

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

A MESSAGE FROM GBFB LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Over the past year, we've seen the great strides we can make through our collective actions.

During a year marked by economic uncertainty and profound change across our country, The Greater Boston Food Bank celebrated a number of milestones: we had the third-highest fundraising year in our tenure, secured historic investments in the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP), hosted a record-breaking Women Fighting Hunger breakfast and fundraiser, awarded two multi-year transformational grants to partners in our hunger-relief network, and more.

The year was also marked by change for GBFB with the announcement of Catherine's pending retirement. Both of us are profoundly grateful for all that has been accomplished over the last 30 years, and we are confident and hopeful about the next generation of leaders who will carry GBFB and the movement forward.

In 2026, the anti-hunger movement and the communities we serve will continue to face economic and political headwinds. Hunger has risen to record levels in our state, from 19 percent in 2019 to 37 percent, according to GBFB's 2025 Statewide Food Access Report. GBFB estimates an increase in demand for food, as shifting policies at the federal level have resulted in major cuts to the food assistance programs that people rely on. We must increase our efforts to meet the growing need in Massachusetts.

Nearly 45 years ago, in GBFB's first annual report, our founders wrote: "The [Greater] Boston Food Bank, New England's first food bank, has lived up to its promise and wants to promise more."

GBFB's commitment is steadfast: no one will face hunger alone. We will continue to ensure that people in all 190 cities and towns we serve are empowered to put healthy food on the table.

Our work could not be done without you. You help GBFB restore hope, dignity, and respect to hardworking people in need.



Catherine D'Amato
PRESIDENT AND CEO



Ted Truscott
BOARD CHAIR

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This report covers GBFB's fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)

OUR MISSION

GBFB is the largest food bank in New England, fueling a distribution network that provides more than 92 million meals each year to our neighbors across 190 cities and towns. Our mission is to empower the 1 in 3 Massachusetts residents facing hunger to put healthy food on their tables.

A member of the Feeding America network, we are among the largest food banks in the country, working with 600 Agency Partners across Eastern Massachusetts. Through hunger relief, community engagement, research, advocacy, and thought leadership, we're tackling food insecurity and bringing nutritious meals to those most in need.

Because when we come together with compassion and action, we have the power to end hunger here.

At GBFB, we proudly:

- Partner with **600 community organizations** regionwide
- Distribute **92 million meals** annually across **190 cities**
- Empower **1 in 3 Eastern Massachusetts residents** with access to healthy food



