



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**ENDING  
HUNGER**  
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

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# WE ARE

Food gatherers | Distributors |  
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# OUR PRIORITY

To help the most vulnerable first: Children, seniors,  
veterans and people in crisis.

# APPROACH

Our work is evidence-based and data driven. We focus on  
outcomes and impact, and our work is measurable.

# VALUES

Collaborative | Transparent | Innovative  
Responsible | Respectful | Compassionate



## From the desk of our President and CEO



This year, more than any in recent memory, has reminded us just how fragile food security can be — and how vital our collective impact truly is.

Rising grocery prices, high housing costs and the long road to recovery from back-to-back hurricanes have made it harder than ever for many in our community to put food on the table. These challenges aren't just statistics — they're daily struggles for families, children and seniors across our region.

As the need grows, the resources available to help have been stretched thinner than ever before. But your generosity continues to turn moments of fear into moments of hope.

Despite economic uncertainty, you have shown that compassion and resilience are stronger forces.

Together in 2024, we:

- Provided more than **20 million meals** to people experiencing hunger
- Reached more than **80,000 people** in Sarasota and DeSoto counties
- Distributed nearly **380,000 "BackPacks"** to children in need
- Fed more than **35,000 children** through our summer programs
- Screened nearly **50,000 neighbors** for food insecurity, connecting them to vital resources and benefits services

Behind every number is a name. A face. A story. A parent doing their best. A grandparent living on a fixed income. A veteran who bravely served. A child who deserves every chance to grow, to thrive, to dream.

There is still so much work ahead, however, in a year filled with difficult headlines, you gave us the most powerful one of all: *Hope is still here.*

Thank you for standing with us, for showing up and for believing that no one in our community should ever go hungry.

With heartfelt gratitude,

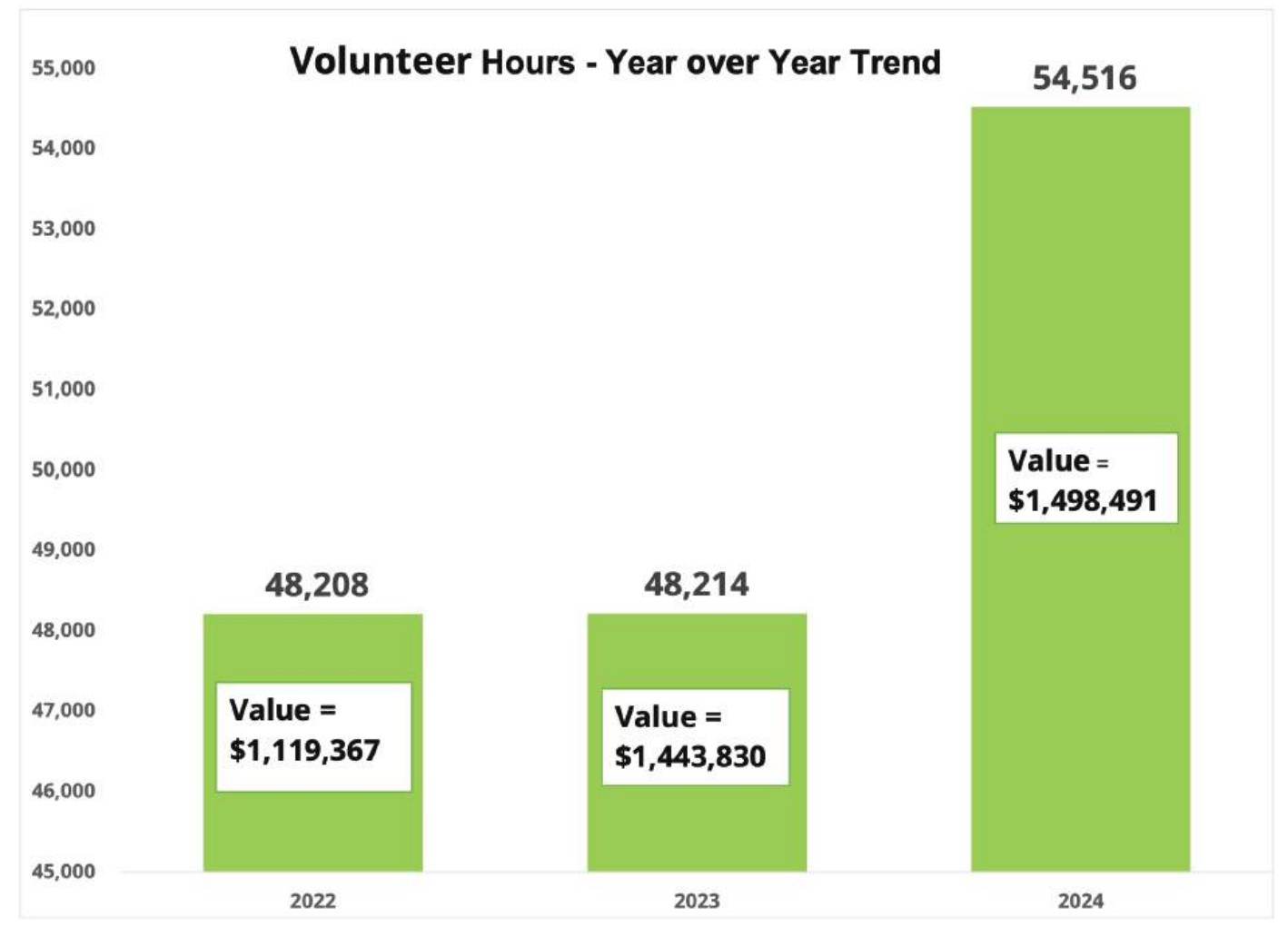
Nelle S. Miller  
President and CEO  
All Faiths Food Bank



