



MENDOCINO FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM FORT BRAGG FOOD BANK



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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GUIDING US FORWARD

Those responsible for advancing the Food Bank's mission.



“ People coming together to create hope for a dignified and abundant life for everyone. ”



A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

A message from the Food Bank director.



Reflecting back on the year I am honored to have been a part of such a positive force in such a trying time. At the beginning of 2020 I had just finished my first year as the Executive Director. Having no idea that the year to come would hold more challenges than imaginable. I can truly say the **Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program** is stronger than ever.

In 2020, Mendocino County saw an increase in need of 33% year over year. We distributed **1,951,653 pounds of food** across our food network of **10 food pantries** and **5 soup kitchens**. This could not have been done without the resourcefulness and heart of our team who created a safe and effective curbside food pick up. We also introduced home delivery to homebound seniors which further launched a new way of food banking.

As unemployment rates skyrocketed, our lines grew longer and people who never thought they would need the food bank relied on its abundance. The humanity of the food bank was clear and the movement was real. As we are forever changed because of the pandemic I am immensely grateful for the efforts of our food network in Mendocino County.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers, donors, and many partners of the Food Bank. Because of your heart and strength our community is stronger and more resilient.

Amanda Friscia
Executive Director

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BRINGING LASTING CHANGE

No one goes hungry

The Food Bank is committed to providing nutritious food that supports people in creating a healthy and better life. In 2020, many people qualified for the first time for food assistance programs. Some people were in danger of not receiving the nutritional support they needed because of the negative stigmas around food assistance. Our mission was to ensure no one went hungry out of shame or any other mitigating circumstances.

Changing our pick up times and days, implementing drive up box pick up and opening our community farm stand allowed us to break through the stigmas people feel around accepting food. Our caring and respectful staff and volunteers meet people with compassion and respect, no matter who they are or why they're there. Food distribution is not seen as a handout, but as a resource for everyone.



COMMUNITY FARMSTAND

Cultivating compassionate giving

In 2020, the Fort Bragg Food Bank introduced our community farmstand, allowing community members to choose their own fresh fruits and vegetables, bread and other perishables. Giving people the opportunity to choose their own food and interact with their neighbors as they do so has created a place of friendship, sharing and an environment that cultivates dignity and respect: of each other and of themselves.

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED

Our programs

Weekly Food Program

Once a week clients may visit the food bank to pick up food that will supplement their weekly groceries. The average client will leave with 25-30 pounds of food. So what do they leave with? Clients will choose from Dairy, Meat Protein, Vegetarian, Canned goods, Dry Goods, Fresh Produce, Bread, Beverages, and of course Dessert.



3,228
Senior Boxes
Distributed



Commodity Supplemental Food Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides a 30-40 pound box of nutritious food monthly for income-eligible seniors age 60 and older. CSFP Senior Box services are currently provided in Fort Bragg, Leggett, Laytonville, Willits, Ukiah, Anderson Valley, Point Arena, and Gualala.

Home Delivery

For seniors and homebound individuals we offer a delivery service. If you are a client of the Food Bank you can request a home delivery up to once a week. Clients will receive their weekly food upon request.



Averaging
50
sandwiches
a week



Snack Bag Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-1 the Fort Bragg Food Bank now offers a sack lunch to homeless individuals. This is a pre-bagged lunch that included a sandwich, fruit, beverage, and snack. This program was funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County.

Kids Bag Program

This program provides families on the Mendocino Coast with a weekly supplemental bag of food. Families do not have to be clients of the food bank. This great program is funded by the J. G. Cummings Foundation and The Mendocino Coast Children's Fund.



VOLUNTEERS IN THE FACE OF CHANGE

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who put so much hard work into and devoted hours to helping at the Fort Bragg Food Bank. How things changed this year! With 75% of the long-time volunteers unable to make it in, everyone found new and creative ways to contribute. No matter how they were able to contribute, we say a hearty thank you! You are appreciated and treasured. We also had many volunteers join us during the pandemic. It was an absolute joy to have all these new faces become part of our team.

Old or new, our volunteers went above and beyond and did whatever was needed to move our mission forward. Home deliveries, answering phones, preparing food, working in food distribution- all these tasks and more were done with a smile.

The Fort Bragg Food Bank is forever grateful for every moment our volunteers are able to give to us. Thank you for choosing the Food Bank!

We welcomed teen volunteers!

Tuesdays & Thursdays we invited our teens in the community to come on down to the Food Bank and check out what volunteering is all about. We had indoor and outdoor tasks and loved having the youth around. Lunch was provided and there was plenty to do. Making food boxes, helping in the kitchen, giving out produce, folding bags, sorting donated food, are just a few of the jobs we had your help with.



