generates \$1.70 in economic activity

Filling the Gap

With the termination of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency designation, poverty relief programs such as SNAP and summer student feeding have been eliminated or reduced. This has required CCFB to fill this gap in government assistance by providing more food to the households who have been hit hardest by these changes. CCFB has spent \$1 million more this fiscal year. **We absorb all costs without burdening our network partners — keeping service fees at \$0.**

\$55,512

Maximum income (before taxes) to receive SNAP/EBT (food stamps) for a family of four with two children living in Pennsylvania.

50%

Percentage of food insecure households in Chester County that are **not eligible for government food assistance** because their income is too high (eligibility gap).

Source: Feeding America Map the Meal Gap

\$111,072

Living wage in Chester County for a family of four with two working adults

MIT Living Wage Calculator

Cost of Living Crisis

Despite some signs of slowing inflation and a less rapid increase in grocery prices in Chester County, many residents are still facing financial challenges. The struggle to balance housing costs and putting food on the table persists for thousands of neighbors in Chester County.



\$520,000

Median sale price

\$1,971

Avg. monthly rent

How We Work

CCFB is the central hunger relief organization serving 160+ partner agencies in Chester County. Through our network of food cupboards, hot meal sites, shelters, and other social service organizations, we serve over 40,000 people through access to real, healthy food and education and wellness.





2,152

Volunteers

16,650

Volunteer Hours



100,240

"Heat & Eat" Meals Prepared
in Our Commercial Kitchen



Paul has volunteered over
2,000 hours
with CCFB since 2015!



3.2 million
Meals Distributed Annually



Seedlings Started & Distributed

FOOD SOURCES

50%
Purchased



29%
Donated



21%
Government





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FRESHstart Kitchen was a lifeline when I was in a tough spot. I lost my job and was about to lose my home with my two kids. They helped me talk to my landlord to avoid being kicked out and helped me apply for unemployment. They gave me hope and a chance to make things better for my family.”

— Quanita, *FRESHstart Kitchen Graduate Summer 2023*

WHY I GIVE

“I prefer to contribute locally rather than to larger national nonprofits.”

— Linda



190% Increase in Applicants for Our Workforce Development Program



FRESHstart Kitchen™ is our transformative culinary arts workforce development program that lights a beacon of hope for those experiencing a barrier to employment. Rooted in the acronym FRESH — Focusing Resources on Employment, Self-Sufficiency, and Health — it's not just about cooking; it's about crafting futures. Guiding students towards confidence and skills, FRESHstart Kitchen opens doors to a career in the restaurant and hospitality industry. Tailored support, aligned with individual goals, accompanies the journey. We understand that self-sufficiency begins with sustainable employment, paving the way for both food security and life stability.

Our participants come with stories of resilience — navigating generational poverty, incarceration, addiction recovery, mental health challenges, and more. With unwavering determination, we break down barriers that have long confined them.



This past year we piloted a modified development program collaborating with **HC Opportunity Center (HCOC)**. Working with clients of HCOC, we offer volunteer opportunities that parallel vocational tasks, foster social connections, and contribute to our vital food distribution operations.

Thank You to Our Donors

WHY I GIVE

"I give because I have been in a place where I have needed to depend on help and now want to do the helping."

— Constance

\$100,000+

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Bob & Jennifer McNeil

\$50,000+

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\$10,000+

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Please contact us with any necessary changes at give@chestercountyfoodbank.org or call 610-873-6000 x104

Helping Us Go Beyond Hunger

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Your support is the cornerstone of our ability to **continue nourishing** communities, fostering health, and promoting dignity for every neighbor in Chester County.

The challenges we encounter are opportunities for us to come together, and your contribution, regardless of its size, truly makes a positive impact on the lives of our Chester County neighbors.

The impact of your donation is profound:



\$120 supports 21 students
with a weekend
backpack of food



\$300 supports 24 families
with a **20-pound box** of
seasonal produce through our
EatFresh education program



\$1,200 helps provide
515 half-gallons
of locally produced milk



\$10,000 supports 400 seniors
with a grocery box filled with
nutritious non-perishable food

WHY I GIVE

“We donate on a recurring basis in an attempt to give CCFB support that can be counted on month to month.”

— **Steve & Jenn**, *Beyond Hunger 365 Monthly Donors*



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