

**45**  
MILES



# A LINE FOR MILES

45 miles: That's how far the line would stretch if the clients we serve in one month stood shoulder-to-shoulder along the highway.

**It's one of the longest lines served by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.**

Those waiting for food often come from work: Hardworking parents of young children. Retired seniors now struggling to survive on a fixed income. In the last eight years, the number of people lining up to receive food assistance in central and western Virginia has grown exponentially—from 69,000 people each month prior to the recession, to 114,000 people a month today. As good-paying jobs disappeared, only to be replaced largely by low-paying or part-time jobs, families realized that their paycheck alone wasn't enough to put three square meals a day on the table.

But here's the good news: We're feeding every person in line thanks to you—your partnership, your gifts, your time, your voice. Your support means that no one walks away empty-handed. Thank you. **Together, we are solving hunger for thousands waiting in line.**

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**2007-08**

*START OF RECESSION*

**69,000**

people served  
each month

**2009-10**

*END OF RECESSION*

**92,000**

people served  
each month

**2013-14**

*IN RECOVERY?*

**114,000**

people served  
each month

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# WAITING IN LINE

## *The last time Ricky Grimes received a raise it was 2004.*

Since then, the cost of gas has increased by an average of \$1.80 a gallon, and food costs are now 38% higher.

Ricky is 34 years old; a garbage collector at a small, private waste management company in rural Rockingham County. It's discouraging for him to know that he won't receive a pay increase for the hard and physical labor he puts in, but he's sticking with the job, primarily for one reason: early work hours so that he can get home to care for his wife, Christal, and their children, Tristan (13) and Angelina (9).

Last October Christal had to stop working when she began to experience the severe and debilitating symptoms of multiple sclerosis. An attack lasted five months during which she spent 80% of her time in bed. When she did get up, Christal relied on a walker for mobility.

"It was really hard on my family," she said. "When I had my MS attack, I lost all of my side jobs (housekeeping) and we had to sell one of our extra vehicles. Now every dollar goes somewhere.

There's not a week when we have an extra \$30 to live on."

They keep the lights off until they're absolutely necessary, set the thermostat as low as they can tolerate during the winter and budget carefully for every expense, especially food.

Christal is waiting to hear if she qualifies for disability payments, but in the meantime, the family has been receiving \$230 a month in SNAP benefits (food stamps) and visiting one of our partners, Community Ministry Food Pantry in Bergton.

"The food pantry helps out greatly," Christal said. "I get things that I don't buy with food stamps, because I buy mostly meat with those. I get canned meats and vegetables, breads, snacks, and sometimes fresh produce."

Both Ricky and Christal wish they didn't have a list of worries about their day-to-day survival, but one worry they're thankful to check off of the list is food.

***"When I leave the food pantry, I'm not ashamed—I'm grateful," Christal said. "I know my husband is doing everything he can do, and if I was able to work outside of the home, I would."***

## TOUGH CHOICES

50%

of our clients choose between buying food and putting gas in their cars

3 in 10

make choices between eating and paying for medical care or buying medicine

Another half

must choose between paying for food and paying for utilities



# Nourishing hardworking neighbors.

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the last year, you've enabled us to help thousands of people who work diligently each day just to scrape by. You kept young children fed over weekends and school holidays, provided more fresh fruits and vegetables than ever before, funded programming to educate moms and dads about healthier food choices and preparation, and enabled us to make home deliveries of nourishing food for seniors and people with disabilities. Undoubtedly, we couldn't have nourished them without you!

Here's a closer look at what you helped us to accomplish:

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION: JULY 2013 - JUNE 2014

114,000



People served  
each month

20.2 million



Meals provided

24.2 million



Pounds of  
food distributed

5.1 million



Pounds of fresh  
produce distributed



# OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Through several **Outreach Programs**, we transport food to particularly vulnerable groups. The majority of our outreach programs focus on families with children, and seniors.

- The **Family Backpack Program** meets the needs of hungry children and their families by providing snacks and the foundation of family meals for weekends and extended breaks, when children cannot access school-based programs.
- **Kids Cafe™** and **Kids CanTeen** provide a nutritious meal or snack, respectively, to children enrolled in afterschool programs.
- **Operation Angel Food** provides a nutritious take-home snack to at-risk preschoolers enrolled in school-sponsored, early childhood education programs.
- The **Summer Food Service Program** is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture and provides children with nourishing meals and snacks throughout the summer at neighborhood recreation and community centers and churches.
- We drive our **Mobile Food Pantry** truck **into remote**, rural communities to deliver fresh produce and perishables to people in need. This service often supplements the food offered by small pantries. In some communities, the Mobile Food Pantry is the sole source of charitable food assistance.
- **Reaching Elderly and Challenged Households (REACH)** delivers nutrition to homebound and low-income seniors, as well as those with special needs.
- **Super Pantry/Families, Food & Fun** is a six-week course managed in collaboration with the Virginia Cooperative Extension. VCE agents instruct needy families in food preparation, basic budgeting, food safety and other life skills. At the end, participants take home a box of food from the Food Bank.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

6,897



\* Children served through after school programs

594



Seniors served through the REACH program

596



Families participating in Super Pantry

3,855



Individuals served through Mobile Food Pantry

\*We have discontinued School Pantry at William Perry and Wenonah elementary schools in Waynesboro. After piloting the program during the 2013-14 school year, we've determined that children and **families are** better served through our existing Family Backpack program.