2020 BY THE NUMBERS

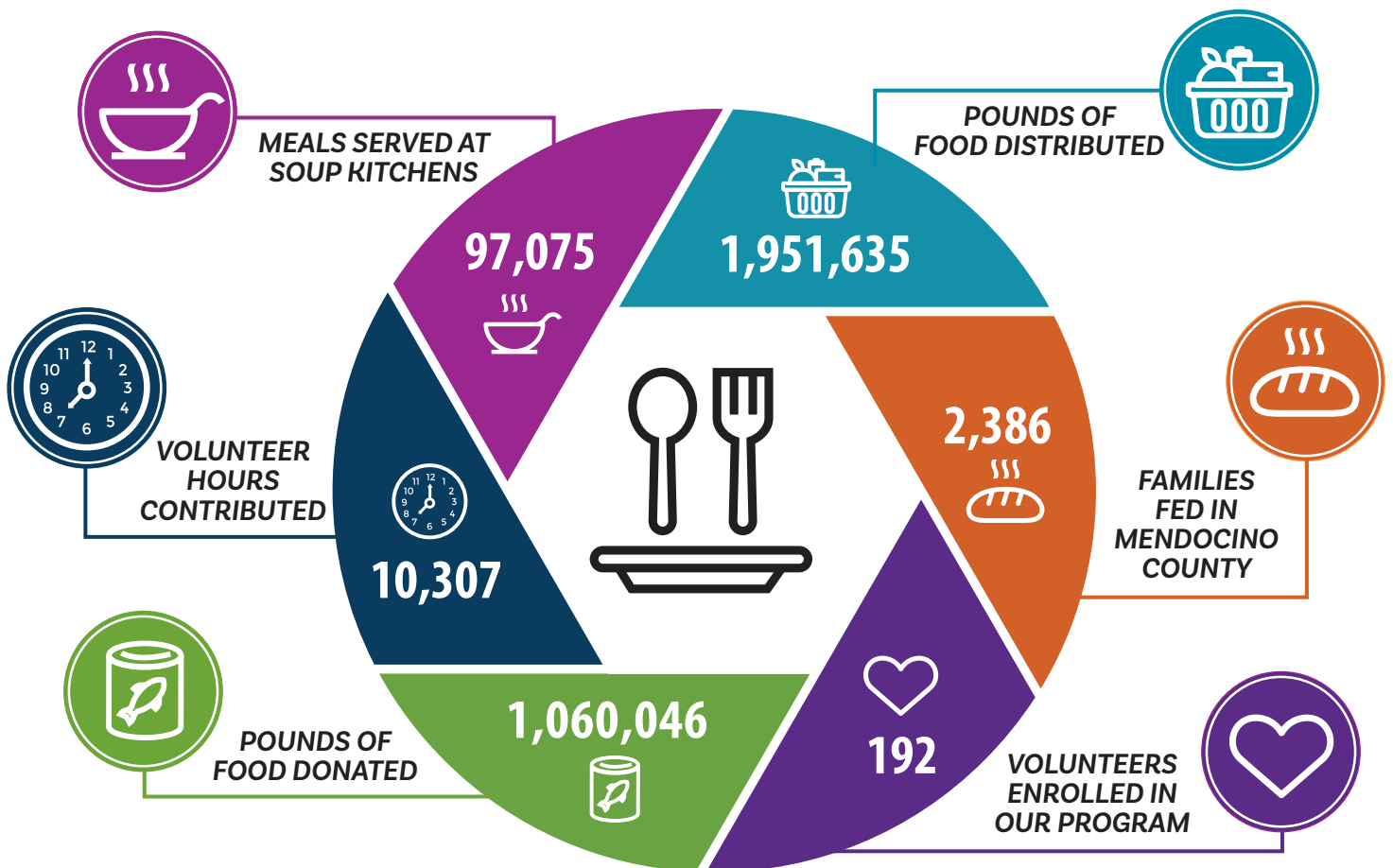
Proudly serving all of Mendocino County

2020 was an unprecedented year: it would be a record not only for us, but for food banks everywhere. During Covid we adapted to protect and serve our staff, volunteers and clients: we moved our operation outside to a curbside model that allowed safe and contactless food box pick up and offered home deliveries to seniors and immune compromised individuals. Also, in an effort to shorten lines and accommodate schedules, we offered food distribution 5 days per week. Even with these accommodations, we had a 70% decline in our volunteers due to stay at home orders and risk of illness. This meant each and every one of us had to work efficiently and effectively to meet our clients' needs.

Our community saw this increase in need happening to their neighbors and to the nation as a whole. They responded with a great out pouring of support with an increase in monetary donations over the previous year. Donations of food from local businesses as well as our partners also increased a significantly this year.



This allowed us to get creative with our offerings: we opened our community Farm Stand, increased the amount and quality of the food we offered in our boxes, created a kid's box for our younger clients and stocked our pantry at the Fort Bragg Highschool. All of this would not have been possible without the commitment and generosity of our donors and partners.