## VOLUNTEERS

### We love our Hunger Heroes

Thousands of generous individuals, corporate groups, clubs, students and faith-based/civic organizations helped us provide more than 20 million meals. Volunteer opportunities include sorting and packing food, distributing at pantries, participating in our nutrition education and cooking classes, administrative tasks, lending a hand at events and more.



# CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER

April – May



**SUMMERTIME**  
SHOULD BE THE BEST  
PART OF THE YEAR.

Sadly, **OVER 40,000** local kids will  
need food this summer.

**YOU can change that.**

Since the start of the campaign in 2014, we  
have known that when school ends, hunger  
begins for more than **40,000 local children**.

Today, families are facing unprecedented  
challenges. The ongoing impacts of hurricane  
recovery, soaring inflation and the rising cost  
of living have made it harder than ever for  
parents to put meals on the table – especially  
during the summer.

All Faiths Food Bank's **Campaign Against  
Summer Hunger** has become our  
community's strongest line of defense against  
child hunger. Through our partners and  
summer programs, we work hard to make  
sure children receive the help they need.



# THANKFULL CAMPAIGN

October – November

Give  
**Th**anks

As living costs increase,  
even more help is needed.

You can turn empty  
plates into ThankFULL  
tummies

Give today at  
[allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org)  
941.379.6333



ThankFULL Tummies



When basic costs increase,  
food can be the first to go.  
You can help put food back in  
the bag this holiday season.

Turn empty plates into  
ThankFULL hearts.

Give today at  
[allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org)  
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ThankFULL Hearts

The holidays are a time for gathering, gratitude and sharing meals with the people we  
love. But for families facing financial hardship, this season can also serve as a painful  
reminder of hunger and uncertainty.

Our **ThankFULL Hearts and Tummies campaign** turns empty plates into full bellies  
and heavy hearts into hopeful ones.

Thanks to the support of our generous community, more than **13,000 Thanksgiving  
dinners** were shared with local families last year.

# Providing healthy solutions to end hunger in our community



"I'm very grateful because this really helped when I needed it the most."

- Diane



"This is so appreciated by so many people who are hurting financially because of the hurricanes."

