



# 2023 Annual Report





**MISSION**  
 Food, resources and faith to  
 build a stronger community



**VISION**  
 A fully nourished community



**VALUES**  
 Respect  
 Compassion  
 Community  
 Caring  
 Generosity



# Thank You!

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Dear Friends:

The River Food Pantry's 2023 Annual Report details how your support enabled us to nourish thousands of our neighbors in need throughout Dane County.

In 2023, food insecurity reached records highs in our community. Thankfully, The River was there to provide food and essentials to over 17,000 unique individuals. Not only was this more people than any other area pantry, but it was by far the most we ever served in a year! We could not have achieved this historic milestone without you all.

Because of you and our supportive community, in 2023 The River was also able to:


- **Launch a capital campaign** to construct a new, larger, purpose-built facility that will allow us to expand our services to serve more people in need!
- **Win Best Charitable Organization for the third year in a row AND Best Chef (Chris Tuttle)** in the Madison.com People's Choice Awards.
- **Establish an emergency food locker program**, called Food NOW (*Nights or Weekends*), that is available to anyone in need whenever The River is closed.
- **Host our inaugural fundraiser, Sips & Slices: A Pizza Party Taste-off for The River Food Pantry**, when over 300 attendees voted on 10 unique pizzas designed by teams of local chefs and celebrities and prepared by Ian's Pizza.
- **Extend our outdoor awning** to help protect our volunteers, clients, staff, and food from the elements during our curbside grocery distribution.
- **Raise funds to purchase a consistent supply of fresh produce** with an emphasis on buying from local farmers all throughout Wisconsin's growing season.
- **Commit to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)** by providing several training sessions to staff and Board members.
- **Strengthen our sustainability initiatives** by implementing onsite composting.
- **Partner with SSM Health to provide meals for their Meals on Wheels program and groceries for their Baskets of Hope program**, which provides new moms with shelf-stable emergency groceries when they leave the hospital after giving birth.
- **Organize special community events**, including Curbside Breakfast with the Bunny, The Gifts of Christmas at Santa's Workshop, blood drives, and a volunteer appreciation event.
- **Distribute 75,000 pairs of high-quality socks donated by Bombas** to our clients and to several local agencies to reach more people in need.
- **Increase our minimum wage to \$20 per hour** to help staff with the rising cost of living and to reflect the hard work and expertise that each employee provides.
- **Seek regular feedback** from clients, volunteers, donors, staff, and partners to make improvements on offerings, operations, and more.

Your ongoing support helped us grow and adapt to meet the ever-growing demand. By working together, we will continue to pursue our shared vision of a fully nourished community.

With gratitude,



Rhonda Adams  
Executive Director



Jennifer Norr  
Chair, Board of Directors  
(2021–2023)

# In Their Words

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From emails and phone calls to surveys and letters, many of our clients express gratitude for the services The River is able to offer, thanks to generous community support. Here are just a few client testimonials from 2023:

***"I appreciate Munch very much because now my mom does not have to go to the shop to get snacks for us. Thank you for coming. You guys make me happy."***

***"I have been introduced to so many foods and it has changed my diet."***

***"Hi, I am Deaf. I want to say thank you so much. We are very happy to having food and meal. My sons say very delicious food. Plus enjoy Thanksgiving foods too. We are grateful to you and your organization. It helps us lots until back to stable. Definitely will come back soon!"***

***"I want to express my gratitude for the ePantry and River Delivers programs. I received my grocery delivery, all of the food I ordered in perfect shape. For real, initiatives like this one make living/studying in a new country more bearable. This also encourages me to help others as well, as I am being helped. Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart!"***

***"Thanks again for being there for me during this horrible time in my life and helping with my dietary needs as they keep changing beyond my financial capabilities."***

***"The River Food Pantry provides stability for people with low and little income as well as those lacking nutrients. The positive impact on society is tremendous. Hours are flexible. When I was recuperating from surgery, they even delivered ample food to my door. A beacon of light in an uncertain time. With the big change in FoodShare benefits, in my case going from \$235/month to \$20, I will be relying on The River much more."***

