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Food Gatherers Marks its 30th Year

The week of Thanksgiving 2018 marked 30 years since Paul Saginaw and a few Zingerman's staff borrowed a van, collected surplus food from restaurants and grocery stores, and distributed it to local hot meal programs. By connecting people with too much food to those with too little, they created Michigan's first food rescue program, Food Gatherers.

Today, Food Gatherers is the food bank and food rescue program serving Washtenaw County. Strategically focused on filling the gaps in the safety net, Food Gatherers is an independent non-profit, determined to engage every food business, public institution, and community member in the fight against hunger where we live.

Since 1988, Food Gatherers has distributed more than 91 million pounds of food to feed our hungry neighbors. We don't just distribute food, we are also committed to providing healthy food—fresh produce and protein!

In April, we will host **The State of Our Plate**, convening our community partners, elected officials, and other supporters to gather momentum in the fight against hunger. We plan to:

- ◆ Educate others about the reality of food insecurity in our community and the resources available for those who are food insecure (foodgatherers.org).
- ◆ Motivate other community members and anchor institutions to engage in the fight against hunger as donors, volunteers, or both (give.foodgatherers.org).
- ◆ Advocate for local, state, and federal policies to ensure access to healthy food and our community's safety net (foodgatherers.org/advocate).



GATHERING MOMENTUM IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER



Save the Date for The State of Our Plate
Wednesday, April 24, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a luncheon at Washtenaw Community College with policy makers and fellow food advocates. For more information, visit www.foodgatherers.org/soop or contact Helen Starman at helen.starman@foodgatherers.org or 734.761.2796. Can't come? There are many ways you can support the event, including sponsoring a table.

Gathering Success

This year, we distributed 6.3 million pounds of food to 170 partner programs—meaning our trucks delivered the equivalent of more than 14,800 meals a day to food insecure people in our community. But, we don't measure our success by logistics alone. Food Gatherers is looking to the future. We are partnering with anchor institutions, including health care providers and schools, to screen for food insecurity and connect hungry people to the resources that they need to live happier, healthier lives. We created an endowment fund at the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and we have increased volunteer participation. We are strategically laying the groundwork to continue the fight against hunger where we live.



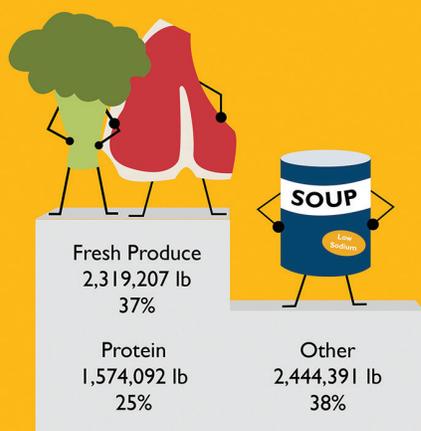
Direct Services:

- ◆ Food Gatherers Community Kitchen provided 70,177 plates of food.
- ◆ The Healthy School Pantry Program provided 170,000 lb of fresh produce to 515 families, including 1,070 kids, per month across 16 schools.
- ◆ The Summer Food Service Program served 33,118 meals to kids at 37 sites.

Partner Program Support:

- ◆ In partnership with the Food Bank Council of Michigan, Food Gatherers piloted Link2Feed, a cloud-based website that enables our partners to track pantry visits. Link2Feed is more private, agile and accurate than traditional intake methods. Consistent data will help our network move more effectively toward addressing the root causes of hunger.
- ◆ In the third year of our partnership with the Washtenaw County Health Department, we worked with three additional sites as part of the Healthy Pantry Conversion Project.
- ◆ We partnered with IHA and Michigan Medicine to screen patients for food insecurity and connect them to needed resources, such as food pantries in their communities.

6.3 Million Pounds of Food Distributed



That's the equivalent of 5.3 million meals!

Referrals and Outreach:

- ◆ More than 15,000 page visits to Food Gatherers' Need Food web page, which helps connect clients with food resources in their communities.
- ◆ Almost 3,500 Need Food Flyers distributed in five different languages (English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese).

Accountability:

- ◆ For the 14th year in a row, Food Gatherers received a four star rating from Charity Navigator, putting us in the top 1% of charities nationwide.

Volunteers:

- ◆ More than 7,400 unique volunteers contributed over 70,200 hours of their time—the equivalent of 33.6 full time employees.



Fly-in Day for Food Gatherers and Partners



Feeding America flew Food Gatherers and four of our community partners to Washington DC for the Farm Bill Fly-in Day. Markell Miller, Director of Community Food Programs at Food Gatherers, Aubrey Patiño (Avalon Housing), Geraldine Powell and Patti Price (Grace Fellowship Church - House of Solutions), Derrick Miller (Community Action Network of Ann Arbor), and Laura Seyfried (Community Resource Center Manchester) met with Debbie Stabenow's senior staff for the Senate Agriculture Committee. They shared how their community organizations fight hunger and how critical SNAP and TEFAP are for the individuals and families they serve.

