



Feeding Our Neighbors Together



2024 Annual Report

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER

A Letter from the President & CEO and Chair

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of both the **challenges** we have faced and the **incredible generosity** that has helped us meet them. Last year, we looked ahead to key milestones—the **Kansas Food Bank's 40th anniversary**, the **20th anniversary of our Food 4 Kids program** and the opening of the **new Western Kansas Hub**—all testaments to the power of community in the fight against hunger.

This year, we have experienced a **significant increase in need**, driven largely by the rising cost of living, particularly the cost of food. More families than ever have turned to us for a basic necessity: **food**. No one should have to choose between paying for groceries or other essential expenses, yet that is the **reality for many of our neighbors**.

Thanks to the unwavering generosity of our donors and volunteers, we have been able to **keep pace** with this growing demand. Your support ensures that families, children, seniors, and individuals across our state have access to the meals they need. Together, we are making sure that **no Kansan goes hungry**.

As we mark these important milestones, we remain committed to **strengthening hunger relief** across our 85-county service area. With your partnership, we will continue to provide missing **meals, hope, and stability** to those who need it most.

Thank you for being an essential part of our mission. We could not do this work without **you**.

With gratitude,


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FEEDING KANSAS FAMILIES

MEETING BASIC NEEDS THROUGH NOURISHMENT

Families across Kansas—including many **working families**—are struggling to put food on the table. Through our network of agency partners, food pantries, and mobile distributions, we ensure that families receive the groceries they need to stay nourished. The reality is stark:

48% OF HOUSEHOLDS
have had to choose between
paying for utilities or food

33% OF HOUSEHOLDS
have had to choose between
rent/mortgage or food

39% OF HOUSEHOLDS
have had to choose between
medicine/medical care or food

No family should have to make these **impossible choices**. Last year alone, we provided over **15 million meals** to our food-insecure neighbors, helping families facing these tough choices access the food they need.



It's inspiring to see families like Rene's come together to give back. Their dedication and kindness make a real difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity. By volunteering at mobile distributions, they're not just handing out food—they're providing hope and nourishment to households in need.

—Carly, Volunteer Coordinator

Food is Medicine

NOURISHING HEALTH THROUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD

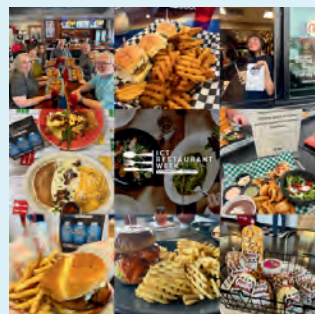
This year, over **28%** of the food we distributed was fresh produce, reinforcing our commitment to providing **high-quality, nutritious options** to those we serve. Many of our neighbors face chronic health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, making access to healthy foods **essential**.

Through our Food is Medicine initiative, we prioritize fresh, wholesome foods that support **better health outcomes**, ensuring that the meals we provide do more than just fill a plate—they help improve lives.



ICT Restaurant Week

COMING TOGETHER OVER OUR PASSION FOR FEEDING OTHERS



To help meet the increased need for food assistance, the Kansas Food Bank kicked off a new campaign enlisting the help of those who share our passion for feeding others: **ICT Restaurant Week presented by JRI Hospitality and Mokas Coffee & Eatery.**

The week partnered with over **two dozen local eateries**, all committed to helping raise funds to feed our neighbors while celebrating our local dining scene. ICT Restaurant Week raised over **\$41,000** in its inaugural year, with the funds raised used to purchase and distribute approximately **190,000 pounds of fresh produce** in Wichita.

SERVING WESTERN KANSAS

The completion of our new **Western Kansas Hub in Garden City** marks a major milestone in our mission to expand food access across western Kansas. This facility is already making a significant impact by **streamlining deliveries** and **improving efficiency** in the region.

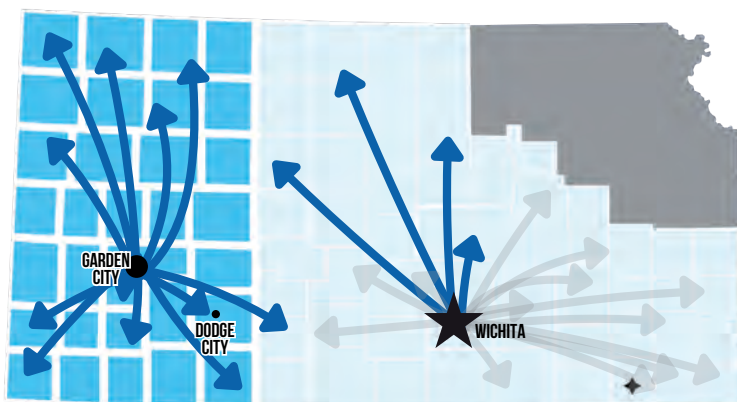
EXPANDING FOOD ACCESS IN WESTERN KANSAS

We began direct deliveries to agencies in the southern third of the western 31-county region, with our first Food 4 Kids delivery reaching partner schools in September 2024, followed by the first pantry orders in late October 2024.