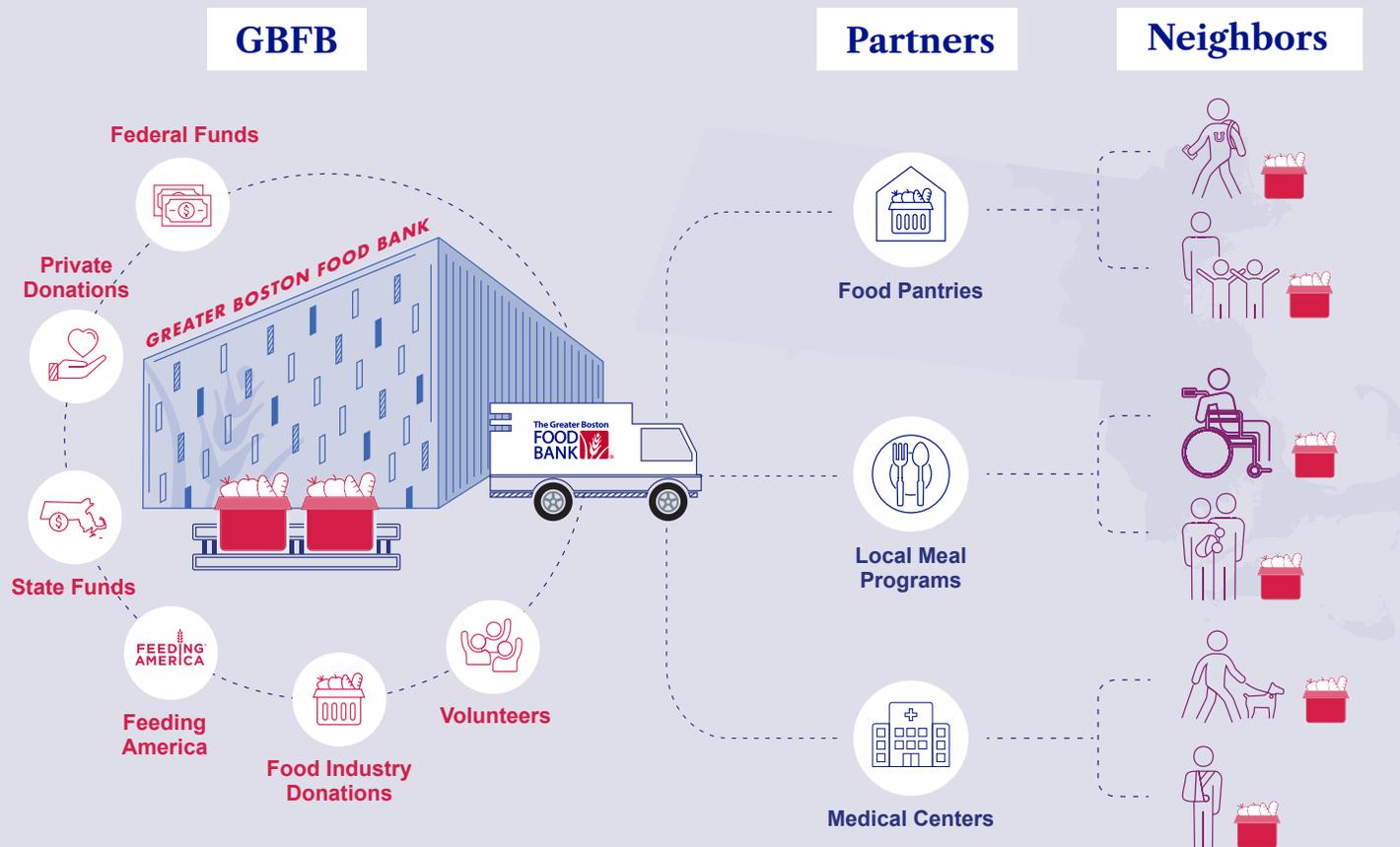
HOW WE WORK

At GBFB, we operate out of our 117,000-square-foot Yawkey Distribution Center in South Boston, where over 110 million pounds of healthy food—received from product donations and financial contributions—pass through each year. This food is distributed across Eastern Massachusetts by more than 600 Agency Partners and direct distribution sites, such as food pantries, meal programs, and senior centers. For agencies facing transportation challenges, we manage several Regional Distribution Sites to ensure everyone has access to the food they need.

Driven by our mission to end hunger, we operate with maximum efficiency.



[Learn more](#)



THE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY

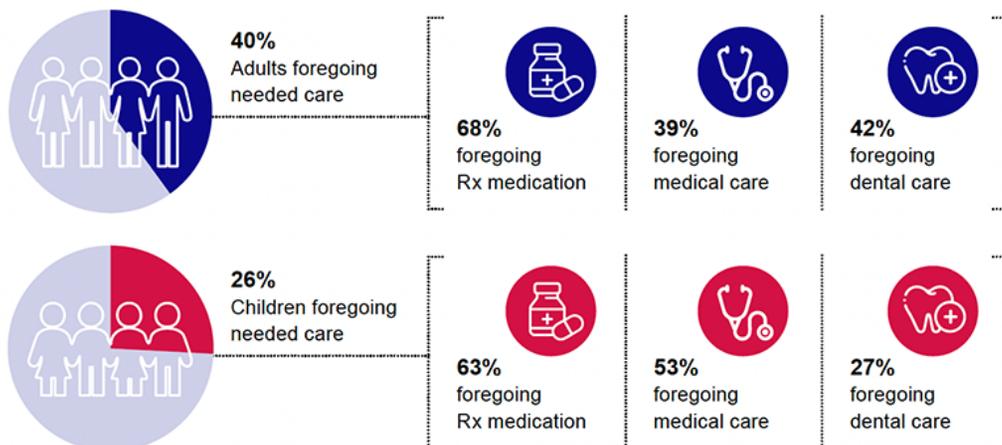
Over the last five years, GBFB has published an annual study on hunger throughout the Commonwealth in collaboration with Mass General Brigham. Data from this report helps shape and improve experiences in the charitable food system, strengthens the integration of healthcare and hunger-relief efforts, and informs advocacy work.

