



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Annual Report 2024

HOW DO WE QUANTIFY FOOD BANK'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?

Up to 10 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions come from food that goes to waste. When food decomposes, it creates methane, a greenhouse gas that traps more than 80 times more heat than carbon dioxide over the first 20 years.

Food recovery and redistribution — which is the expertise of food banks across the world — is the quickest, simplest, and most affordable way to reduce methane emissions.*

We all want to understand and provide credible evidence that food banks help reduce emissions as well as food insecurity. By working together we hope we can help countries achieve their climate goals while also reducing food insecurity. **Our goal is to continue to recover nutritious, surplus food and direct it to people who are facing hunger.** This means millions of people in thousands of communities have had access to the food and nutrients they need to thrive, all while food loss, waste, and the harmful greenhouse gas emissions it causes are reduced.

**This information comes from the Global Foodbanking Network in 2024, www.foodbanking.org.*

In the United States, food waste is estimated at between
30-40%
of the food supply.



Food Bank's Environmental Impact ... (Continued)

We are excited to report, with confidence, the CO₂ emissions avoided through the work of *The Global Foodbanking Network*:

- » This international methodology is uniquely developed for food banks and other food redistribution organizations.
- » It specifically calls out emissions avoided from methane, which is 86 times more potent than CO₂ as a greenhouse gas over a 20-year period.
- » It robustly quantifies food banking's contributions to multiple UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including ZERO HUNGER, DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION AND CLIMATE ACTION.
- » It brings climate mitigation and adaption approaches together. We know climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations and agricultural productivity, increasing food insecurity. This methodology demonstrates how food banks both mitigate and help communities adapt to climate change by increasing food security.
- » Please check out the full details of the methodology at **THE GLOBAL FOODBANKING NETWORK, www.foodbanking.org**.



An estimated 1.8 million metric tons of CO₂e were avoided.

Climate-fueled disasters like droughts, floods, earthquakes, and heat waves, are having significant impacts on our food systems and food security, threatening food production, quality, accessibility, and more.

Food banks help get food to people facing hunger, but they also reduce food loss and waste that produces up to 10% of the world's harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

- » **Our goal for this work is simple:** We hope to inspire governments, businesses, investors, and philanthropists to both take urgent climate action and address hunger through food banking. Food Banking is not only a widespread and proven grassroots approach to addressing hunger and improving resilience, but it urgently and significantly addresses climate change. With 1 in 3 people facing food insecurity and countless communities already being adversely impacted by climate change, we have no time (or food) to waste.

» **We urge you to support community led food banks!**

- » *"This robust new tool for measuring the methane emissions avoided through food recovery and redistribution helps bring forward the climate benefits of the noble task of food donations. It will help countries deliver on the UN's SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs), including commitments made as part of the Global Methane Pledge,"* says Marcelo Mena, CEO, Global Methane Hub.

Your Donations at Work!

What does it cost to get the work of collecting local surplus food for people who need it, and also prevent the waste of valuable food in our landfill?

95% of all donations, including in-kind, go directly to feeding hungry people in Interior Alaska. Your financial gifts are partnered with donated facilities and 24,541 volunteer hours to support the collection of healthy, nourishing food, which is shared free of charge to those in need.

The annual CASH budget of the Fairbanks Community Food Bank is just over two million dollars. When you add the annual value of DONATED ITEMS (also known as IN-KIND) our annual operating budget is over ten million dollars. What types of items do we include in this added IN-KIND value?

- Donated Food
- Donated Facilities
- Donated Labor
- Donated Equipment

That means our CASH needs are 1/5th of what we need to keep these doors open each year. We feel our obligation to you is to keep our need for CASH as low as possible and give each of you an opportunity to donate what you feel you can SHARE with those in this community who need your help. Of course, we must be able to pay our staff for organizing volunteers, writing grants, driving trucks, paying for insurance, and maintaining the operations of these warehouse facilities. Though CASH is 20% of what we need, it is the glue that makes this whole community project work.

EVERY DOLLAR you donate is important to us!

- To our "large " donors – **THANK YOU!**
- To our donors who can only afford \$5 and yet you still invest in us, **THANK YOU!**
- **Every \$1 counts here!**

GOOD (still) HAPPENS HERE (As we celebrate 42 years of an impossible community business plan)

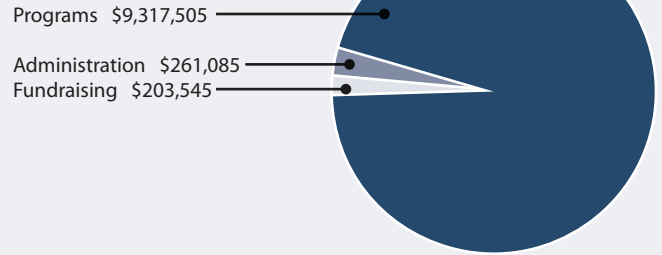


We are at our highest efficiency when we are in our goal range. With these higher numbers, thanks to this community's support, we have been able to go beyond our goals to meet additional needs as they have arisen. It has never been easy, but this amazing community always steps up, allowing us to meet our local needs. Our community CARES, and NEIGHBORS truly do help NEIGHBORS through the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. Thank you!

