



Foodbank®  
*St. Louis Area Foodbank*

Annual Report  
**FY 2025**

Volunteers with the St. Louis Area Foodbank sort disaster donations at Chaminade College Preparatory School shortly after the May 16th, 2025 tornado.



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# Letter from **Meredith Knopp**, President & CEO

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To Our Dedicated Supporters, Partners, and Neighbors,

This past year has been a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of a community united by a shared mission. As I reflect on the challenges and triumphs of our Fiscal Year 2025, I am profoundly grateful for your unwavering commitment to our neighbors facing hunger across the 26 counties we serve in Missouri and Illinois.

Our mission has always been to do more than just provide a meal; it is to ensure that every individual in our region has access to nutritious food with dignity. To meet this goal in an ever-changing landscape, the St. Louis Area Foodbank has continued to explore and implement innovative solutions. We recognized that traditional models are not always enough to reach those in rural areas or those with limited mobility. This led to the continued investment in our **Food on the Move** mobile grocery store, which brings fresh produce and staples directly into the heart of underserved neighborhoods.

We grew our Grocery Rescue program, which works with local retailers to save healthy, nutritious food from being wasted and redirects it to our neighbors. Whether through our large-scale special distributions for Thanksgiving or our collaborative efforts with local community partners, our focus remains on accessibility, innovation, and quality.

However, our Fiscal Year 2025 also brought significant trials. Our region was struck by devastating spring storms, culminating in a powerful and destructive tornado in May 2025. The damage was widespread, impacting many of the neighbors we serve and the infrastructure we rely on. In the immediate aftermath, the Foodbank mobilized alongside emergency responders to provide life-sustaining resources to those who lost everything.

But our work did not end when the storm clouds cleared. We understand that the path to recovery from such a catastrophe is long and difficult. The Foodbank remains steadfastly committed to supporting our neighbors through the long-term recovery process, ensuring that food insecurity does not become a secondary disaster for those trying to rebuild their lives.

As you read through this annual report, you will see the tangible results of your generosity. You will see stories of hope and statistics that reflect our collective impact

across two states. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for being the backbone of our efforts and for standing with us as we work toward a hunger-free future.

Always grateful,

Meredith Knopp

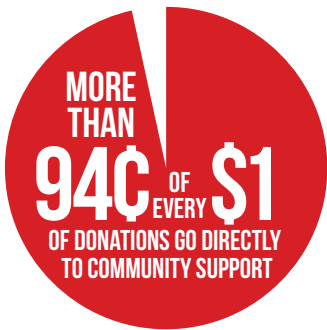
President & CEO



*Meredith Knopp, St. Louis Area Foodbank President & CEO, helps out at Thanksgiving Distribution with her daughter, Fall 2024.*



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

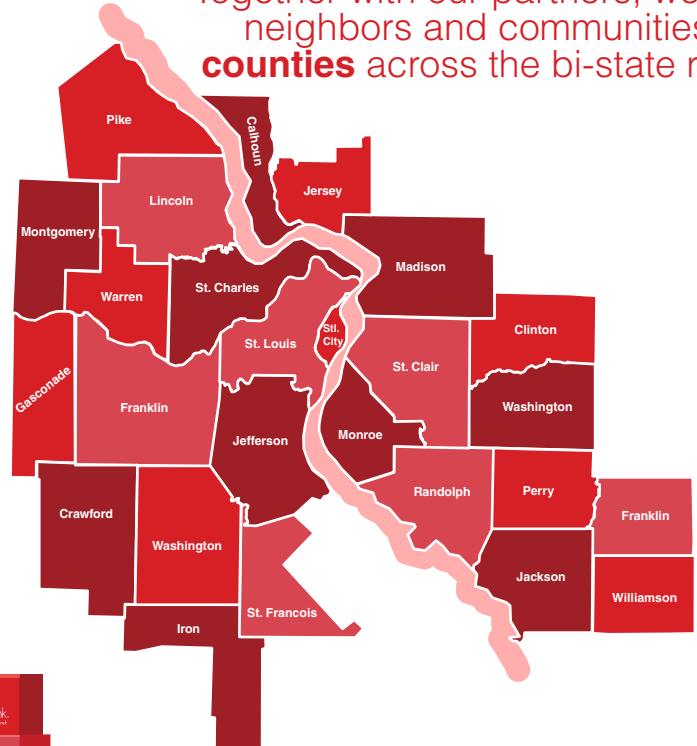


**STEWARDSHIP**  
Less than **6%** of donations go toward administration.



## 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 PROVIDED FOOD ASSISTANCE:**  
**2.9 MILLION** times in Fiscal Year 2025 through our programs and pantry partners.

**79,495**

Total Volunteer Hours



**1 IN 6 CHILDREN**  
NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

**120,750** children are food insecure in the **26 counties** we serve in Illinois and Missouri.



*St. Louis native and professional mixed martial artist, Joaquin “New Mansa” Buckley, donates a portion of his winnings to the St. Louis Area Foodbank, Summer 2025.*

# Foodbank Programs

All food provided through the St. Louis Area Foodbank's programs is free to our neighbors.

