



ANNUAL REPORT FY2024

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Foodbank Family and Friends,

As we close the books on fiscal year 2024, I am filled with immense gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose. This past year has been one of significant strides and unwavering commitment to our mission of building a stronger bi-state region by nourishing people, empowering communities, and transforming systems.

We remained steadfast in our efforts to provide vital food assistance to 1 in 7 people in our region facing food insecurity. This year, we continued to serve 26 counties in Missouri and Illinois, ensuring that food reached those in need across our service area.

Through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and generous donors, we achieved several key accomplishments. We expanded our mobile food distribution program, added additional school markets to feed children and their families, and increased our access to nutritious food through partnerships with retailers and farmers.

Looking ahead, we are focused on building the Foodbank of the future as we prepare to commemorate a momentous milestone: our 50th anniversary in July 2025. We are investing in innovative technologies to improve our distribution efficiency. We are focused on aligning our programming with the unique needs of our communities, including a focus on culturally relevant and nutritious foods. We are working to reduce food waste by partnering with local retailers to collect safe and nutritious unsold food items, which can then be distributed through our network of partner agencies. And we are committed to addressing the root causes of hunger through advocacy and collaboration with community partners.

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity makes a substantial difference in the lives of our neighbors facing hunger. Together, we can build a stronger, more food-secure bi-state region.

Always grateful,



Meredith Knopp
President & CEO



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BY THE NUMBERS

Our Mission

Building a stronger, bi-state region by **nourishing people**,
empowering communities, and **transforming systems**.

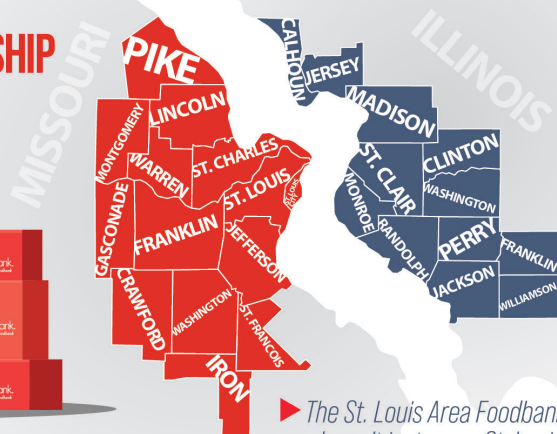


▶ **Less than 4%** of donations go toward administration.

STEWARDSHIP

SERVING MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS

▶ Together with our partners, we serve neighbors and communities **in 26 counties across the bi-state region**.



▶ The St. Louis Area Foodbank doesn't just serve St. Louis, Missouri. **We are the regional food bank for Eastern Missouri and Southwestern Illinois.**

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

▶ Last year, the St. Louis Area Foodbank **distributed food to 369,633 individuals** through our innovative mobile distributions.

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give help



get help



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FOODBANK PROGRAMS

Food on the Move (FOTM)

Food On The Move is a walk-through, shopping-style food distribution program for individuals living in areas of Illinois and Missouri with limited access to healthy food and resources. At these distributions, neighbors can walk through our custom built trailer and choose the foods they need. Verification of personal information is not required to participate. The goal is to increase access by eliminating transportation barriers on a more regular basis. We also hope to minimize food waste by allowing people to choose quantities and products that fit their needs.

- Total # of FOTM distributions: 285
- Total FOTM pounds distributed: 480,235
- FOTM Total Individuals Served: 47,646



Community Mobile Markets

Mobile markets are drive-through events that provide fresh, nutritious food and household goods directly to neighbors living in areas with limited access to fresh foods.

- Total # of mobile markets: 1,554
- Total pounds distributed through mobile markets: 8,397,424
- Total # households served through mobile markets: 86,852



School Markets

St. Louis Area Foodbank's School Market initiative offers families another option for accessing the food they need by creating food pantries in local schools. Through this innovative program, neighbors can acquire nutritious food for their entire household each week.

- Total # school-based markets: 35
- Total pounds distributed to school markets: 316,977
- Total # children and families served through school markets: 15,691 children, 7,031 households

YOUR SUPPORT • FOOD, FUND, AND FRIENDS

Through your support, the St. Louis Area Foodbank is revolutionizing the way we approach hunger in our region. It requires the support of our entire community, bringing their talents and resources to affect lasting change as more people face hunger than ever before.

Give Food & Funds

Encourage your friends, co-workers, or community members to come together to make a difference, no matter where they are. Consider hosting a physical food drive where you collect food & personal care items. Virtual food drives are a great way to support the St. Louis Area Foodbank. This simple collection of funds allows the St. Louis Area Foodbank to utilize their buying power to purchase food with funds donated to your drive.

- Value of donated food in FY24: \$53,638,789
- Number of physical food drives FY24: 405
- Number of virtual food drives FY24: 57

Give Time

Roll up your sleeves and dive in to support your community. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our work! We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available for individuals, families, and groups. Consider packing food boxes in our Repackaging Center or working one of food distribution events in a community near you.

- Number of volunteer hours FY24: 63,301



Be an Advocate

Engage with your community to bring awareness to the reality of food insecurity in your region. Talk to friends, family, and colleagues about the solutions to hunger. The more we recognize the problem and collaborate to address the need, the healthier our communities will be. Follow us (@stlfoodbank) on social media, get educated, and share the information with your networks.

To get involved, please visit: <https://stlfoodbank.org/give-help/>.

FY2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Total
Support and Revenue	
Program Fees	\$535,993
Contributions.....	\$13,487,609
Government Grants.....	\$5,140,795
Investment Income, net.....	\$3,041,211
Other Revenue	\$182,297
Consumable Product Donations/Receipts.....	\$78,841,196
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains (Losses)	\$101,229,101
Functional Expenses	
Program Services.....	\$89,511,733
Support Services	
Management and General	\$2,165,522
Fundraising.....	\$1,582,587
Total Supporting Activities	\$3,748,109
Total Expenses	\$93,259,842
Change in Net Assets	\$7,969,259
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$39,844,904
Net Assets, End of Year	\$47,814,163



Pounds Distributed	Total Distributed
Donated	27,328,195
Government	13,250,556
Purchased.....	2,185,410
Total Pounds Distributed	42,764,161