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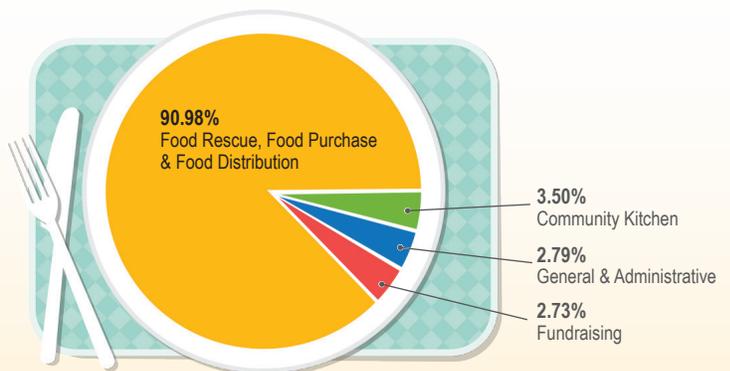
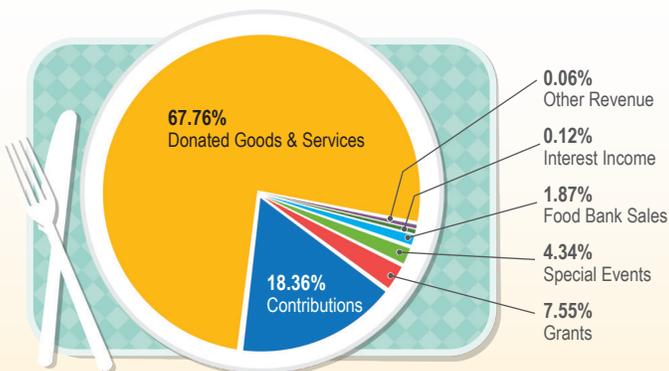
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Annual Revenue and Expenses

FY 2017-2018



TOTAL REVENUE \$12,816,520

Contributions	\$2,352,569
Grants	\$967,536
Special Events	\$556,354
Donated Goods & Services (primarily perishable food)	\$8,684,385
Food Bank Sales (Our partner programs receive purchased food for a fraction of the retail price)	\$239,953
Interest Income	\$15,273
Other Revenue	\$7,516

TOTAL EXPENSES \$12,451,616

Program Services

Food rescue, food purchase & distribution	\$11,328,603
Community Kitchen	\$435,717

Support Services

General & Administrative.....	\$347,164
Fundraising.....	\$340,132

United Way Helps to Expand Summer Food

Since 2009, Food Gatherers has sponsored the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), providing meals to students over the summer they when do not receive free or reduced-price meals at school. With an Opportunity Grant from the United Way of Washtenaw County, we are expanding summer meal services to include a mobile summer food program. Originally designed to address child hunger in rural areas, this program is equally effective and efficient in urban or suburban areas. The United Way grant will fund the rental and staffing of a cargo van for the summer to transport and serve meals in several isolated communities with high numbers of eligible children. We are grateful to the United Way for the opportunity to feed more children using this nationally recognized program.

“The United Way is proud to partner with Food Gatherers to end hunger in our community and this grant is one small part of our funding history to ensure food security for local families.”

Pam Smith, UWWC President and CEO



Bill's Beacon of Light

This year, Food Gatherers nominated Bill Sherd from the WISD Young Adult Program for the Food Bank Council Beacon of Light Award.

Bill is an independence facilitator who works with students that have disabilities, in a program that uses real world experience outside the classroom. Through volunteering at Food Gatherers, Bill's students work on “soft skills,” such as dependability, responsibility, honesty, respect for others, following directions, good attendance, and problem solving. This experience has helped many of his students find employment.



Bill Sherd, Teacher Assistant Young Adult Project; Aaron Sweet, student; and James Everhart, Food Gatherers' Manager of Volunteer Programs.

Upcoming Events

Rotary Fights Summer Hunger Monday, March 4 to Friday, March 15

Contribute to the community-wide food and fund drive hosted by local Rotary Clubs, and provide meals to school children who need food assistance throughout the summer. More than 80 local businesses and organizations will have collection sites. Gifts of \$25 or higher will be matched 1:1. For more information, go to:

www.foodgatherers.org/rotary

Stamp Out Hunger Saturday, May 11

Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest single-day food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. For details, ask your letter carrier, visit twitter.com/StampOutHunger or go to stampouthungerfooddrive.us/

Grillin' for Food Gatherers Sunday, June 9

Save the date and join us for the 30th annual Grillin' fundraiser! Enjoy a meal hot off the grill, with side dishes, drinks, and desserts from your favorite local restaurants. There will be live music, a silent auction, a raffle, and activities for kids as well. Learn more at www.foodgatherers.org/grillin. We'll see you there!

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