

FISCAL YEAR 2022 QUARTER 2 IMPACT REPORT

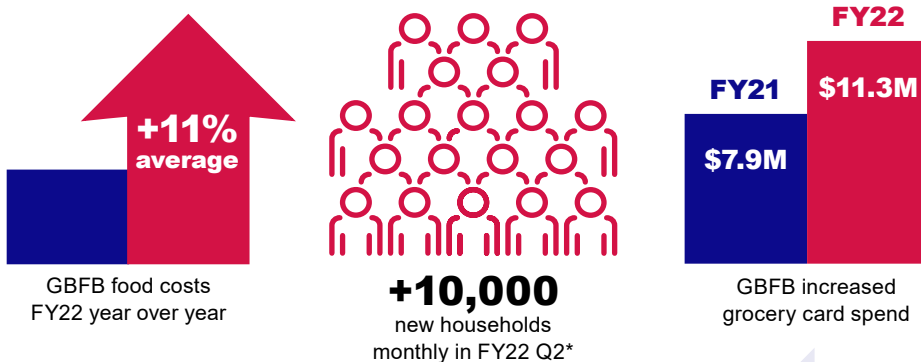
JANUARY–MARCH 2022

Reducing the Burden of Rising Food Costs

After almost two years of navigating the challenges of the pandemic, Quarter 2 brought its own set of burdens: labor shortages, new variants, and [increased inflation dramatically elevating costs for healthy food](#). Food insecurity is still well above pre-pandemic levels and now families are facing instability with balancing basic resources with climbing gasoline and food prices.

“We have new clients every week and we are seeing many former clients returning, all driven by the cost of living. January of 2022 was the busiest month our pantry has experienced in our 20 years of operation. Not only did we see a 50% increase in client visits at our pantry compared to January 2021, but we also experienced a rapid expansion of the weekly grocery program we offer through the schools.”

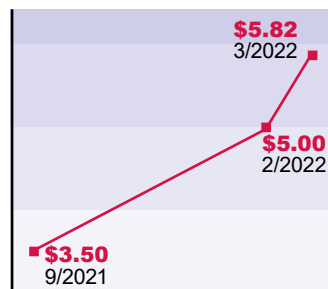
—Susan Dietrich,
Executive Director at the Medway Village Church Food Pantry



“This grocery card strategy complements food distribution with fewer physical demands, more convenience, and added choice for clients.”

—Jonathan Tetrault,
VP of Community Impact

Fuel costs rising
66%
for GBFB
trucks with no
end in sight.



Story of Hope



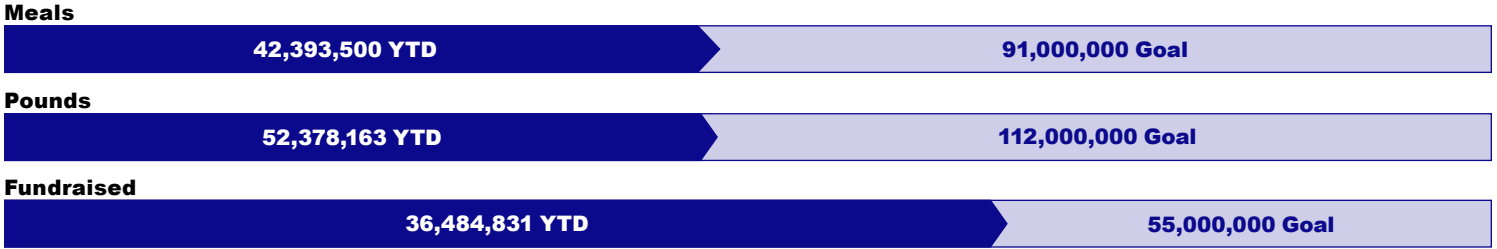
Life Changing Impact of Nutritious Food

For the first two years of the pandemic, Alejandro was the only member of his household who was able to find steady work. Despite working long hours, he soon realized he couldn't provide enough nutritious food for his family. He needed help and turned to his local food pantry for support. Hundreds of thousands of our neighbors continue to face similar situations, strained by unemployment, bills and unforeseen expenses. Thanks to your generosity and commitment, [we are able to help families like Alejandro's every day](#) and become one step closer to ending hunger in Eastern Massachusetts. “I receive chicken, milk and lots of vegetables and fruit,” says Alejandro. “I was a chef before, so I like to experiment with what I get. I make sure everyone stays healthy!”

* Estimate based on monthly poll of food pantry partners

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Help Us Reach Our FY22 Goals



The Power of Fresh Produce: 1M Meals from Spring for Meals

As of March 31, the 2022 Spring for Meals campaign raised \$493,122, providing nearly 1 million meals to neighbors in need.



“To maintain or improve health, it is critical to eat a diet that includes plenty of fruits and vegetables containing vitamins, minerals, and fiber, which can lower blood

pressure, reduce the risk of developing some cancers and cardiovascular disease, as well as other health benefits. GBFB intentionally acquires produce with the understanding that many of our clients may not have access to enough fresh fruits and vegetables due to cost and access.”

—Rachel Burgun, MPH, RDN, LDN, Senior Manager of Nutrition



GBFB Produce in Q2

Potatoes	20.2%
Root Veg	12.0%
Apples	10.7%
Onions	9.3%
Misc. Produce	8.7%
Citrus	7.8%
Pineapple	7.3%
Bananas	5.3%
Cabbage	5.3%
Salad Veg	2.7%
Melons	1.7%
Assorted Produce Boxes	1.7%
Squash	1.6%
Peppers	1.5%
Exotic Fruit	1.5%
Tomatoes	1.2%
Pears	0.9%
Berries/Grapes	0.5%
Sweet Potatoes	0.2%
Cooking Greens	0.1%
Cooking Veg	0.01%

GBFB among 33 food banks nationwide recognized on [Advocacy High Honor Roll](#). This acknowledges our effective use of digital advocacy on our website promoting our Policy Priorities, Advocacy Action, and SNAP Outreach.

FEEDING EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

600,000
People served monthly¹

34
Mobile Markets

190
Towns & cities

94% of food meets nutrition standards²

600
Network partners

71% of FY22 goal of submitting 635 SNAP applications³

¹Average based on partner agency reporting
²Based on GBFB inventory that can be ranked
³Our annual SNAP application goal is assigned by the state based on our SNAP outreach budget for the year