



Growing Community Impact



Our mission is to connect food-insecure children in Maine with nourishing food to improve their learning capacity, health, and future. We take a whole-family approach to child hunger with programs that strive to be low-barrier, stigma-free, and environmentally responsible.



Annual Report 2024 -25



From the Executive Director

Dear friends,

The fall of 2024 marked our 10th birthday and the completion of our Three-Year Strategic Plan. Little did we know that 2025 would bring another sea change to the world of community nourishment, with drastic cuts to the safety net and the elimination of federal programs that enabled Maine farmers to provide food for our programs. No matter what happens next, with our network of partners and your support, know that we will make sure kids and families have the nourishing foods they need to grow and thrive.

Kathryn Sargent
Executive Director



We gathered in June to celebrate our volunteers.



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Our partnerships with nearby farms bring in lots of fresh locally grown vegetables.

Thank You to Outgoing Board Members

Matt Heffernan
Jane Winarta



Adding Up Impact in 2024-25

Food, Farms & Families

We shared **more than 600,000** pounds of nourishing food with **more than 2,500** Greater Portland children and their families!

Fresh Food Shared: 502,000 pounds

fresh food RESCUED: 220,000 lbs

fresh food rescue partners: 6

local farm partners: 8

fresh food events: 466

Healthy Staples and Snacks Shared: 104,000 pounds

Students took home 18,319 green bags of produce & 11,183 purple bags filled with pantry staples

Case managers delivered 1,792 FAMILY BOXES of staples and fresh food to children's homes

Our **78 schools and partner sites** and more than **150 volunteers** helped us make sure kids & families have the nourishment they need to thrive!



Portland Program Manager Ailish delivered take-home bags for 60 Talbot Community School students and their families every week.



2024-25 School Year



Volunteers Joe and Justine helped out at East End Community School's end-of-year ice cream social.

IN PORTLAND

We shared 125,000 pounds of healthy food through our partnerships with the Portland Public Schools. We shared an additional 142,000 pounds with Portland kids and families in collaboration with Head Start; the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program; Presente! Maine; Portland Public Housing neighborhoods; and other partner agencies.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Portland Greendrinks brought together 250 community members to learn about the Locker Project on the rooftop patio at Wex.

Lovelab Studio supported our annual mac 'n cheese drive with a tour of this giant collection can to independent schools around Portland.



VALUES IN ACTION: COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Courtney, our South Portland Program Manager, attended the middle school's Family Dinner and Dance night in February. More than 200 people had the opportunity to try different foods from local vendors and enjoy a glow stick dance party. On their way out, parents, students, and staff could fill bags with fresh produce from our table.



IN SOUTH PORTLAND

We shared 60,000 pounds of healthy food through our partnerships with the South Portland Schools. We shared an additional 103,000 pounds with South Portland families in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club, South Portland Public Library, South Portland Housing Authority, and other partner agencies.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Board members and volunteers shared information about our fresh food rescue program with attendees at South Portland's Earth Day Fair in April.
- In December, we partnered with South Portland's Toy Drive to provide families with fresh fruits and vegetables for their holiday meals.





IN WESTBROOK

We shared 102,000 pounds of healthy food through our partnerships with Westbrook Public Schools and the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. We shared an additional 67,000 pounds with Westbrook kids and families through our partnerships with Head Start, WIC, Woodfords Family Services, Intercultural Community Center, and other local agencies.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- A team from Sodexo helped out at our Westbrook Middle School fresh food distribution and donated hundreds of soups, snacks, and other staples to fill the school's pantry. Thank you!!
- The Intercultural Community Center brought students over to see where the fresh produce comes from and how it all works. They decorated family boxes with beautiful drawings and messages.