***"As students, we don't have enough income, so we were skipping some meals. The River helps us prevent this and get healthy, delicious food."***

***"Many food pantries let you come once a month but give you food only for a week. The River will give you enough groceries to feed your family for at least 2 weeks and then you can also come back every week. I appreciate The River because they make sure the kids and the community are fed."***

***"I just wanted to say thank you today, with a happy tear or two. I worked a great job for 19 years and then became disabled. Living on 1/4 of what I was accustomed to is humbling and hard. But I love that everyone treats me with dignity and respect, and I love the drive-thru as I can no longer stand in a line or walk far. This is my 3rd visit and the meals attracted me as they look so delicious and fresh and healthy, something I desperately need. So thank you so much to your organization, volunteers, and donors. This does more than just nourish the body, it nourishes the soul."***

# Program Updates

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Throughout 2023, The River continued to grow and improve our programs to include:

## Food NOW

In 2023, The River partnered with UW students to establish an after-hours food locker program, called Food NOW (*Nights or Weekends*), which is available to the public when we are closed. The 10 outdoor lockers contain a short-term supply of shelf-stable foods at no cost.

## Curbside Groceries

Dane County residents can pick up free curbside groceries from The River once a week. Items include non-perishables, perishables (e.g., fruit, vegetables, dairy, meat, frozen items) and other essential supplies (e.g., cleaning supplies, hygiene items, paper products, diapers, formula). To improve client choice and minimize waste, people select items they want from a menu form.

## FAM

Our curbside meal program, FAM (*Family At-Home Meals*), provides to-go meals for everyone in a household to share in the safety of their homes. Clients can pick up meals up to four times each week. These healthy, balanced meals are freshly made by The River's professionally trained chefs and volunteers. The menu changes weekly to include meat and vegetarian options, along with a side salad and fresh fruit.

## Munch

Our mobile meal program, Munch, delivers free healthy meals to children and adults in low-income neighborhoods. Munch also distributes free fresh produce items for people to choose from. In 2023, Munch expanded to serve 23 low-income neighborhoods throughout Madison and Fitchburg.

## Pantry Express

On select Saturdays, we hold a streamlined pantry service, called Pantry Express, which does not require registration. This helps to reduce barriers and increase food access among vulnerable populations.

## River Delivers

Our contactless food delivery program, River Delivers, works with volunteers to deliver groceries and meals up to twice a month to homebound residents of Dane County. Delivery recipients are unable to visit a store or pantry due to barriers such as limited transportation or health concerns.

## ePantry

Our online grocery ordering system, ePantry, provides client choice and increases access to healthy food. Once a month, households have the option to order groceries via ePantry. Based on household size, families select from a variety of nutritious food and personal care items, including fresh produce, meat, dairy, culturally relevant offerings, and special dietary options, such as vegetarian and gluten-free items.

## Redistribution Partners

The River is the first and only redistribution organization (RDO) of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. As an RDO, The River can redirect food sourced from the food bank to neighborhood organizations, many of which specialize in supporting members of historically marginalized populations. Our redistribution community partners receive regular donations of excess food and essentials to better reach those who don't access our pantry's services. This initiative helps to increase access and to minimize waste.

## Food Recovery

Each week, our extensive food recovery program rescues unused food and supplies from over 50 local retailers, including grocery and convenience stores, farmers markets, and more. This program helps to increase the variety and amount of food we provide while reducing waste.



# 2023 Community Impact



**3.5 million**  
lbs of food distributed



**1.7 million**  
lbs of food recovered



**111,234**  
to-go meals



**31,072**  
mobile meals



**3,232**  
grocery deliveries



**2,003**  
online orders



**425**  
after-hours food bags



**37**  
redistribution partners



**7,163**  
households



**2,529**  
new families



**2,644**  
volunteers



**41,305**  
volunteer hours

# Food Donors

*These food donors made significant contributions of food and supplies to The River. We are so appreciative for their support.*

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 ALDI, West  
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 Wisconsin Cheese Company  
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## And thanks to all who held food drives for us!