## HOPE FOR KIDS

In 2008 Monica Ibie and her daughter, Queen, left their home country of Nigeria for a better life in the United States.

"I can no longer live in the region where I am from: **funda-**mentalism and oil wars have made it unsafe," Monica said.

She now runs her own child-care service in Greenstone on **5th in** Charlottesville, working Monday through Saturday, some days from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. She's also a minister for the Great Apostolic Outreach Ministry. Even with a full-time job Monica often struggles to make ends meet.

Her granddaughter, Heritage, receives nutritious meals and snacks after school at our Kids Canteen program at Greenstone. "Heritage gets meals through the school lunch program, and the after school meals and snacks at the Kids Canteen help supplement her food until dinner time," Monica said.

Thanks to your generous support, Heritage also won't have to worry about missing meals this summer while school is not in session. She'll have access to nutritious meals through the Summer Food Service Program.

"These programs help supplement our needs," Monica said. "They help me stretch my income so I can purchase healthier foods like fruits and vegetables for Heritage. *Oya gai!* (Thank you in Ogani – her native language). I really appreciate everything you are doing for us."

"The after school meals and snacks at the Kids Canteen help supplement Heritage's food until dinner time."

– MONICA IBIE



# OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

Our partner agencies are always at the front of the line and primed to serve. Week in and week out, they place bags and boxes of nourishment in the hands of our neighbors, one by one, until the line disappears. We're thankful to have the partnership of 234 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other nonprofits to take the food we acquire and deliver it directly to people in need.



PHOTO BY KEVIN BLACKBURN

The McMullen family

Each Monday evening, 60 to 80 families form a line along the basement wall at Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC) in Weyers Cave. A pleasant buzz permeates the hallway as Donna McMullen and a team of volunteers greet each person, exchanging hugs, laughs, "hellos" and "how are you?" as they prep for their weekly food distribution.

Somewhere along the line you'll find Pastor Brad McMullen, Donna's husband, in conversation with a neighbor—that's how they refer to every client who visits Bethany UMC.

## ON THE FRONT LINE

"We've cultivated a warm and welcoming community where everyone feels at home. It's become much bigger than just handing out food," Pastor Brad said. "It's become a community where people are loved."

The church began the food ministry four years ago under the leadership of a member, Jean Dunsmore, since deceased, who had the vision for the pantry and set the program in motion.

"We started off very slowly," Pastor Brad said. "During our first week we saw 12 people; second week, it was six. We all stood around twiddling our thumbs, wondering if we'd made a mistake in starting this ministry. But we believed in it and we stuck with it."

It was just a matter of time. As the need grew and word spread that there was a food pantry in this rural Augusta County community, the line of people seeking help grew, too.

"Everyone who visits our pantry has had something happen to them that they weren't expecting; whether it's sickness, or divorce, or having a baby before they're expecting to, or taking care of their parents," Donna said. "Everybody has a story."

Members of Bethany's congregation and of Mt. Crawford United Methodist, a sister church, and even food recipients who want to repay the generosity have also created programs to accompany Bethany's food distribution.

***"The line of neighbors in need is long, but so is the line of people who want to help," Pastor Brad said. "And that, as much as anything, is the reason for the success of this ministry."***

### More than Food

Through the pantry, community and church members also provide:

- Paper goods and school supplies donated by Mt. Crawford UMC members
- A clothes closet
- Monthly dinner for neighbors
- Backpack Pals to feed kids during weekends
- A vegetable garden aka "The Soul Garden"

### Lord Fairfax Area

A Small Hand  
Aids Response Effort, Inc.  
Backpack Buddies  
Braddock Street Methodist Church  
Bread of Life Food Pantry  
C Cap Front Royal - Warren County  
C Cap - Winchester  
Catholic Charities  
Centenary United Church of Christ  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Church of Christ at Mt. View  
Columbia Furnace Love Center  
Community Touch  
Compassion Cupboard, Inc.  
Crums United Methodist Church  
Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

Women  
Dynamic Life  
Fauquier Community Food Bank  
Fauquier County Food Distribution Coalition  
First Assembly of God  
First Baptist Church  
Fish of Clarke County  
Fishnet Christian Center  
Front Royal Church of Christ  
Front Royal United Methodist Church Women  
Grace Ministries at Crossroads United Methodist Church  
Greenway Spirit and Word Fellowship Church  
Hayfield Assembly of God  
Highland Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Interfaith Relief, Inc.