VALUES IN ACTION: COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Among the commitments articulated in our [Three-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to support nutrition security by offering children and their families a culturally appropriate variety of nutrient-dense foods at convenient locations. Participating in Mainers Feeding Mainers and prioritizing purchasing from immigrant-led farms gives us access to culturally important produce items like amaranth, roselle, and squash leaves. These leafy greens are familiar to many New Mainers and provide both nutrition and the opportunity to prepare favorite meals.

FARMS TO FAMILIES

Through Good Shepherd Food Bank's Mainers Feeding Mainers (MFM) program, we were able to share more than 20,000 pounds of produce grown on local farms in 2024. Our MFM farms included the Somali Bantu Community Organization's Liberation Farms, Cultivating Community, Two Farmers Farm, Jordan's Farm, Pineland Farms, and Buckle Farm. Separate partnerships with Bumbleroot and Frith farms as well as the Cumberland County Gleaning Initiative increased the local bounty we could share with families.

FAMILY FOOD BOXES



Case managers at our partner agencies can order family food boxes to take on their visits to clients' homes. In 2024, we shared nearly 1,800 30-pound boxes of mixed staples and fresh food, tailored to the families' dietary needs and preferences.

Home delivery of food assistance reduces many of the barriers families face to food security, including work hours and lack of transportation. Among our family food box partners are the Opportunity Alliance, Children's Odyssey, First4Me, Head Start, Portland Public Health, and Spurwink.

VOLUNTEERS!



Volunteers from the community and corporate partners helped sort and package produce and staples for distribution to local families.



Volunteers contributed more than 2,000 hours in 2024. We couldn't do it without you!



As part of their annual Day of Service, a team from Colby Co. built a corral for our compost bins--to keep the food scraps in and the critters out!