- Denise



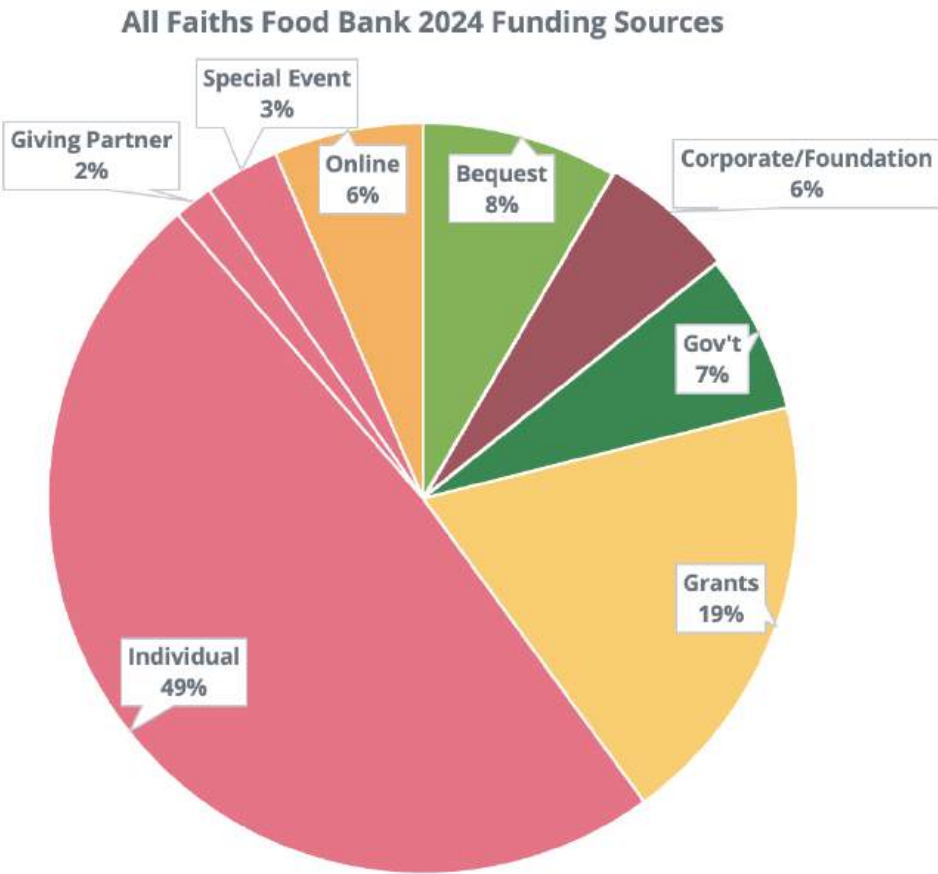
"All Faiths food bank saves us money and trips to the grocery store. Also, it gives us some different foods that we wouldn't ordinarily get."

- James

## FINANCIALS

All Faiths Food Bank's administrative and fundraising costs are 8% – and at least **92 cents of every dollar** is allocated for programs to feed our neighbors facing hunger and educate the community.

### 2024 TOTAL PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT BY CATEGORY



Visit [allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials](https://allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials) for our 990s and audited financials.

Your support makes it possible to end hunger – today and tomorrow – by addressing the root causes.

## Childhood hunger

All Faiths Food Bank's programs work to address the needs of children facing hunger by providing healthy, nutritious food after school, on weekends, during extended holiday breaks and over the summer.

### Campaign Against Summer Hunger: School ends, hunger begins

Fills the hunger gap that occurs when children lose school meals for the summer by providing more than **35,000 students** with nearly **3.4 million nutritious meals** in 2024.

**BackPack program:** Funds bags of kid-friendly foods for kids to take home over the weekends and during holidays. In 2024, more than **376,000 Backpacks** were distributed to children facing hunger.

**School and Family Pantry program:** Fresh groceries, including produce, meat and dairy, are shared with the families of students at nearly two dozen sites across Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

## Food distribution

Together with our agency partners, we held **725 food distributions** each month.

**Mobile pantries:** Neighbors receive fresh produce, meats and groceries at different sites throughout the community.

**Produce program:** Mobile farm markets distribute fresh produce throughout the community. In 2024, of the **22.9 million pounds of food** distributed, **6.3 million pounds was fresh produce**.

**Agency partners:** Agency partners work with the food bank to provide fresh groceries to our community.

**Veterans' pantry:** Two Tuesdays per month, area veterans are invited to collect food during a mobile pantry at Church of the Palms in Sarasota.

## Food is Medicine

We strongly believe hunger is a health issue. Since 2019, we have partnered with local healthcare providers and agencies to screen our neighbors for food insecurity as part of our commitment to address the root causes of hunger.

Initially started as a pilot, funded by the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation, this program has since expanded to reflect our evolving healthcare partnerships, benefits assistance and case management services.