Life in the Word Church of Jesus  
Lighthouse Baptist Church  
Loudoun County Catholic Charities  
Loudoun Emergency Shelter/Volunteers of America  
Messiah's Market  
Mission Christiana Ciudad Desead  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
My Church - Keep the Change Food Pantry  
New Beginnings Community Church  
Open Door Food Pantry, Inc.  
Page One of Page County  
Phazz One Ministries, Inc.  
Rappahannock Food Pantry  
Restore Hope House Food Pantry  
Riverton United Methodist Church  
Salvation Army - Front Royal  
Salvation Army - Winchester  
Seven Loaves Services, Inc.  
Seventh Day Adventist Church

Shenandoah AAA  
St. Paul's on the Hill  
Stephens City United Methodist Church  
Sterling Park Baptist Church  
Strasburg Presbyterian Church  
Streetwise Ministries  
Victory Church  
Welltown United Methodist Church  
White Chapel United Methodist Church  
Winchester Church of God  
Winchester Union Rescue Mission

### Lynchburg Area

Alliance for Families and Children  
Amazing Grace Ministries PHC  
Amherst Cares  
Bedford Christian Ministry Association  
Bedford Church of God  
Bedford Community Christmas Station  
Burning Bush Church of God  
Candlelight Ministries  
Central VA Area Agency on Aging  
Chapel Grove Baptist Church  
Chestnut Grove Baptist Church  
Court Street Baptist Church  
DAWN  
Fairview Christian Church  
Fairview United Methodist Church  
FARRR Foundation @ Lighthouse Community Center  
Fellowship Church of Christ

First Assembly of God  
First Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church of Monroe  
The Gateway House  
Grace Community Church  
Helping Hands  
Hunting Creek Food Pantry  
Hyland Heights Baptist Church  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Jesus Center Way of Cross Church  
Kingdom Power Worship Center  
Love and Truth Community Church  
Lynchburg Community Action  
Lynchburg Daily Bread  
Lynchburg First Church of the Nazarene  
Lynchburg Neighborhood Foundation  
Lynchburg S D A Church  
Miriam's House, Inc.  
Missionary Chestnut Grove Food Bank  
Nelson County Food Pantry  
Network for Women in Crisis  
New Land Samaritan Inns, Inc.

New Prospect Baptist Church  
Oak Hill Baptist Church  
Parkview Community Missions  
Piedmont Community Impact, Inc.  
Presbyterian Homes, Family Services and the Family Alliance  
Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry  
Scott Zion Baptist Church  
Shekijahi Prep Assembly  
Solid Rock Baptist Church  
Symrna SDA Church

### Shenandoah Valley Area

Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church  
Bethany United Methodist  
Bethel Seventh Day Adventist  
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
Blue Ridge Chapel Church of the Brethren  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee University  
Central United Methodist Church  
Churchville Community Food Pantry  
Community Ministry Food Pantry  
Community Table of Buena Vista  
Cornerstone Church of Augusta  
Craigsville Area Food Pantry  
Crimora United Methodist Church  
Crossroads Baptist Church  
Edom United Methodist Church  
Elkton Area United Services  
Elkton Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Emmanuel Episcopal Food Pantry-Harrisonburg  
ERMA Food Pantry  
Faith Point Christian Center  
First Baptist Church  
First Presbyterian Church/Staunton  
First Presbyterian Church/Waynesboro  
Fishersville United Methodist Church  
Glen Kirk Presbyterian Church  
Greenville Baptist Church  
Helping Hands Food Pantry @ Mint Spring UMC  
Highland Education Foundation  
Hope Distributed, CDC  
Kingsway Help Center  
Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach  
Lee Robbins Ministries, Inc.  
Linden Heights Baptist Church  
Lyndhurst United Methodist Church  
Main Street United Methodist Church  
Manor Memorial United Methodist Church  
Marquis Memorial United Methodist Church

Massanutten Presbyterian Church  
Memorial Baptist Church  
Mercy House Inc.  
Natural Bridge-Glasgow Food Pantry Inc.  
New Directions  
Open Door Gospel Church  
Patchwork Pantry  
Pilgrim Christian Church  
Potters House Worship Center  
Rejoicing Life Baptist Church  
Restoration Ministries of VA  
Rockbridge Area Relief Association  
SACRA  
Salvation Army  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
Spring Creek Church of the Nazarene  
Spring Hill Presbyterian Church  
Staunton Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Stokesville Community Church  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
V. P. A. S. Inc.  
Valley Aids Network  
Valley Church  
Valley Mission  
Verona Community Food Pantry  
Verona United Methodist Church  
Victory Worship Center  
West Waynesboro Church of Christ  
Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
Word of Faith Church

### Thomas Jefferson Area

Albemarle Housing Improvement  
Antioch Baptist Church  
Arvonian Christian Fellowship  
Beaver Dam Baptist Church  
Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Bethel Church of God In Christ  
Boys & Girls Club of Charlottesville  
Boys & Girls Club-Orange  
Buck Mountain Episcopal Church  
Buckingham Church of the Nazarene  
CALM Summer Feeding  
Calvary Hill Baptist Church  
Calvary of Greene  
Calvary Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Caring Friends Pantry  
Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries  
Church of Our Saviour Episcopal  
Church of the Living God  
Columbia Mobile Food Pantry  
Computers 4 Kids