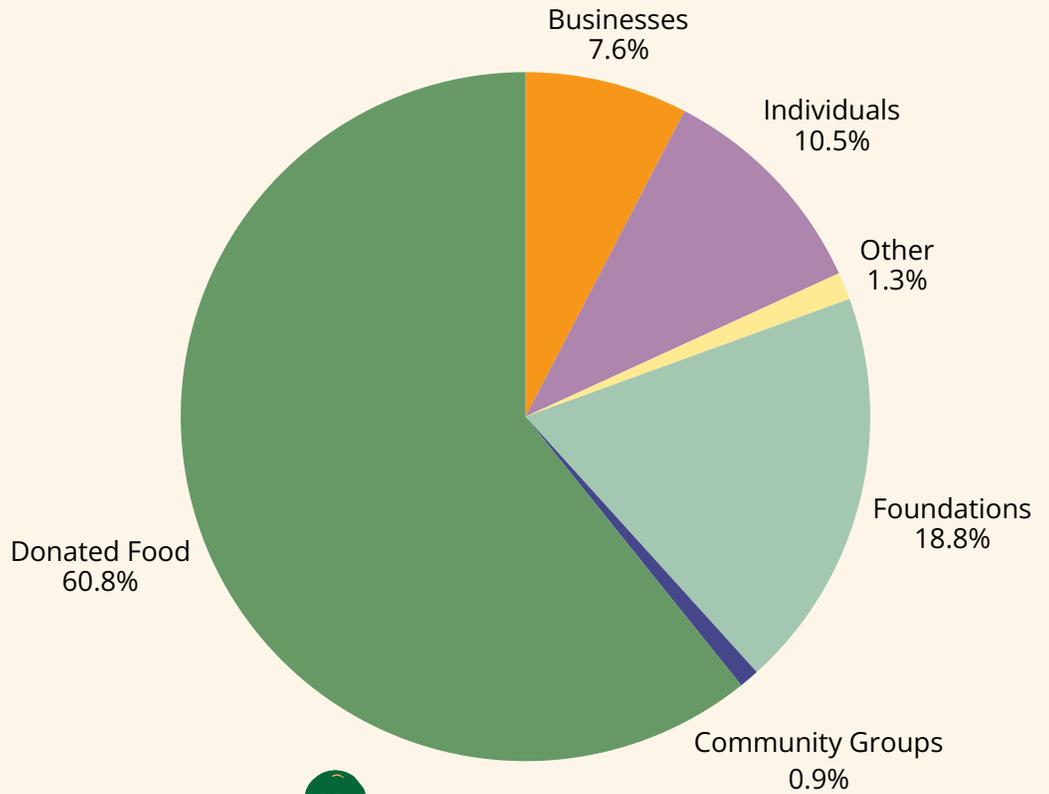
Financials

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Revenue

Total Revenue:
\$1,719,444

Cash Revenue:
\$658,973



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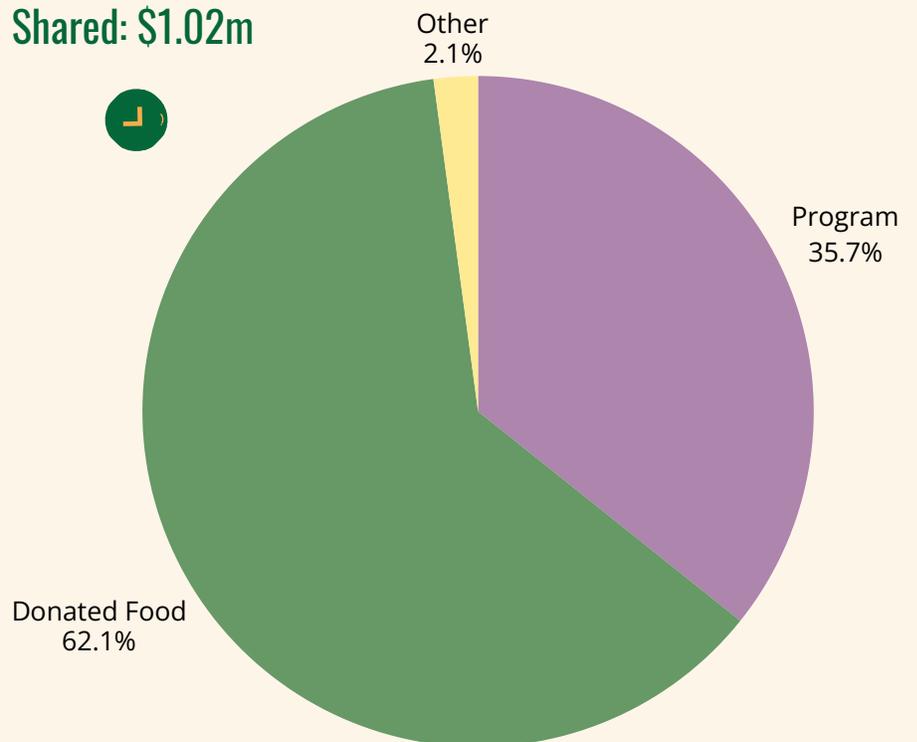
Value of Food Donated and Shared: \$1.02m

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Expense

Total Expense:
\$1,644,653

Cash Expense:
\$622,600



Community Support

January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025*

Individuals

Susanna Adams
 Nirupama Aggarwal
 & Francis Robbins
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 Jenny Alfrey
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 Julia Antonson
 Therese & Tom Armstrong
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 Kathryn & Louis Germani
 Susan & Scott Gibson
 Allaina Gilligan
 Hannah Gilmore
 Diane Girling
 Joel Glatz
 Nuna Gleason
 Charlene Glidden



*The 18-month time period reflects the 2024 change of our fiscal year to July-June.