Our fifth report found that approximately 2 million Massachusetts adults face food insecurity.

When there is not enough healthy food at a family's table, there are far-reaching effects on the rest of their life. This year's report found that food-insecure households made heart-wrenching choices: delaying medical care for both adults and children, choosing between paying household bills and meals, and foregoing community activities, including voting, volunteering, and attending a place of worship.

LGBTQ+ and Black communities are especially affected, facing the highest rates of food insecurity. This challenge reaches every corner of Eastern Massachusetts, but together, we can ensure that everyone receives nutritious food.

Healthcare Affordability Among Food-Insecure Households



"Wages are just not meeting basic monthly expenses. Prices just keep rising. Nothing is within reach anymore."

—Neighbor in Bristol Country

CHALLENGES AHEAD

GBFB is part of a safety net built on federal and state government funding, as well as private donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. But as we face an increase of food insecurity, federal funding to buy food and food donations to the GBFB warehouse are decreasing.

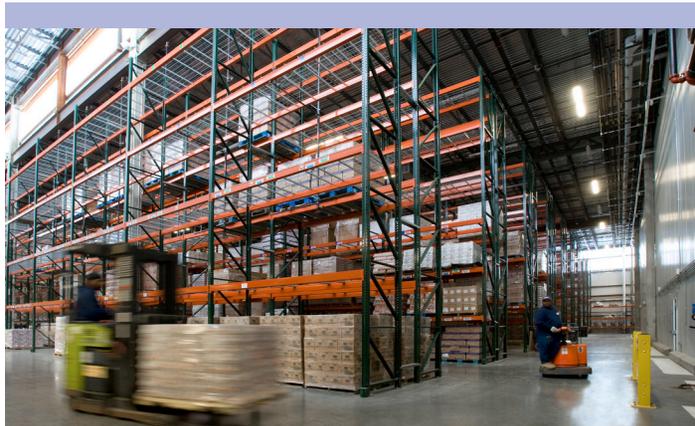


Decline in Federal Funding

GBFB is deeply concerned about recent federal policy changes, particularly around SNAP benefits and Medicaid coverage.

The overall financial impact of federal cuts to GBFB totals \$4 million as of today.

In addition, reduced access to federal basic needs programs, like SNAP, poses a significant threat to food security and health at a time when hunger is on the rise and families are facing rising food costs. This will increase demand for food from GBFB and our partners at a scale that far exceeds the capacity of the current system.



Decline in Food Donations

Today, GBFB is receiving fewer food donations from food production manufacturers, supermarkets, and retailers. In the past year, GBFB experienced a \$15 million decrease in donated food products from our peak of food donations in 2020.

Corporate food donations have declined for many reasons, including better estimation and production for the customer market and less unsold food on shelves.



The Road Ahead

GBFB moves forward committed to the belief that access to food is a basic human right, and that building healthy communities is possible. In the years ahead, GBFB will build on the progress of the last 45 years, distributing more fresh, healthy food, strengthening our hunger-relief network, and advocating for policies that will help end hunger in Eastern Massachusetts.

Look for us in your communities in the year ahead as GBFB expands our regional engagement events. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners, donors, and advocates.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors facing food insecurity.

HOW GBFB MAKES A DIFFERENCE

With the generous support of our donors, we distributed:



More than **92 million** meals



Over **110 million** pounds of food



56.8 million pounds of perishable food



31.4 million pounds of fresh produce



Hope in Action

For mom of three Leanna, The Salvation Army in Haverhill—a GBFB Agency Partner—provides hope, community, and the food her family needs to thrive.



Scan to watch her story.

"Keep working, keep donating, and thank you very, very much from the bottom of my heart."