Covesville Baptist Church  
Crozet United Methodist Church  
Crystal Cathedral  
Culpeper Senior Nutrition Site  
Dillwyn Mobile Food Pantry  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Empowering Culpeper  
Esmont Senior Center Rural REACH  
Feeding Greene  
First Liberty Baptist Church  
Fluvanna Christian SVC Society  
Fluvanna County Kids Canteen  
Fluvanna Senior Center Rural REACH  
Free Union Church of the Brethren  
Friends Who Care Ministry  
Friendship Court First Baptist Summer Feeding  
Greenstone on 5th Kids Canteen  
Greer Elementary School  
Holy Comforter Catholic Church  
J A B A-Mary Williams Center  
Jack Jouett Boys and Girls Kids Canteen  
Jouett/City Church  
Kings Corner Fellowship, Inc.  
Loaves and Fishes  
Love Outreach Food Pantry  
Lovingston Mobile Food Pantry  
MACAA  
Madison County Kids Canteen  
Madison Emergency Services Association  
Maysville Presbyterian Church  
Mourners Valley Baptist Church  
Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church  
Nelson Center Rural REACH  
New Beginnings Christian Community  
New Faith United Methodist Church  
North Garden Ministries  
Palmyra/Effort Mobile Food Pantry  
Salvation Army  
Scottsville Mobile Food Pantry  
Scottsville UMC-Bread of Life  
Southside Church of God  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Super Pantry-Charlottesville  
Super Pantry-Culpeper  
Super Pantry-Fluvanna County  
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church  
Thomas Jefferson Coalition for Homeless  
Union Branch Baptist Church  
Venable Elementary School  
Woodmobile Boys and Girls Kids Canteen  
Yancey Elementary Backpack

# OUR VOLUNTEERS

There's no price tag large enough to illustrate the worth of our volunteers. They fuel our organization with their hearts, their energy and their serving hands. And their passion and care for our neighbors allow all of us to do even greater good for those waiting.

## FULL CIRCLE

Rebecca Evans comes from a long line of teachers, so it's only natural that she would become one, too. There was a time, though, when becoming an educator seemed out of reach.

At 29, she was a divorced single mom, piecing together her finances as best she could. Rebecca recalled the first time she realized how little she had—a day when she and a friend were trying to squeeze the last drops of ketchup from the bottle for their children's meal.

"I never really realized how poor I was, until that moment," she said.

Gradually, things got better. She went back to school, earned her degrees, established herself as a teacher and remarried. She's been an accounting professor at Blue Ridge Community College for 12 years. Rebecca also cherishes a special avenue through which she teaches life lessons, away from the accounting textbook.

As the leader of the college service organization ENACTUS, she's been providing hundreds of students with service opportunities, particularly for hunger-relief organizations like the Food Bank.

Most significantly, the Virginia Hunger Symposium—an annual, four-day hunger education event at the college founded by BRCC President Dr. John Downey—has given ENACTUS students the conduit though which to volunteer over the last seven years to help their hungry neighbors.

"At the end of the day, if I can influence just a couple of students, and then if they can influence a couple of other people to meet the needs of those who are food insecure, little by little, we'll see a change," Rebecca said.

Her personal motivation to serve is credited to influential people and experiences, which taught her to lead



Rebecca Evans

through service. She also never forgot what it was like to struggle.

"It's not a very comfortable place to be," she said. "I never went to a food bank, but I received assistance for a while, so I can put myself in their place. **I think, when life goes full circle, you should give back.**"

### 250 hours and up

Joanne Babic  
BRCC Post High Grad Class  
William Crabtree  
Larry Folmar  
Kevin Hammonds  
Debbie Ioia  
Nancy Mohme  
Newtown Presbyterian Church Volunteers  
Staunton City School Volunteers  
Garland Wooldridge

### 100 - 249 hours

Stanley Abbot  
Altria Group Distribution Co. Volunteers  
Ameriprise Volunteers  
BRCC Health Class  
Robert and Joan Canevari  
James Canody  
Charles A. DeLa  
Dick W. Dugan  
Harlan H. and Jo Annis H. Eller  
James W. and Sandra W. Givens  
John W. Hawse  
Hershey Volunteers  
Lester Howell  
Rick Kinkead  
Stephen A. Lockridge  
Mary Baldwin May Term Class  
Thomas F. Morris  
Harry Newman  
Thelma K. Pultz  
Virginia M. Sandlin  
Jimmie L. Shipp  
Stamp Out Hunger Campaign 2013  
Ed Stone  
Target Distribution Volunteers  
Unitarian Universalist Church Volunteers  
UVA Volunteers  
Wanda S. Walter

Scott Wilson  
Sharon Wilson  
Janet Yance  
Jay Young

### 50 - 99 hours

Paul P. Brown  
Carmen D. Browne  
Jennifer Carter  
CFA Institute  
Effort Baptist Church  
Garris and Company  
Yvonne Gilbert  
Mike Griffith  
Hancock, Engel & Associates  
Mark Johnson  
Walter (Skeeter) Knee  
Madison House  
Steve Grande - Mary Baldwin Spencer Citizens  
Matthew Oakerson  
Carolyn R. Pflug  
Lloyd L. Pollitt  
Luis Ramirez  
Robert E. Lee Key Club Volunteers  
Randy Robinson  
Joseph Schad  
Walter M. Shaver, Jr.  
Lucy Spencer  
United Day of Caring  
Vision of Hope United Methodist Church  
David D. Wade