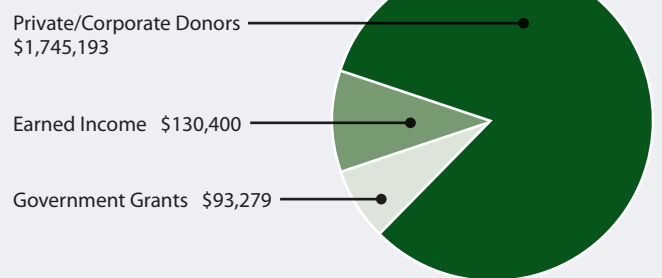
GOOD HAPPENS	GOAL Annual	ACTUAL July 2020– June 2021	ACTUAL July 2021– June 2022	ACTUAL July 2022– June 2023	ACTUAL July 2023– June 2024
Food Bank Meals Served	350,000	828,378	621,756	729,499	818,233
Food Distributed by the Food Bank to Other Local Agencies	450,000	1,208,316	904,649	917,926	920,371
Pounds of Food Received	1,500,000	4,025,186	3,326,123	2,967,397	3,668,344
Volunteer Hours	13,200	22,943	22,758	23,441	24,541

PLEASE NOTE: We have met and greatly exceeded our annual baseline goal each of the past three years. This Food Bank receives free food and gives it away free so no person needs to go hungry in Interior Alaska.

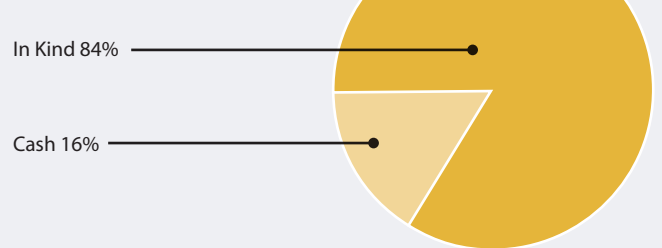
Actual FY2024 Expenses CASH & IN-KIND



Actual FY2024 INCOME CASH ONLY



Actual FY2024 CASH & IN-KIND





Mission Moments

All of these stories and other daily stories of courage and donor excitement come from our FACEBOOK page. Please go to www.fairbanksfoodbank.org and click on the FACEBOOK icon to see what we do every day.

Our Mission Statement

The Mission of the Fairbanks Community Food Bank is to collect local surplus food in the community and share it with local people who need it.

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The Difference Your Donation Makes

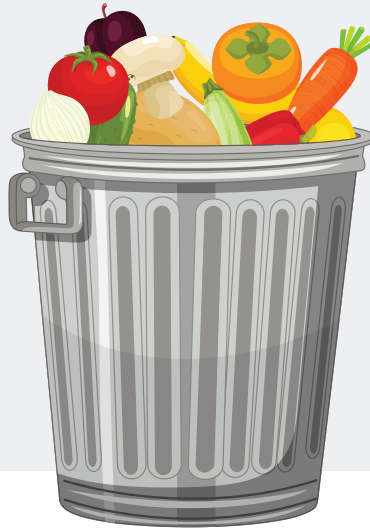
We will keep you fully informed about the difference your donation makes, and we ask you to consider 5% for the Fairbanks Community Food Bank as you prepare for the next generation in your estate planning. **Thank you.**



Where WE (Fairbanks Community Food Bank) Come From:

It is a simple concept. Don't waste food and if you have extra, get it to people who can use it. It's what our parents taught us. For years FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK has done just that. More than 80,000,000 (80 million) pounds of healthy, surplus food has been recovered by this local food bank in Fairbanks since 1982. We began by picking up surplus food from commercial and individual food donors to make sure the local people who need food assistance have access to the surplus food.

At the time this local food bank was established in 1982 there was a dual purpose of (1) providing food for hungry people **AND** (2) effectively using surplus food that would normally be discarded or end up in the landfill. Preventing food waste has always been part of this local food bank's mission statement.



We are providing food assistance to food insecure people while also reducing our carbon footprint and our partner food donors carbon footprints, too. **We All want to reduce food waste and reduce our carbon footprints. We also have local needs for the people in our communities who are food insecure, too.**

ZERO Waste Partner

We are so thankful for the generous corporate food donors who have shared their surplus fresh food with this local food bank. We all have a ZERO WASTE program, and we are great partners in that project.