# In-Kind Donors

*These organizations and government agencies provided a variety of support services and resources to The River at significantly reduced rates or with no fee. Their support is critical to our mission's success.*

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 Vintage Brewing Co.  
 Willy Street Co-op  
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 Woodman's Markets



# Redistribution Community Partners

*We frequently donated excess food and resources to these local organizations to expand access to healthy food and resources throughout Dane County.*

5 Door Recovery  
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# 2023 Capital Campaign Donors



In 2023, The River launched the *Recipe for Hope Campaign* to construct a new, larger, purpose-built facility on Madison's Northside to meet the growing need for food and essentials throughout Dane County.

Learn more at [riverfoodpantry.org/recipe-for-hope](http://riverfoodpantry.org/recipe-for-hope).



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\$1,000,000+

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 Rhode Island Community Foundation,  
 Gottlob Armbrust Family Fund  
 Marilyn Rhodes  
 Mark Richmond  
 Gerry Ring  
 Marsha and Doug Ripkey  
 Marge Angell Rohlfing  
 Shay and Kim Santos  
 Holly Schaefer  
 Bill Schallert  
 Deniece Schmidt  
 Francis Schrag  
 Martin Schumacher  
 Jean Scoon and Peter Losacano  
 Rosalind and Khiang Seow  
 Serendipity Labs  
 Jim and Melissa Sirianni  
 Chuck Smalley  
 Donna Smith  
 Robert Sommerfeldt  
 Square  
 St Dennis Catholic Church  
 Star Liquor  
 Inger Stole and Robert McChesney  
 Gary Stone  
 Harvey and Jane Storm  
 Sub-Zero Group Foundation  
 Summit Credit Union  
 Sunrise Auction Company Inc  
 Cathleen Swee  
 John Swietlik  
 Izabela Szlufarska and Dane  
 Morgan III  
 Andrew Szymaszek  
 The Synergists  
 Jason Thomas  
 Thrivent Choice Financial  
 Alan Tobias  
 Bonnie Trudell  
 Pat Tully and Chris Miller  
 Doug and Lesa Turecek  
 Gloria Turgeson  
 United Electric  
 Troy Van Beek  
 Mary Van Hout  
 Carol Van Hulle  
 Vintage Brewing Co  
 Matthew Visker  
 Lee and Mary Waldhart  
 Walmart Store #2335  
 Patricia Watson  
 Mary Dee Wenniger  
 Wisconsin Brewing Company  
 Wisconsin Built, Inc  
 Richard Witt  
 Robert and Anne Woodson  
 Ken Wundrow and Debra  
 Shepherd-Wundrow  
 Ben Yahr  
 Hans and Jan Zoerb



# Dedications

## IN HONOR OF

Abigail Sennott  
 African American ERG at CUNA  
 Mutual Group  
 All children in need  
 All Veterans  
 Amy Isaachsen  
 Andy and Caitlyn White  
 Apple Camp  
 Banzo customers, staff, and the  
 northside community  
 Bill Fitzgerald  
 Bret and Rachel  
 Bridget Arvold  
 Chefknivestogo  
 Chris and Elaine Rich  
 Chris Engleson  
 Chris Morris  
 Cindy Van Pelt  
 Cooky Kelsh  
 Craig Hineline  
 Craig Piersma  
 CSB/SJU Day of Service  
 Dad  
 Darrel and Judy Cornelius  
 Deerfield Elementary School  
 Dexter Murrain Page  
 Diana Eisenberg  
 Dora, Linden, Rowan, Emma,  
 Evy, Ellie, Emma, Winnie,  
 Tess, JoJo, Zoe, Charlotte,  
 June, Abby, Mabel, Esther &  
 Ophelia  
 Eleanor Irene (Vorel) Holland  
 Eric Pombier  
 Eve Ropel  
 Feds Feed Families  
 Fitchburg Verona Horizons  
 Rotary Club  
 Gerald Paulson  
 Grace White  
 Gwen Van Beek  
 Halloween house on Fremont Ave.