### up to 50 hours

Abundant Life Volunteers  
Andrey Adams  
Alpha Phi Omega Volunteers  
Sarah Alshawi  
Andrew Dwain Austin  
Jacob Bennett  
Maurice Booker  
Renee Booth  
Tracey Bradshaw  
Jenna Bragg  
Angela Bragg  
Bridget Burner  
Adrian Cabell  
Camp Up with People  
William Canody  
Nick Caputi  
June Caputi  
Charlottesville Weekly Volunteers  
Child Protection Services Group Volunteers  
Church of God Volunteers  
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS - Charlottesville  
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS - Waynesboro

Aaron Clontz  
Marty Cohen  
College Solved, Volunteers  
Colonial Auto Center Volunteers  
Community Bible Study Servants' Volunteers  
Community Relations Group  
Cornerstone Christian School  
Kelly Craun-Carey  
Ronnie Dalton  
Cindy Davis  
Billie Day  
Neil Decker  
Dollar General Volunteers  
Jane M. Dove  
Eastern Mennonite School Volunteers  
Ann Eichelberger  
Erie Insurance Claims Office Volunteers  
Christy Fielden  
First Presbyterian Church Volunteers  
Jacob Fisher  
Fluvanna Extended Education Program  
Robert L. Forrest  
Colleen Forsman  
Fort Hill United Methodist Church  
Nickie Gauthier-Martin  
William H. George  
Ethan Goodman  
Goodwill WIA Youth Volunteers  
Grace Christian High School Volunteers  
Kenneth M. Gray  
William Gressick  
Denis H. Grushon  
Mogan Hall  
Paul Hecmanczuk  
Hollister Volunteers  
Honor Air Society  
Daniel H. Horst  
Neva Horst  
Elizabeth Hull  
Shaun Irvine  
Beverley Jacobs  
JMU Financial Aid Office Volunteers  
Erin Johnson  
Bria Johnson  
Jasmyrn Jones  
Lia Karaoa  
Niki Karaoli  
Mitchell Klasky  
Matthew R. Lail  
Evan Lendermon  
Erika Raskin Littlewood  
Lynchburg Postal Volunteers  
Madison Heights Baptist Youth  
Priya Maitadevan  
Jamicho Martinez  
Mary Baldwin College Alt. Spring Break

Mary Baldwin College Volunteers  
Janice Mauraschadt  
Kathy McClain  
Barbara McFarlin  
Memorial Baptist Church Volunteers  
Stephanie Montenegro  
Montezuma COB Jr High Youth  
Charlotte Morford  
Kirk Morton  
Delores Moyer  
Eric Musliner  
Nationwide Volunteers  
Mark Newton  
Nicole Nicklas  
Sarah Nicklas  
Wren D. Olivier  
PEACH Home Schooling Group  
Kelly Perry  
Ryan Pitts  
Dorothea A. Preis  
Rebecca Raines  
Barbara Rexode  
Rocktown Rollers Volunteers  
Jean T. Roland  
Phoebe Roller  
Christopher Russell  
Sangerville COB Youth  
Roberta Scrivener  
Stacey Scrivener  
Janell Shank  
Josh Springer  
Chris Springer  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Volunteers  
State Farm Credit Union Volunteers  
Linda S. Sterrett  
SunTrust Mortgage Volunteers  
David W. Swisher  
Ruth B. Swisher  
Gary Theiss  
Brian Tyler  
UVA Men's Tennis Team  
Federico Venegas  
Virginia College Advising Corps Volunteers  
Walmart Volunteers  
WalMart Volunteers - EVAP  
Wells Fargo Volunteers  
Tatiana Western  
Western State Hospital Volunteers  
Western State Work Crew Volunteers  
Tiffany Wheeler  
White Wave Volunteers  
David Whitesell  
K'leigh Williams  
Luisa Witmer  
Juanita Zban



# OUR DONORS

Here's the simple truth: Every single meal we pass along to a neighbor is a manifestation of your kindness. Without it, it would be impossible **for us** share nourishment and goodness with people experiencing life's misfortunes. Each contribution, financial, food and otherwise, is helping us solve hunger in thousands of lives daily. Our deepest thanks.

## FISHING LINE AND FAITH

SUPER ROUGH CUT BUT THIS IS HOW IT WOULD FIT



Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners, a group of faith-full friends, talk about “fishing” for people in need. Helping others is central to their faith, and faith is what brought them together almost two decades ago. Ten individuals left what they call “broken” churches and formed their own small church. They meet in living rooms every Sunday for worship, song, bible study, and prayer. Their discussions about church business occur seamlessly in the midst of worship—for them, the two are the same.

In 2002, Prayer Partners read about the work of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and they began to contribute annually. Though a small group, their giving is now comparable to much larger organizations.

“We don't have buildings to maintain or staff to pay.” And as Christian people, they explained, they want to be responsible about their contributions and to see the effect of what they do.

**“When we give to the Food Bank we know we are making a difference every day in the lives of our neighbors.”**

The Prayer Partners understand that food is a basic necessity, and it troubles them how many go without. “We also believe it is scandalous that in this land of plenty, kids are hungry.”