OUR PARTNERS IN HUNGER RELIEF

Local businesses supporting our mission

Not only do we provide our local Fort Bragg community with food assistance, but we also partner with soup kitchens and pantries all over the county to provide much needed support.

Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program is a hub that other resources take advantage of to supply their communities with food.

Thanks to our donors, we always have a consistent supply of goods to distribute. This would not be possible without the support of these great businesses.

Partner Organizations

Anderson Valley Food Pantry

Elk Community Pantry

Fort Bragg Food Bank

Fort Bragg Presbyterian

Gleanings

Gualala Food Pantry

Hospitality House

Laytonville Food Bank

Leggett Food Pantry

Mendocino Community Pantry

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Pay it Forward Pantry

Plowshares

Point Arena Food Pantry

Round Valley Food Bank

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ukiah Community Food Bank

Willits Community Services

Willits Daily Bread

Food Donors

Cafe Beaujolais

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Chico Gleaners

Coastal Mendocino Association of Realtors

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Corners Of The Mouth

D'Aurelios

El Yuca

Flow Restaurant & Lounge

Fort Bragg Bakery

Fort Bragg Dollar Tree

Fort Bragg Fire Department

Fort Bragg First Presbyterian Church

Fort Bragg Library

Garden Bakery

Harvest Market

Harvest Market At Mendosa's

Jean Mann

Little River Market

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

Mendocino Coast Produce

Mendocino Cookie Co.

Mountain Mikes Pizza

North Coast Brewing Co.

Nye Ranch Farm

Overtime Brewing

Princess Seafood And Market

Purity Supermarket

Redwood Empire Food Bank

Redwoods In the Meadow Farm

Richard Kelley

Roundman's Smoke House

Safeway

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Thanksgiving Coffee

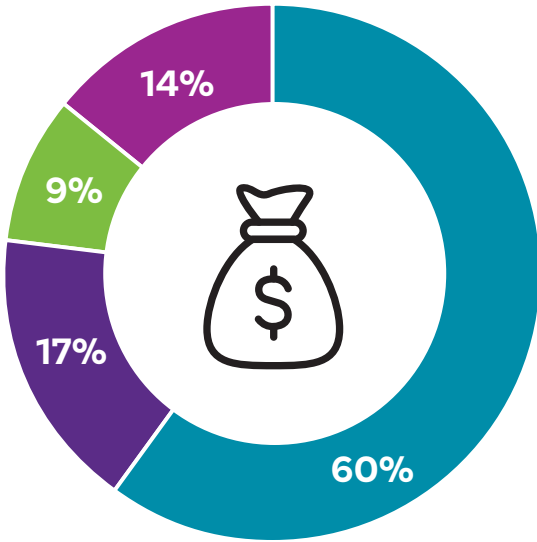
The Bakery by Element 7

Thomas Pepper

Vinny's Pizza and More

FINANCIALS

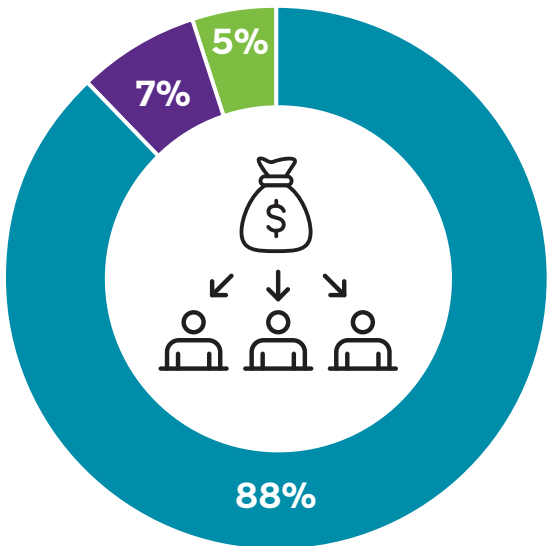
Fiscal year January 1 – December 31, 2020



How is the Food Bank funded?

Donations are our primary source of revenue, comprising 77% of our total revenue. We could not do this great work without support from people like you.

Revenue		
● Donated Food	\$2,375,764.00	60%
● Individual Contributions	\$646,460.00	17%
● Foundations and Grantors	\$340,309.00	9%
● Government Contracts	\$546,373.00	14%
Total	\$3,908,906.00	100%



How is the Food Bank's funding distributed?

We allocate 88% of our revenue back into our services, funding our programs and offerings to the fullest extent possible. The remainder is used to support our admin and operating costs which make all of this possible.

Expenses		
● Program Services	\$2,586,409.00	88%
● General & Administrative	\$206,350.00	7%
● Fundraising	\$149,955.00	5%
Total	\$2,942,714.00	100%

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

What it takes to run the Food Bank

Without our staff, none of this would happen. The organization of our donors, coordination of our volunteers, administrative tasks that keep things buzzing: all of this combines to create a Food Bank that is open, running and serving its community with a smile.





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