Jean Ann Einerson  
 Jeff Campbell  
 Jeff Thompson  
 Jen Uphoff Gray  
 Jim and Patti  
 Joel Wish  
 Jon Clark  
 Karin Van Voorhees and Mark  
 Miller  
 Karyn Graham  
 Kate Ottow  
 Kathy and Richard  
 Kevin Gaffney's Birthday  
 Kriete Truck Center  
 Krista Schmidt  
 Levi Scott  
 Lex and Amy  
 Lilly Pad  
 Linda Bergren  
 Lisa Hemmersbach  
 Madison Poker Community  
 Marjorie Aiello  
 Mark & Susan Faultersack  
 Megan & Will Keith  
 Michelle Ogilvie  
 Mike Hamerlik's Retirement  
 Monica Wahlberg  
 Mother Nature  
 Mr and Mrs Melvin Vance  
 Nick and Jenny White  
 Nile Kuehn, Ashley Kuehn &  
 Jesse Olson, Bruce & Chrissy  
 Thompson, Vicki Vargas, Terry  
 & Diane Kuehn  
 Nita Lewis  
 Otis Moon Washington-Lau  
 Our faith in Christ  
 Our Grandchildren  
 Pamela Bennett  
 Pamela Klein  
 Pat Woicsek  
 Paul Fruit

Paul Melrose  
 Raven Software  
 Raven Wings Food Drive  
 Rhonda Adams  
 River Volunteers  
 Roamin' with Ramen  
 Robert Kollar  
 Samantha  
 Samantha Angelina  
 Sharon Mohr  
 Sherri Hansen and Scott Shimanski  
 Shindlers, Wilfongs, Larsons and  
 Bidwells  
 Snapdragon Monthly Members  
 Sue Rebello and Steve Hansen  
 Susan Fulks  
 TCCC  
 Terri and Dave Beck-Engel  
 Tess Meuer's 70th Birthday  
 The Best Family  
 The Cho Family  
 The Fabulous Lisa Pizza  
 The Kane Family  
 The Kantor Family  
 The Motley Fool Foundation  
 Fools for Good Volunteers  
 The Outcast Tape Infirmary  
 community  
 The Randall, Rose, and Rosene  
 families  
 The Rich and Dinndorf Families  
 The River Staff & Volunteers  
 The saving Grace of Jesus Christ  
 The Sprague-Alves Family  
 Three women who helped me  
 navigate a difficult time  
 Tim  
 University of Wisconsin Madison -  
 Sigma Pi Spring Food Drive  
 Willow & Weld  
 Wonton

# Dedications

## IN MEMORY OF

Al Herfel  
Anne Irish  
Aren Wish  
Bernard & Lois Rabin  
Bill and Sis Slichter  
Bill Steele  
Bob Kripps  
Carol Behl  
Carol Ziegler  
Catherine Puisto  
Charles Edward Skrum  
Charles Schwenk Jr  
Cheryl Latsch  
CJ Cotter  
Clair Oren  
Connie Hahn  
Darlene "Big Mama" Horner  
Dave and Doris Garrison  
Dave Easton  
Dave, Pauline, and Ed Gareau  
David Hoppe  
David York  
Dick Hoefs  
Don Gilbertson  
Doris Kox  
Dorothy Tucker  
Ed Schwind  
Edward Grzenia  
Eleanor Holland  
Emmett Runde