## Grocery Rescue

Over 120 billion meals are lost annually within the United States food system due to waste and surplus. Only 2% of this surplus is currently donated. The St. Louis Area Foodbank's Grocery Rescue Program closes this gap by redirecting fresh, high-quality food from retailers to the plates of our neighbors in Eastern Missouri and Southwestern Illinois.

We collaborate with over 429 local retail partners to rescue surplus items. Our dedicated team coordinates quick pickups of highly perishable, nutritious food. The food is then delivered to a pantry partner by the St. Louis Area Foodbank, or picked up directly by over 118 partner agencies that have received training and/or equipment through our Grocery Rescue program. Because the food is often distributed the same day it is rescued, our neighbors receive the freshest produce and meats available.



**15,578,577** lbs

Pounds of Food Rescued  
and Redistributed

**13,229,648**

Number of Meals Provided

**120**

Number of Retail  
Partners



## Food On The Move (FOTM)

Food on the Move is a walk-through, choice-style mobile pantry that brings fresh, nutritious food and household essentials directly to neighborhoods that face barriers to transportation and limited access to grocery stores. Neighbors walk through our customized trailer and select the food they need for their household. Options include fresh produce, dairy products, protein, shelf-stable pantry staples, and essential household items.

**324**

Number of FOTM  
Distributions

**669,369** lbs

Pounds of Food Distributed

**64,703**

Number of  
Individuals Served  
Through FOTM



## FARMS (Food Access and Resource Markets)

Through our FARMS program, we provide high-quality food and resources directly to the communities that need them most. FARMS are designed to be a simple, stress-free way to access groceries. These are drive-thru food distribution events where neighbors never have to leave their vehicles. We focus on providing a balanced mix of fresh and shelf-stable foods. The products are a combination of items donated by corporate and retail partners and purchased by the St. Louis Area Foodbank to ensure nutritional quality. FARMS are focused in areas with few or no grocery stores nearby, and where neighbors may lack reliable transit.

**768**

Number of FARMS  
Distributions

**6,834,136** lbs

Pounds of Food Distributed  
Through FARMS

**56,565**

Number of  
Households Served  
Through FARMS

## School Programming

The St. Louis Area Foodbank is committed to ensuring that students and members of their households in the bi-state region have the fuel they need to succeed. Food insecurity shouldn't be a barrier to education. By meeting families where they are—right at school—we provide consistent, dignified access to nutritious food. Our **School Markets** are designed to look and feel like a local grocery store. They provide a range of fresh produce, dairy, protein, and shelf-stable items. **School Pantries** contain shelving stocked with pantry staples to provide consistent food assistance. **School FARMS** are specialized, drive-thru distributions hosted at select schools, which are open to all members of the community. **Higher Education Pantries** provide consistent nutrition to students at regional colleges and universities.



**35**

Number of  
School Markets  
and Pantries

**11**

Number of  
School FARMS  
Sites

**6**

Number of  
Higher Education  
Pantries

**1,047,337** lbs

Pounds of Food Distributed  
Through School Programs  
(all four)

**14,465**

Number of  
Households Served  
Through School  
Programs (all four)



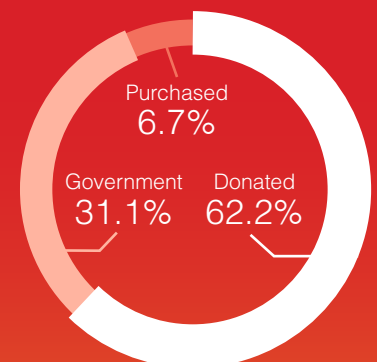
*First Alert 4 interviewed Tina Anderson, Vice President of Community Impact and Innovation, while kicking off the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the St. Louis Area Foodbank in summer 2025.*

# FY 2025 Financial Report

<b>Support and Revenue</b>	<b>Total</b>
Program Fees.....	\$577,024
Contributions.....	\$14,013,651
Government Grants.....	\$7,207,942
Investment Income, net.....	\$3,147,326
Other Revenue.....	\$191,288
Consumable Product Donations/Receipts .....	\$73,456,947
<b>Total Support, Revenue, and Gains (Losses).....</b>	<b>\$98,594,178</b>
<b>Functional Expenses</b>	
Program Services .....	\$85,527,559
Support Services	
Management and General .....	\$3,636,359
Fundraising.....	\$1,995,799
<b>Total Supporting Activities.....</b>	<b>\$5,632,158</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$91,159,717</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$7,434,461</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year.....</b>	<b>\$47,814,163</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year.....</b>	<b>\$55,248,624</b>

## Pounds Distributed

Donated .....	26,367,510
Government .....	13,172,628
Purchased .....	2,851,904
<b>Total Pounds Distributed.....</b>	<b>42,392,042 lbs.</b>



*The St. Louis Area Foodbank joined Liberty Apple Orchard in Illinois for an apple gleaning event to prevent food waste in 2025.*