By distributing food directly from Garden City, we have eliminated the need for overnight routes for our drivers, allowing us to allocate resources more effectively across our 85-county service area. To support these efforts, we have added an additional driver and are preparing to expand deliveries to more counties. Our ultimate goal is to increase food distribution by 50% and double the amount of fresh produce reaching the 31 westernmost counties.



DISTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN FROM GARDEN CITY HUB TO 31 WESTERNMOST COUNTIES:



**300,000+ LBS
DISTRIBUTED**

75% Agency Orders
6.3% Fresh Produce
6,000+ F4K Packets

**1,865 HOUSEHOLDS
PER MONTH**

16 Partner Agencies
9 Mobile Distributions
6 Bob Box & 4 CSFP Sites

**976 KIDS
PER MONTH**

Served through Food 4 Kids
program deliveries to
49 schools in 17 cities

PHASE 2: AGENCY CAPACITY EXPANSIONS

As we move into the second phase of our Western Kansas campaign, our focus is on **strengthening the capacity** of our partner agencies across western Kansas. With **increased food distributions** from the Garden City hub, it is essential that our agencies have the infrastructure needed to store and distribute food efficiently.



This phase includes grant opportunities to help agencies expand their capacity with:

- Commercial and walk-in coolers and freezers to store fresh and perishable food.
- Shelving and storage solutions to improve organization and accessibility.
- Entryway and overhead doors to enhance operational efficiency.
- New buildings and facility upgrades to better meet community needs.

Every dollar raised in this phase will go directly toward these vital improvements, empowering our partners to serve more families in need.

In July, agencies from across the 31 western Kansas counties came together for a learning collaborative sponsored by The Sunflower Foundation, where they shared ideas, explored opportunities, and discussed their vision for the future of hunger relief in their communities. Their insights are shaping this initiative, ensuring that we invest in solutions that truly make a difference.

Together, we are building a stronger, more sustainable hunger relief network in western Kansas.

NEW PARTNERSHIP: PROVIDING FOOD AT POP-UP MEDICAL CLINICS



This year, we launched a new partnership with Vituity Cares Foundation and Ascension Via Christi St. Francis to bring **nutritious food** to pop-up medical clinics serving individuals experiencing homelessness. These clinics provide free medical services, including physical exams, prescription refills, vaccinations, and wound care, to some of the **most vulnerable members** of our community.

At each clinic, we supply ready-to-eat, easily portable food items to ensure that guests have access to nourishment both during and after their visit. Fresh fruit is also included, offering a **healthy and refreshing** option. Additionally,

understanding that many of our unhoused guests share a **deep bond with their pets**, we bring pet food to support their cherished companions. Through this partnership, we are meeting people where they are—not only addressing hunger but also supporting overall well-being. By combining **food access** with **essential medical care**, we are taking a holistic approach to serving our neighbors in need.

20 YEARS OF FOOD 4 KIDS

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF FIGHTING CHILDHOOD HUNGER



This year, our Food 4 Kids program reached an **incredible milestone**—20 years of providing weekend food to children facing hunger. What began with a single phone call from a school in Mulvane has grown into a lifeline for **over 5,000 children** every Friday during the school year.

Over the past two decades, we have **refined** and **streamlined** packing, delivery, and reporting to ensure that this program continues to serve as many children as possible. But one thing has never changed—**the need**. Without these weekend food packs, many chronically hungry children would return to school on Monday morning without the nourishment they need to **focus** and **learn**.

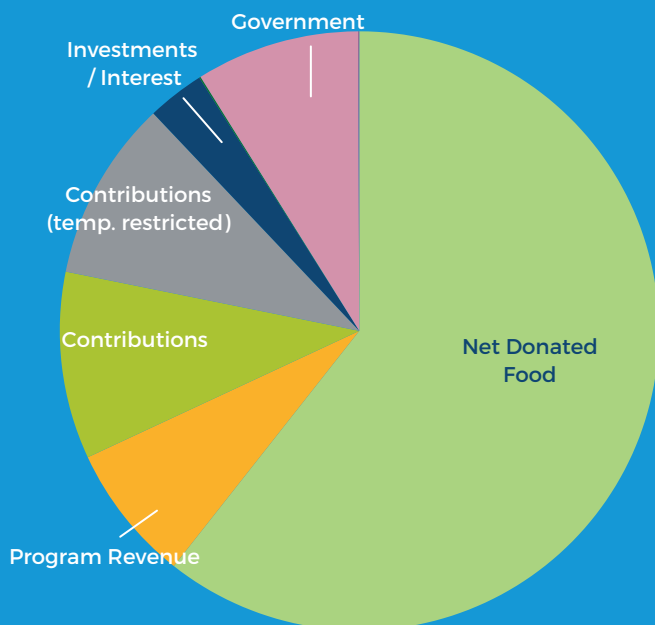
To us—and to the thousands of children who have benefitted—the most essential school supply isn't a pencil or a notebook. It's food.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported Food 4 Kids over the years. Your generosity ensures that no child has to face hunger over the weekend. Here's to 20 years of impact—and to many more ahead.