—Leanna, Haverhill

KEY MILESTONES

Transformational Grants

In 2025, GBFB awarded two Transformational Grants to two community partners: the South Shore Food Bank/Weymouth Food Pantry and the YMCA of Greater Boston. This multi-year funding, made possible by Gerstner Philanthropies, will drive bold, community-rooted projects that improve food access and advance GBFB's mission to end hunger across Eastern Massachusetts.

Each organization will receive grants over three years to implement high-impact food access initiatives in underserved communities, along with additional funding for GBFB to purchase more food.

Advocacy Leadership & Anti-Hunger Task Force

It was an unprecedented year for the anti-hunger movement and GBFB's advocacy outreach. Federal food assistance programs were under unrelenting assault. In response, we fortified our food distribution and outreach efforts.

GBFB hosted advocacy trainings that equipped donors, volunteers, and supporters with the tools they need to advocate for hunger-relief priorities with lawmakers.

In June, GBFB and Mass General Brigham welcomed elected officials including Congressional Representatives Katherine Clark, Jim McGovern, and Ayanna Pressley to the MGH Revere Food Pantry to share findings from, and reactions to, our 2025 Statewide Food Access Report. GBFB was also invited to join Governor Healey's Anti-Hunger Task Force, a group that was created to bring partners together to brainstorm long-term solutions for hunger in Massachusetts.

During the historic government shutdown and SNAP freeze, GBFB provided more food to our Agency Partners to meet the hunger crisis, as well as urged action from our state and federal leaders to reopen food assistance programs.

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Thanks to the generosity of Gerstner Philanthropies we are able to make this strategic investment in the long-term capacity of two of our most high-impact partners, enabling them to expand operations, pilot new models, and deliver healthy, nutritious meals to more neighbors during a time of growing need.

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—Catherine D'Amato, GBFB President and CEO



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Mass General
Brigham



KEY MILESTONES



MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MEFAP)

Thirty Years of Impact

More than 416 million total meals distributed to food insecure individuals	-1,100 community food providers have received nutritious food to provide to residents in all 351 cities and towns
-130 Massachusetts farmers and food manufacturers supported	Three decades of powering our statewide hunger-relief network



Historic State Funding Increase

GBFB's leadership in statewide advocacy helped secure a historic \$49.5 million investment for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP) in the state budget—a 20 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. MEFAP funds go directly to the four Massachusetts food banks to purchase healthy food. MEFAP has been a critical source of funding for GBFB since 1995.

In April 2025, GBFB held a celebration and lobby day for MEFAP's 30th anniversary. Leaders from across the state gathered to honor the milestone and help us convey the powerful impact of this state grant.

Launch of New Programs

Vehicle Donations

Our new vehicle donation program allows people to donate cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, and more. The process is as simple as filling out an online form, scheduling a date for the vehicle to be picked up, and receiving a vehicle donation tax receipt via email.

Medically Tailored Food Boxes

This year, GBFB launched a new program for food-insecure individuals with chronic health conditions including high blood pressure, diabetes, and cancer. Our new Medically Tailored Food Boxes, which include foods selected by GBFB's team of registered dietitians, help address these individuals' conditions and support their well-being.



KEY MILESTONES

Record-Breaking Events

GBFB's signature events raise awareness about hunger as well as important funds for our work.

Women Fighting Hunger

At this year's breakfast fundraiser at the Seaport Hotel, we honored real estate leader and philanthropist Sandy Edgerley and raised a record-breaking \$1.13 million!

Taste of the Food Bank

We transformed our warehouse into a dazzling event space for an evening, gathering some of the region's best chefs under one roof for delicious bites, dancing, and music—and raising over \$1 million for our mission.

GBFB Awards

In June, we honored individuals, corporations, and partner organizations that went above and beyond in their work to help us end hunger in Eastern Massachusetts. We also unveiled a new Wall of Fame to recognize our generous corporate philanthropic donors.



Candid and Charity Navigator Awards

GBFB received two national awards recognizing our transparent financial practices and the impact of dollars donated to our organization.

In 2025, GBFB was awarded the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid, and in 2024, GBFB received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Very few nonprofit organizations receive both of these distinctions. Receiving these awards places GBFB among the most respected nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts and the United States.