Erin Freriks  
Frances Lerdahl  
Frances Wridght  
Frank Gietzel  
Gerald Paulson  
Grandpa, Uncle, Mom  
H.R. Seymour  
Harriett Brigham  
Ivan, Zinaida  
Janet R Hauri  
Janice Orr Richardson  
Janice Quinlan  
Jean Nymann  
Jim Moore  
Joan Ann Raihala  
Joe Martin  
Jonna Rusk  
Judy Ely  
Judy Jennings  
Kathryn Lobdell  
Kevin and Laura  
Kevin Bailey  
Lee Friedman  
Marcia Hollande  
Mark E. Woodford  
Marlene Robinson  
Mary and Jerry Lingk  
Mary Caldwell  
Mary Rydberg Fulmer  
Megan Hinrichs

Mrs Madhu Malik  
My life in Madison  
My Loving Parents  
My Parents  
Nancy Schuler  
Noelle Ip  
Norbert Danczyk  
Patricia Ann Clark  
Paul and Phyllis Sletten  
Paul Fahey  
Peg McDonald  
Penny Duane  
Peter Berget  
Phil Witonsky  
Philip Werner  
Phoebe Walter  
Rob Petershack  
Robert Luther  
Robert Schaller  
Roger Phillips  
Russell Marx  
Ruth Oberdorfer Stewart  
Shri. Narayana Perumal  
Theodora Briamus  
Thomas Herman  
Tom Haag  
Tom Lillegren  
Uncle Smokey  
Velma Marx  
Webster Carter



# Financials

\*For year-end December 31, 2023

## Support and Revenue

Contributed Nonfinancial Assets	\$9,783,560
Contributions	\$2,426,087
Government Grants	\$15,907
Sales to Others	\$56,366
Interest Income	\$21,476
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$12
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	\$540,680
<b>Total Support and Revenues without Restrictions</b>	<b>\$12,844,088</b>

## Expenses

Food Pantry	\$12,072,006
Management and General	\$300,399
Fundraising	\$492,628
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,865,033</b>



- 66% Individuals
- 17% Foundations
- 13% Businesses
- 2% Faith Communities
- 1% Service Groups
- 1% Government



- 95% Programs and Services
- 3% Fundraising
- 2% Management & General

# Volunteers

The River operates on the generous support of thousands of dedicated volunteers. From faith communities, business groups and students to individuals and organizations, we truly appreciate all the hours they spend helping us.

In 2023,

# 2,644 VOLUNTEERS

donated

# 41,305 HOURS

valued at

# \$1,237,911\*



**That's the equivalent of  
20 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES!**

\*\$29.97/hour estimated value  
Latest figure from Independent Sector



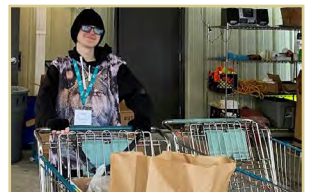
# Volunteers with over 100 Hours

# 78

Mark Allen  
Duncan Allison  
David Anderson  
Nazir Andruss  
Bridget Arvold  
Dave Beck-Engel  
James Bon  
William Breisath  
Don Ciufo  
Sasha Clemente  
Amy Crikelair  
Deb Crist  
Larry Davis  
Julia Dean  
Taylor Doran  
Helen Drobniak  
Judy Fisher  
Aimee Ford  
Lori Gibson  
Sorkuan Goh  
Bill Grady  
Paul Griesbach  
Larry Hawkins  
Karen Houdek  
Shawndale Jamison  
Joanne Kaminsky

Emily Kane  
Martin Kessler  
Lynda Ketelboeter  
Denise King  
Mary Klinger  
Stephen Lang  
Mary Lang  
Ray Leimkuehler  
Jim Lenzer  
Zachary Leonard  
Abby Maier  
Jarvis McKee  
Margaret McWilliams  
Andrea Miller  
Karen Mitten  
Sharon Mohr  
Arlene Moody  
Kelsey Nelson  
Ann Nymann  
Merlyn O'Brien  
Michelle Ogilvie  
Martha Olson  
Jeremy Pennifill  
Joanna Phillips  
Mary Pomeroy  
Derrick Poore

