

# Your impact in 2023

## From the desk of our President and CEO



As we mark our 35<sup>th</sup> year serving neighbors facing hunger in our community, I want to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our donors, partners, staff and volunteers.

**Because of your kind hearts and unwavering support:**

*One fewer child faces the disappointment of opening an empty fridge...*

*One fewer single mom wrestles with the agonizing decision of which bill to leave unpaid to afford groceries...*

*And one fewer veteran is forced to go without life-saving medication...*

If you or a loved one have ever experienced a time of need, you undoubtedly understand the impact of a helping hand. It can lift someone from their lowest point – and instill a sense of hope.

Like most organizations, we have seen – and felt – the impacts of inflation, cost of living increases and supply chain challenges. Yet through it all, you have remained resolute in your dedication to ending hunger.

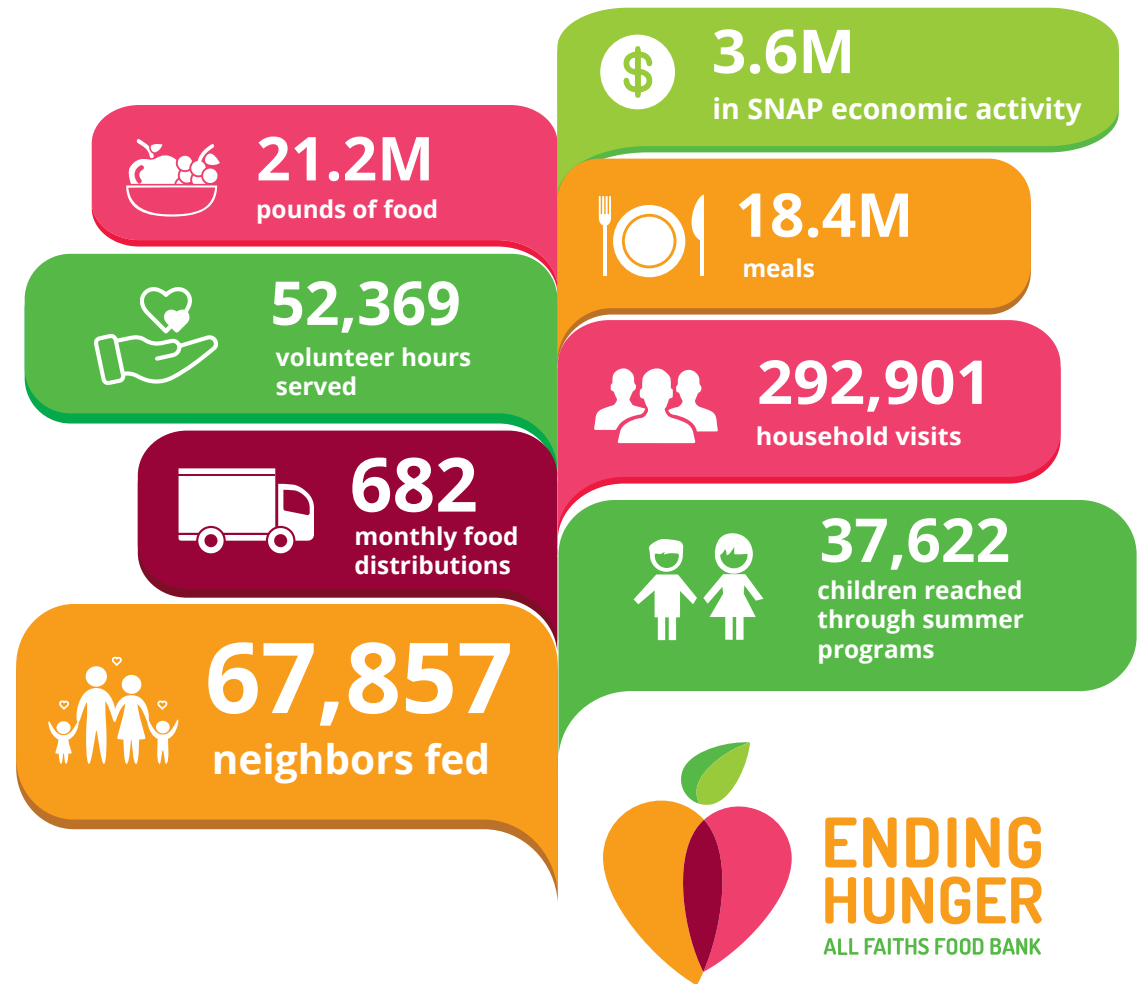
### Here are a few things we achieved together in 2023:

- Served nearly **68,000 neighbors**
- Provided more than **18 million meals** – a remarkable increase of more than **281,000 meals** – even amid prolonged closures of agency partner distribution sites due to Hurricane Ian
- Distributed more than **320,000 "BackPacks"** of food to children facing hunger
- Expanded our School Pantry program from 13 to 20 sites – giving away healthy, nutritious food at seven additional locations across Sarasota and DeSoto counties
- Reached nearly **38,000 children** through our Summer Hunger programs
- Saw a **32% surge** in food insecurity screenings – identifying and then addressing the issue with more than **33,000 neighbors**
- Generated more than **\$3.6 million** in local economic activity through SNAP benefits assistance

While we have made significant strides, there is still much work ahead to ensure everyone in our community is fed. The reality that our neighbors are going hungry is both unimaginable and unacceptable. However, through our collective efforts, we will persist in advocating for change – and continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Thank you for all you do.

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