Financial contributions are just one form of help they provide. Every day, the Prayer Partners express their faith through service and outreach. For example, when the electricity went out after a snowstorm last winter, they began to worry about their elderly neighbors and they “fished around” to discover how they could help. They collected food to replace what was lost when freezers didn't operate for days, and they purchased fuel to help heat a number of homes.

“We hold fast to Jesus' reminder in the book of Matthew,” explained one Partner. “We know there will always be poor people with us, but Jesus taught us we should help.”

## Food Donors 500+ Pounds

7 Eleven  
AZDAL  
A.R.I. Packaging  
Abbott Nutrition  
Albemarle Baking Company  
Albemarle County Office Building  
Albemarle High School  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
America's Second Harvest  
Appalachian Freight Carriers  
Apple FCU  
Apple Tree  
Areva  
Arlon Gardner Trucking  
Asbury  
Associated General Contractors of VA  
Augusta County Library  
Augusta Health  
BB&T  
Babcock & Wilcox Company  
Bank Of The James  
Barton & Marlow  
Batton Council  
Bells Trucking LLC  
Bender Warehouse  
Best Buy Distribution Center  
Best Of What's Around (BOWA)  
Bett A Way  
Big Lots  
Bimbo Bakery  
Bloom  
Blue Bunny  
Blue Ridge Christian School  
Blue Ridge Community College  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Bodo's Bagel  
Bounce & Play  
Bowman Andros  
Boy Scout Food Drive  
Bridgewater College  
Bridgewater Foods Supermarket  
Broadus Memorial Baptist  
Brookneil Hoa  
Brookville High School  
Burlay School  
CSE, Inc.  
C.R. England  
CVS  
Cale Elementary School  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
Camp At Mosby Station  
Campbell Soup Company  
Campus Kitchen Uva  
Canteen Vending Service  
Cargill  
Carquest  
Catholic Charities @ The Diocese Of Arlington, Inc

Shain Celestial  
Central VA Food Bank  
Charles Brown Christian Center  
Charlottesville Catholic School  
Children Of America  
Chipolte  
Chobani  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Cii Seviles  
City Of Lynchburg  
Clayton Homes  
Coca Cola  
Columbia Fresh Produce  
Communication Installation Solution  
Conagra Truck Delivery  
Conner Produce Company, Inc  
Costco  
Country Pure Foods  
Critzler Family Farm  
Crosby Trucking  
Crossroads Farms  
Crown Orchard  
C'ville Pride  
Dairy Pricing Association, Inc  
Dannon Company, Inc.  
Darden Graduate School UVA  
Lynn Davis  
Davita Great Bridge #0500  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Degroots Vegetable Farms  
Dixie Beverage Company  
DMV  
Domino's Pizza  
Dunbar Class Of '59  
Dupont Community Credit Union  
Eagles Landing  
Edge Trucking  
Elkton Area United Services  
Expoland  
Extended Care  
F.E.M.A  
Faith Christian Center  
Family Dollar  
Federation Of Virginia Food Banks  
Feed The Children  
Feeding Greene  
Finley Presbyterian Church  
First Baptist Church  
FleetwoodGoldcoWyard  
Fluvanna Christian Society  
Food Bank Of Va Peninsula  
Food Lion  
Food Source LLC  
Foodbank Of Central and Eastern North Carolina  
Foods Of All Nations  
Forest Lions Club

Fork Union Military Academy  
Fresh Market  
Friendship Ministries  
Frito Lay  
General Mills Inc.  
Genworth Financial  
George's Chicken  
George's Food  
Giant  
Giorgio Fresh Company  
Gleaning For The World  
Golden Harvest Food Bank  
Gold's Gym  
Good's Transfer, Inc  
Goodwill Industries  
Grace Christian School  
Grace Community Church  
Grace Covenant Church  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Grace Memorial Episcopal Church  
Great Harvest Bread  
Great Plains Foodbank  
Green Valley Book Fair  
Greenberry's  
H P Hood Dairy  
H. T. Hackney Co.  
Hamer & Hamer  
N. B. Handy  
Azdel Hanwha  
Harris Corporation  
Harris Teeter  
Harvest Ridge Village  
Heartland Harvest  
Henley Middle School  
Hershey Chocolate  
Hidden Pines  
Hollin Farms  
Holy Cross Presbyterian Church  
Holy Trinity Church  
Horse And Buggy Produce  
Expoland  
Hunter McGuire School  
Hunters For The Hungry  
Integral Natural Foods  
Interbake Foods  
Irving Farms Marketing  
JABA  
J. Crew  
James Madison University  
J. L. Murray School  
Kraft Foods  
David Karnes  
Kawneer  
Kellogg  
Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Kids Against Hunger DC Metro  
Andrea Kittrell and Family  
Kraft/Nabisco Biscuit  
Kroger