Noah Prudlo  
Vadim Pugh  
John Rakow  
Marsha Ripkey  
Rebecca Rishel  
Enrique Salinas  
Jon Scalissi  
Cynthia Schramm  
Michael Schulz  
Brinnan Shaffer  
Linda Shaw  
Lois Stauber  
Meaghan Stehr  
Sherri Sterling  
David Taylor  
Sumiya Tumurtulga  
Tyree Wakefield  
Ryan Wells  
Tanner Westimayer  
Jim Williams  
Joe Williams  
Joel Wish  
Gary Wodka  
Carole Yngsdahl  
Julian Zepeda  
Jianhao Zhang



# 2023 Board of Directors

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## **Board Chair**

Jennifer Norr  
*TruStage Insurance*

## **Treasurer/Vice Chair, Finance**

Amy Isaachsen  
*TruStage Insurance*

## **Vice Chair, Building**

Dave Beck-Engel  
*Community Volunteer*

## **Vice Chair, Governance**

Susan Crawford  
*Dane County Circuit Court*

## **Secretary**

Maggie Immerfall  
*Community Volunteer*

Syed Abbas  
*Slipstream*

Amy Barrilleaux  
*Clean Wisconsin*

Matt Boatright-Simon  
*Boatright-Simon  
Picture+Sound*

Pat Gallagher  
*Midwest Family Broadcasting*

Dan Henderson  
*Northwestern Mutual*

Shay Santos  
*Heartland Credit Union*

G Thao  
*American Family Insurance*

## **Ex-Officio**

Rhonda Adams  
*The River Food Pantry*

# Capital Campaign Cabinet

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## **Honorary Co-Chairs**

Governor Jim and Jessica Doyle  
Coach Kelly and Cathy Sheffield

## **Co-Chairs**

Dave Beck-Engel  
Ron Phelps

## **Advisors**

Kelly Donahue  
Bill Haight

## **Campaign Cabinet**

Syed Abbas  
Annie and Sam Ballweg  
Pat Gallagher

Sue Gilbertson  
Maggie Immerfall  
Michelle and Alan Ogilvie  
Shay Santos  
Barb and Dave Sauer  
Bob Shumaker  
Jennifer Zisser

# The River Staff\*

*\*As of May 2024*

## **Executive Director**

Rhonda Adams

## **Director of Operations**

Helen Osborn-Senatus

## **Director of Development**

Monica Wahlberg

## **Communications Manager**

Becca Carpenter

## **Grants Manager**

Ryan Holley

## **Meal Manager**

Chris Tuttle

## **Pantry Manager**

Jon Clark

## **Pantry Coordinator**

Ryan Horton

## **River Delivers Coordinator**

Jamie Midthun

## **Community Coordinator**

Amanda Prusak

## **ePantry Coordinator**

Anu Devkota

## **Meal Coordinator**

Rachael Maynes

## **Recovery Coordinator**

Ben Kauth

## **Volunteer Coordinator**

Debbie Bormann

## **Operations Project Lead**

Zach Leonard

## **Administrative Assistant**

Ruth Lillie

## **Development Assistant**

Lisa Hemmersbach

## **Kitchen Assistant**

Hannah Hetue

## **Meal Assistant**

Marina Gonzalez

## **Program Assistant**

Jessica Barrera

## **Access Operations Specialist**

Kurt Nicholson

## **Operations Specialists**

Riyad Alabbasi  
Sheridan Connor  
Beth Foss  
Meaghan Stehr

## **Recovery Specialist**

Mike Peters

## **Data Specialist**

Erica Dorsch



Since opening in 2006, The River Food Pantry has become South Central Wisconsin's busiest food pantry.

Originally serving only a handful of households, today The River serves over 2,500 people each week.

Our services include free groceries and freshly prepared meals for pickup or delivery, online grocery orders, and mobile meals for low-income neighborhoods.

The River also redistributes rescued food and other essentials to local partners to increase access while minimizing waste.

With supporters like you, we get closer to achieving our vision of a fully nourished community.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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