GBFB in the News

Media highlights include over 300 placements in print and online media, an over 20 percent increase from the prior year.



Scan for a full list of press coverage.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

We would like to thank the individuals, corporations, and foundations who have joined in our mission to end hunger in Eastern Massachusetts. Your generous support, countless volunteer hours, and advocacy for people facing food insecurity have fueled our accomplishments.

We would also like to recognize:

- The Women Fighting Hunger Champions, dedicated advocates and leaders working to end hunger in our community through volunteerism, fundraising, and awareness initiatives.
- The members of the Kip Tiernan Society, a group of donors who have included a future gift for The Greater Boston Food Bank in their estate plans.
- Our Strength in Unity donors, who responded to the \$4 million of federal funding cuts GBFB faced in 2025. Four anonymous donors stepped forward to match all gifts made before December 31, 2025, up to \$4 million, with every dollar raised assisting with the purchase of food.



NUMBER OF DONORS

41,677

NUMBER OF GIFTS

122,608

NUMBER OF BEQUEST GIFTS

12

NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS/
ORGANIZATIONS THAT DONATED

677

NUMBER OF FOUNDATIONS
THAT SUPPORTED GBFB

210

BOARD LEADERSHIP

October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

GBFB is very fortunate to be guided by a dedicated and generous Board of Directors and Board of Advisors who are devoted to our mission to end hunger here.

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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)

A Message from the CFO

This financial summary reflects GBFB's responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us by our supporters. It includes details on the sources of GBFB's revenue, expenses, and ending net assets. I am pleased to share that GBFB once again received a clean financial audit in 2025. This marks our 15th consecutive clean audit.

These financials are indicative of GBFB's strong business practices across the organization.

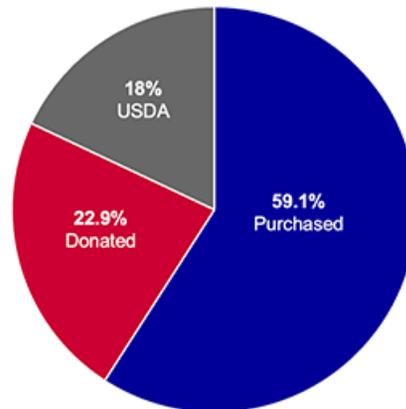
Thank you for your trust and support in our work. Together, we have the power to end hunger in Eastern Massachusetts.