Lambda Chi Alpha  
Laughing Dragon Kung Fu  
Liberty University  
John Lisky  
Little Caesar's Pizza  
Local Food Hub  
Long John Silvers  
Longhorn Steakhouse  
Love Outreach  
Allen Lund  
Lynchburg City Girl Scouts  
Lynchburg Zombie Walk  
Management Services Corp.  
Roy Maraj  
Martha Jefferson Hospital  
Ray Martin  
Martin's Food Stores  
Mary Baldwin College  
McKee Bakery Store  
McKee Foods  
Merchants Grocery  
Mercury Paper  
Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network  
Miller Bakery  
Millwood Country Club  
Mole Hill Gardens  
Mondelez Truck Delivery  
Montevideo Middle School FFA  
Monticello High School  
Morris Orchard  
Mount Crawford Creamery  
Mt. Zion 1st African Baptist Church  
NAPA Transportation  
Nationwide Insurance  
Natural Bridge Gift Shop  
Navy Federal  
NBC 29 Food Drive  
Neighbors-4-Neighbors  
Nelson County Pantry  
Nestle USA, Inc.  
Hot Cakes  
Nibco, Inc.  
Office Of Disability  
Old Trail Village  
Olive Garden  
Onyx Hill Fruit And Plants  
P And K Services, LLC  
Frank Padilla  
Palermo's Pizza  
Panera Bread  
Anna Patterson  
Pepperidge Farm  
Perdue Farms, Inc.  
Pet Dairy  
Piedmont Provisions  
Pizza Hut  
Plow & Hearsh

Point Church Of Charlottesville  
Postal Carrier Food Drive  
Potomac Pedalers  
Powhatan School  
Proctor & Gamble  
Purdy Brothers  
Quaker/Tropicana/Gatorade  
Red Lobster  
Red's Chips  
Relay Foods  
Relay For Life of Harrisonburg  
Renaissance School  
REO Distribution  
Restoration Ministries Of Virginia  
Rich Products Corporation  
Rimm Kaufman Group  
Rinker Orchards Inc.  
Rock Springs United Church of Christ  
S. L. Hess & Son  
Second Harvest Foodbank Of Metrolina  
Second Harvest Foodbank Of Middle Tennessee  
Safeway Foods  
Salvation Army  
Sam's Club  
Save-A-Lot  
Schenck Foods  
Shaffer Trucking  
Sharp Shopper  
Sheetz  
Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction  
Shenandoah Pride Dairy  
Shoppers  
Showalter Orchard  
Staunton First Church of God  
Eldon Showalter  
Society of St. Andrew  
Sodexo  
Southwestern VA Food Bank  
St. John The Baptist Episcopal  
White Hill Church Of Brethern  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
Star  
Starbucks  
Staunton Church of Brethren  
Staunton Coca Cola  
Staunton Foods Inc.  
Staunton Mall  
Staunton Public Library  
Stonewall District Ruritans  
Stuart Hall School  
Stuarts Draft High School  
Stuarts Draft Mennonite Church

Stuarts Draft Middle School  
Stuff-a-Truck  
Sunchase Apartments  
Sunset Drive United Methodist Church  
Sutherland Middle School  
Sysco Food Service Of VA  
Sysco Northeast Redistribution Center  
Szawlowski Farm  
T & R Processing  
Take It Away  
Target  
The Warehouse  
George Thompson  
Cary Tomlinson  
Trader Joe's  
Tree Of Life  
Trident Seafoods Corp.  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Truefarms LLC  
Tyson Foods  
United Way  
University Of Virginia  
USX  
VA Department of Transportation  
VA Industries for the Blind  
Valley Farming  
Valley Vo-Tech  
Van Wyk Inc.  
Victory Church  
Volunteer Farm  
Voortman Cookies  
Walmart  
Washington Gas  
Wave Crest Enterprise  
Wayne E. Bailey Produce Co.  
Waynesboro Recycle  
Wegmans  
Western Harvest  
Western State Hospital  
Western-Veg Produce Inc  
Westover Dairy  
White Hill Church Of Brethern  
White House Foods  
White Wave Foods  
Whole Foods Market  
Wholesome Foods, Inc.  
Wiley Wilson  
Wilk Farms  
William H. Wetsel Middle School  
Wilson Memorial High School  
Ruritans Club  
Winchester Church Of God  
Tony Wolf  
Yoder's Country Market

# GRANT AWARDS

Each year the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank secures funding to operate several of our **out-**reach programs and to purchase food for distribution. Foundation and corporate neighbors are generous to respond. In fiscal year 2014, we received a total of \$481,895 in grants.

**These 34 grants provided funds for:**

\$56,700



**MOBILE  
FOOD PANTRY**

Ameriprise Financial  
Bama Works Fund of the Dave  
Matthew's Band  
Bank of America Charitable  
Foundation  
Community Endowment Fund –  
Charlottesville Area  
Community Foundation  
Rotary Club of Charlottesville  
United Way - **Thomas** Jefferson  
Area

\$205,620



**FAMILY BACKPACK  
PROGRAM**

Abbott Fund  
American Woodmark Foundation  
Genworth Foundation  
Greater Lynchburg Community Trust  
Newman's Own Foundation  
Optimist Club of the Blue Ridge  
Our Family Foundation  
TJX Foundation  
Women United in Philanthropy

\$47,000



**SCHOOL PANTRY  
PILOT PROGRAM**

CAPSAW  
Food Lion Charitable Foundation  
Gannett Foundation  
Newman's Own Foundation  
Target  
United Way of Greater Augusta  
Walmart Foundation