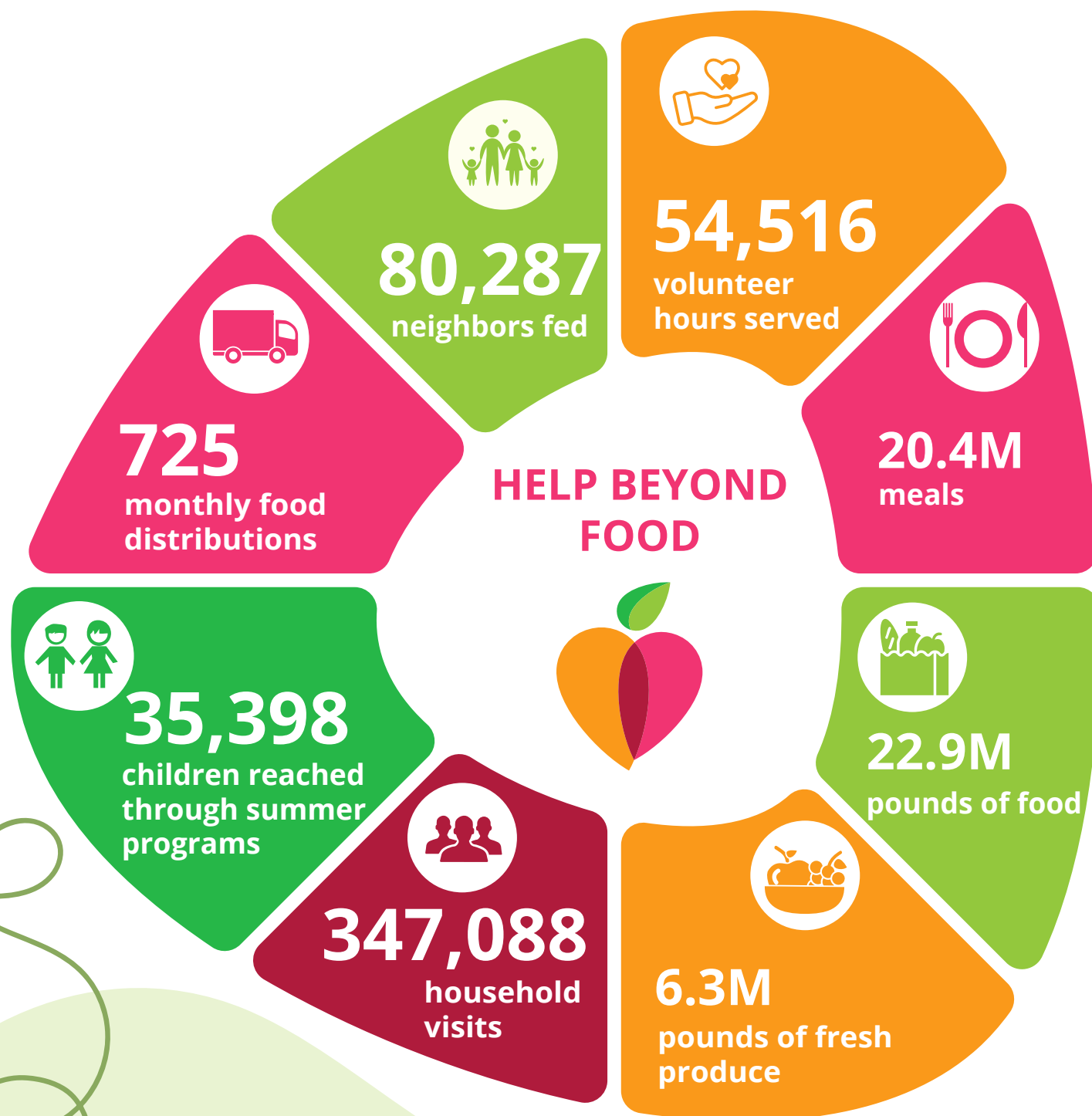
Neighbors identified as food insecure may be able to access our Wellness Markets and Wellness Bags, which provide fresh groceries until they can be connected to All Faiths' trained professionals for help with benefits applications and referrals to other community resources.

By embedding food access directly into healthcare settings, together, we are elevating nutrition as a core component of disease prevention, treatment and recovery – while working to reduce hospital readmissions and improving patient outcomes through disease-specific, medically tailored nutrition support.

## Rural hunger

In DeSoto County, where agriculture is the dominant industry, **59%** of households struggle to afford basic needs such as housing, childcare, food, health care and transportation. All Faiths' DeSoto County Food and Resource Center is designed to be the epicenter for needed resources – including food – with wraparound services including benefits assistance, legal aid, group classes, and referrals for other social services.

# Your impact in 2024



# THANK YOU

**Donors, volunteers  
and supporters**

You are the heart of everything we do.  
Your kindness, time and generosity  
make a world of difference.

Thank you for your continued support.



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