Pranita Amarasinghe
Chief Financial Officer

How Food Acquisition & Distribution Works at GBFB

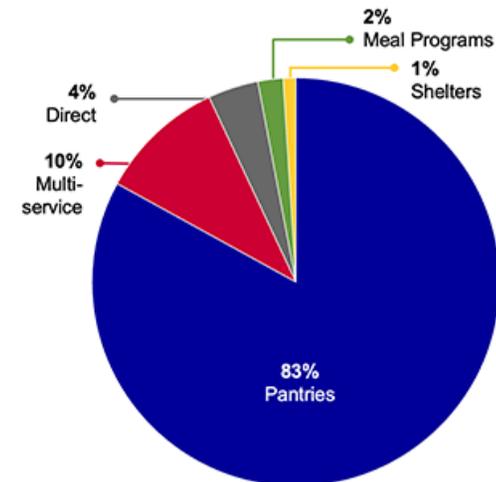
Food Acquisition

Where the food comes from



Food Distribution

Where the food goes



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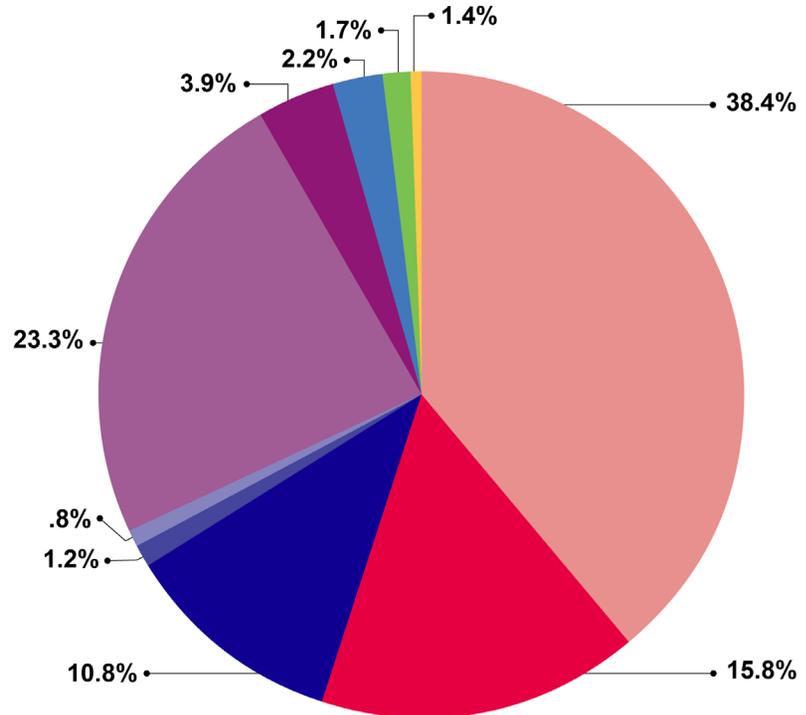
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INCOME

Support		
Food donations - contributions of nonfinancial assets	\$69,543,002	
Individual contributions	\$28,570,530	
Institutional contributions of cash and other financial assets	\$19,525,220	
Special events, net of expenses of \$589,430	\$2,082,908	
Contributed services - contribution of nonfinancial assets	\$1,430,440	

Revenue		
State income - MEFAP	\$42,137,069	
Coop income	\$7,142,331	
MDAR funds	\$3,968,660	
USDA reimbursement	\$3,052,518	
Investment return, net	\$2,593,178	
Other	\$375,909	
Warehouse member fees	\$313,511	
Rental income, net of expenses of \$167,777	\$180,259	
HRSN	\$141,577	

Total support and revenue	\$181,057,112
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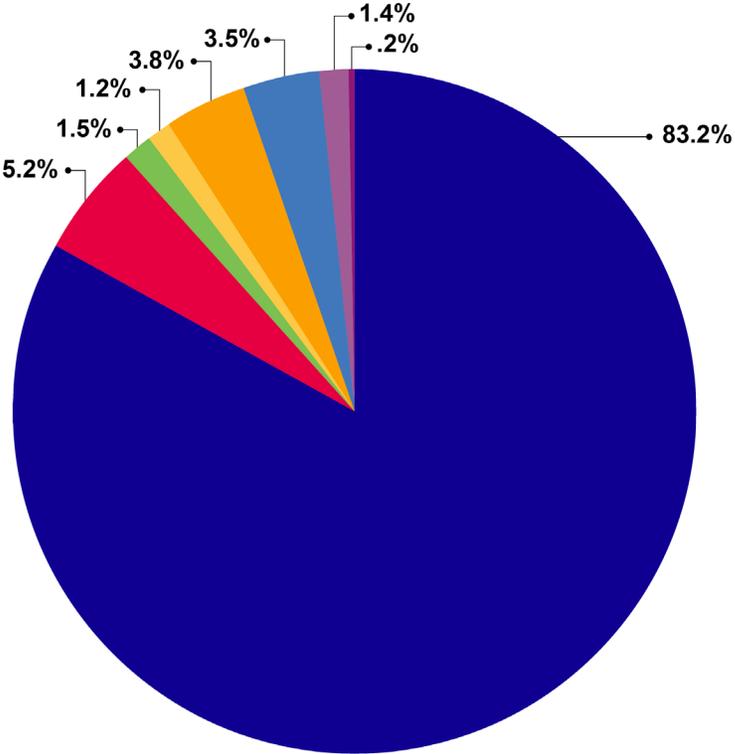
EXPENSES

Program services	
Food distribution and warehouse	\$142,899,067
Food Acquisition group	\$9,008,026
Nutrition programs	\$2,572,905
Agency relations	\$2,104,779

Support services	
Development	\$6,576,413
General and administrative	\$5,988,315
Marketing	\$2,468,447
Lobbying	\$33,547

Total program and support services	\$171,651,499
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$9,405,613
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in our community.®



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