\$112,500



**PURCHASE  
OF FOOD**

Adiuvans Fund  
Agua Fund  
Charles L. Keith and Clara S.  
Miller Foundation  
Costco  
Darden Restaurants Foundation  
Dominion Foundation  
Hilltop Foundation  
Inez Duff Bishop Trust  
Nationwide Insurance Foundation  
Walmart Foundation

\$65,825



**IN-KIND  
RADIO PROMOTION**

Centennial Broadcasting  
Charlottesville Radio Group



*These funders and other financial donors are also gratefully recognized on the inserts to this Annual Report.*

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JUNE 30, 2013

## ASSETS

### Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,638,300
Accounts receivable, net	218,188
Inventory	2,202,954
Prepaid expenses and deposits	53,010
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$5,112,452</b>

Investments in marketable securities	\$2,514,672
Depreciable fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,389,407
Non-depreciable fixed assets	66,652
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>\$3,970,731</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS \$9,083,183**

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

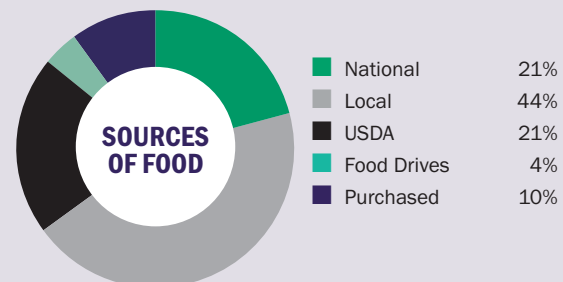
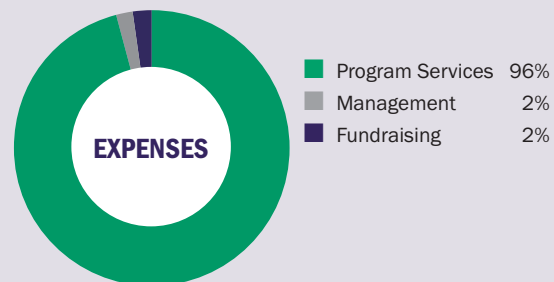
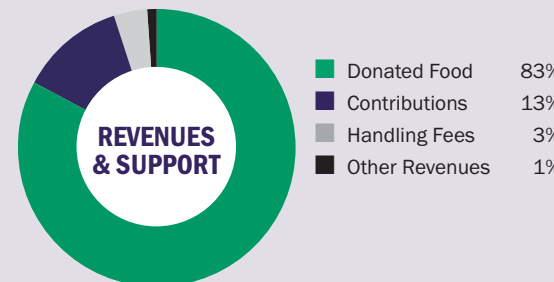
### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$119,581
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	74,688
Compensated absences	62,331
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$256,600</b>

### Net assets

Unrestricted	
Undesignated	\$4,738,825
Designated - funds held for long-term investment	2,514,672
Designated - funds held for future capital needs	1,200,000
Total unrestricted	\$8,453,497
Temporarily restricted	\$373,086
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$8,826,583</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$9,083,183**



FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

## Revenues

Public support	
Donated food	\$36,027,719
Contributions	5,337,989
Handling fees	1,362,784
Other revenues	567,812
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$43,296,304</b>

Expenses	
Program services	\$38,903,181
Fundraising	1,001,523
Management and general	675,544
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$40,580,248</b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$2,716,056**

**NOTE:** Financials include the value of donated food. Donated product on hand at year-end is valued at the national wholesale value of one pound of food, as determined by the most recent study conducted by Feeding America. Food donations and distributions of donated product are recorded at the weighted average wholesale value in effect during the year. The information in this summary was excerpted from our complete audited financial statements, which are available upon request.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

At the May 2014 Board meeting, the Board of Directors increased the capital funds from \$1.2 million to \$2.7 million. The funds will be applied to a \$3.6 million renovation of the Food Bank's headquarters and main distribution center, which is expected to be completed in summer 2015.

# SOLVING HUNGER TOGETHER

Five years ago, our country was in economic crisis. Most have shaken it off and moved on. But some haven't, and we're so glad you haven't either.

You've responded generously, helping us serve well more than 100,000 people each month during four of the last five years. Despite positive indicators of economic recovery, many more families are still stringing together low-wage or part-time work to get by. It's become crystal clear to us that, as long as good-paying jobs are hard to come by, food insecurity will remain a problem.

The only way we'll solve it is by working together. You've done just that over the last year, helping us provide nearly 21 million meals to our neighbors through your service and generosity. Volunteers took the time to stock shelves, sort food donations and pack food bags and boxes; partner food pantries worked unceasingly to deliver nourishment to neighbors in line every week; and many gave funds, hosted food drives and sponsored events to move our work forward. Our work together is making an impact in the lives of those waiting in line to receive relief and sustenance.

Thank you for keeping the issue of hunger in the forefront over the last year – for making it an important issue to solve. It's a long-term problem in need of long-term solutions. Together, we'll continue to chip away at the problem of hunger in our region and nourish families with your unflinching support.

With gratitude,



*John A. Downey*  
**Dr. John Downey**  
Chair



*Michael McKee*  
**Michael McKee**  
Chief Executive Officer

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