My sister and I enjoy the snacks. My mom has been working long hours during the weekend and it's hard for us to make food. But, we are able to munch on these snacks while she is gone.

—Garden City Food 4 Kids participant

FINANCIALS



REVENUE

Net Donated Food	60.6%	\$21,227,069
Program Revenue	7.4%	\$2,604,396
Contributions	10.1%	\$3,538,147
Contributions (Temp. Restricted)	9.8%	\$3,417,062
Investments, Interest	3.1%	\$1,084,338
Investment Restricted, Interest.	.08%	\$27,420
Government	8.8%	\$3,089,134
Other Revenue	.07%	\$24,031
Total Revenue		\$35,011,597

FEEDING OLDER AMERICANS

ADDRESSING SENIOR HUNGER IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Food insecurity rates remain higher in rural areas than in urban ones, and seniors are among the most vulnerable. Over the past 20 years, the number of food-insecure seniors across America has **risen by 226%**, highlighting the growing need for **targeted hunger relief** efforts.

*The senior box program has been very beneficial.
The canned beef and pastas are so good.
It is a real blessing for seniors like me.*
—Carol, CSFP box recipient



At the Kansas Food Bank, we are committed to ensuring that no senior has to choose between food and other essentials. Our Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and Bob Box program serve as lifelines for older adults facing food insecurity:

- CSFP improves the health of low-income seniors (60+) by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods, helping them maintain their well-being and independence.
- Bob Box is designed for seniors who may be too proud to ask for help through a pantry or government assistance. This discreet program ensures they receive the food they need without barriers or stigma.

By expanding access to nutritious food for seniors, we are strengthening communities and ensuring that our elders can age with dignity, security, and nourishment.

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

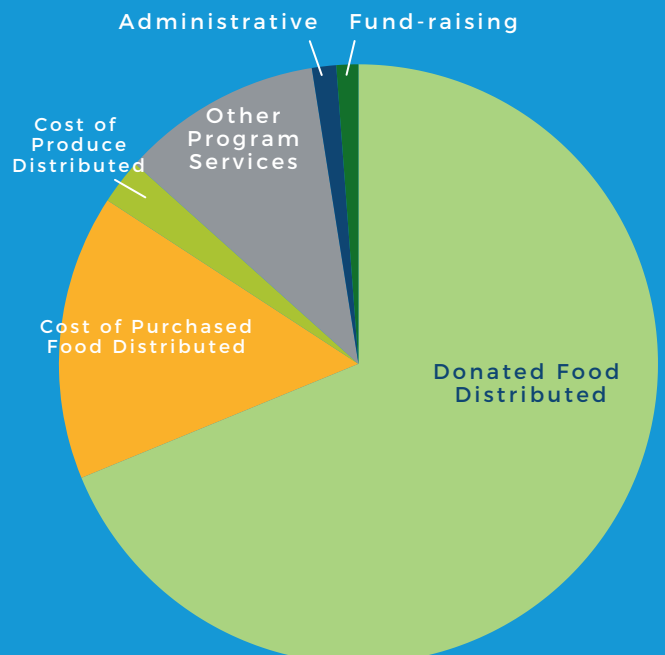
Donated Food Distributed	68.8%	\$21,482,140
Cost of Purchased Distributed	15.4%	\$4,811,050
Cost of Produce Distributed	2.4%	\$762,668
Other Program Services	10.9%	\$3,396,237
Total Program Services		\$30,452,095

SUPPORT SERVICES

Administrative	1.3%	\$408,433
Fund-raising	1.2%	\$369,926

Total Expenses **\$31,230,454**

Total Net Assets, End of Year **\$30,479,189**



40 YEARS OF SERVICE



1984

Kansas Food Bank opened in a rented building, serving just 16 agencies in one county.

In response to a statewide task force on poverty of children in rural Kansas, KFB expanded distribution in rural counties, including the opening of an 18,500 square foot warehouse in Independence - at the time, doubling the amount of food distributed, especially to children.

1997



2004

KFB launched the Food 4 Kids backpack program, designed to fill in the weekend gap in existing feeding programs by serving children at the highest risk of chronic undernourishment. The program served 60 students in a few schools the first year, now serving well over 5,800 children across 300+ schools.

KFB went mobile, deploying multiple “mobile pantries” in many areas of the state that lack food pantry physical infrastructure.

2011



2019

After a successful fundraising campaign, KFB expanded its Wichita warehouse to include increased cold storage and volunteer space to enable greater distribution of fresh produce and other healthy staples (lean proteins, dairy) in order to provide high-quality nutrition to those in need.

The Kansas Food Bank celebrates 40 years of service, distributing over 274 million pounds of food to date to our food insecure neighbors and seeks innovative ways to better nourish our rural communities through the opening of the Western Kansas Hub in Garden City.



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