Community Support

Individuals

Jen & Michael Goldfinger
 Susan & Barry Goldsmith
 Daniel Goodman
 Katie Goodman
 Tasha Graff
 Megan Gray
 Hope & Chris Green
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 Lynne Grimaldi
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Ruth A. Yates
Susan & Jonathan Young
Kim Zagarenski



Community Support

Organizations

Abbott Laboratory
Age Management Center
Agnes M. Lindsay Trust
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Allagash Brewing Company
Altrusa Club of Portland Maine
Angela Adams Designs
Ann Tracy Art
Applied Refrigeration Services
Back Cove Books, LLC
Back Cove Financial
Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation
Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation
Ceramica Co
Chocolats Passion
Colby Engineering
Crede Associates, LLC
CVS Health
Deering High Interact Club
Diversified Communications
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation
Epstein & O'Donovan, LLP
Eunice Frye Home Foundation
Evelyn S. and K.E. Barrett Foundation
Ferdinand Home Store
First Congregational Church Scarborough
First Parish Church
FISH & BONE
Fisher Charitable Foundation
Flatbread Co.
Flux Jewelry Studio
Freedom's Edge Cider
Garrand Moehlenkamp
Gelato Fiasco
Generac Foundation
George H. and Jane A. Mifflin Memorial Fund
Gipson Family Foundation
Glickman Family Foundation
Gorham Savings Bank
Great Diamond Partners
Gwendolen Elwell Flanagan Foundation
Hannaford Supermarkets
Harmon Foundation
held portland LLC
Highroller Lobster Co.
HM Payson
Horizon Foundation, Inc.
Hughes Wealth Advisors
Intermed
Ivy Rebekah Lodge #5

Izakaya Minato
Jewish Community Endowment Fund
John Dargis Associates Inc.
John T. Gorman Foundation
Keep Driving Foundation
Kennebec Savings Bank
Landrace Cannabis Co.
Law Office of Joe Bornstein
Leonard C. & Mildred F. Ferguson Foundation
Liberty Mutual
Lighthouse Credit Union Foundation
LinkedIn
M&T Charitable Foundation
Machias Savings Bank
Maine Community Bank
Maine Community Foundation
Maine Track Club
Malone Commercial Brokers
Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust
Martin's Point Health Care
MEMIC
Microsoft Corporation
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Nordstrom Cares
Northeast Bank
Oracle
Owl & Elm Village Pub
Oxford Casino
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Portland Maine Women for Good
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ReVision Energy
Rising Tide Brewing Company
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Rosemont Market & Bakery
Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth
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Sam L. Cohen Foundation
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Shaw's
Shutterbugs 4 Charity



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Soakology
SPSD Community Partnerships
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Sun Life
Takeda Pharmaceuticals
Target Circle
TD Charitable Foundation
The Back Cove School
The Beim Foundation
The Kitchen Window Charitable Trust
The LMNOP Parliament Fund
Toast

Town & Country Federal Credit Union
Town Fair Tire Foundation
TruChoice Federal Credit Union
Tuttle Road Community Church
United Way of Southern Maine
Unum
The UpBeetGinger LLC
Vitalius Real Estate Group
Westbrook School Department
Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club Charities
Whole Foods Community Giving Program
Woodford F&B
Z Fabrics

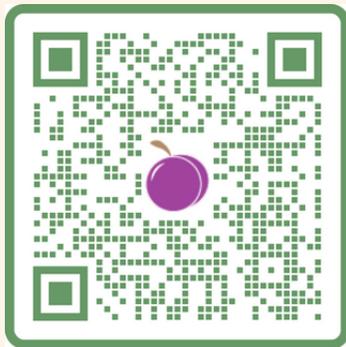
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Bumbleroot Organic Farm
Colby Engineering
Dancing Harvest Farm
Data for Social Good team from the
Roux Institute at Northeastern University
Frith Farm
Good Shepherd Food Bank
Hannaford Supermarkets

ibec Creative
Jordan's Farm
Liberation Farms
Rosemont Market & Bakery
Shaw's Supermarkets
Standard Baking Co.
Two Hands Farm
Whistle Cat Farm



Donate



Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations who helped make 2024-25 successful by donating, volunteering, partnering with us, hosting food drives, and spreading the word about the importance of nourishing all the children and families in our community!



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