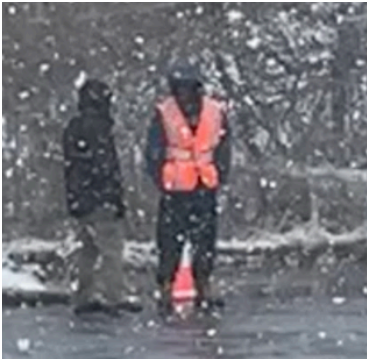


healthy food *giveaway*  
SILVER SPRING, MD

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

# About the healthy food giveaway

The Healthy Food Giveaway began in March 2019. At that time, we invited people into our gym and walked them through the choices with a grocery bag.



In the fall of 2022, we partnered with the [Capital Area Food Bank \(CAFB\)](#), which required us to increase the frequency of our events. This was made possible with the generous assistance of our many church and community partners (see pg 8). Working together and with God's help, we've made it happen for the last two years.

Through our partnership with [Manna Food Center](#), we built a pantry and bought a freezer to safely store food between events. A grant from CAFB allowed us to purchase a refrigerator. We hold a drive-in event each second Saturday, and on the fourth Tuesday we host a food pantry where our guests can come in and select from a variety of foods.

***Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.  
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,  
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.***

**~Isaiah 58.10**

# Our Vision and Mission

Reaching into our community is not an option for us. The Bible teaches us to care for each other, and it is so rewarding when we do. We pray for those around us, that they may live an abundant life. But we are also reminded that thoughts and prayers alone do not keep us warm at night. It is our mission to do what we can for those around us, putting love into concrete actions.

**We envision and work toward a community where no one goes hungry.**

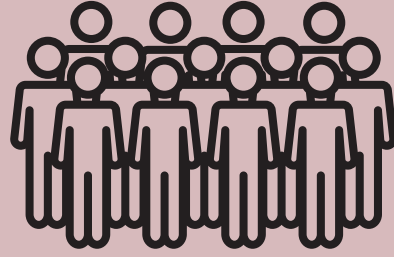


***Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you tells him, “Go in peace; stay warm and well fed,” but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that? So too, faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead.***

***~James 2.15-17***

# People

by the numbers



14,750

total individual  
visits to all 2024  
events from

4,428

registered  
guests

22,000+

family members  
served from all 2024  
events

400+

volunteers who  
gave generously of  
their time

98

**zip codes**

people came from  
many zip codes in  
the DMV area

10

**counties**

mostly in Maryland,  
but a scattering in  
DC and VA as well

23

**events**

12 weekend drive-in  
events and 11 indoor  
food pantry nights

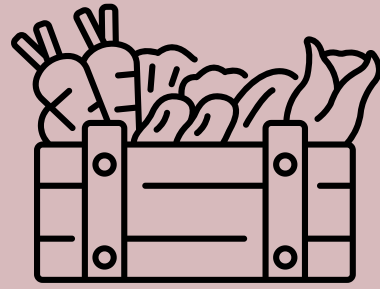
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**hours**

for all 2024  
events

# Food

by the numbers



6,330

cases, bins, or  
pallets  
containing over

140,000

pounds of fresh,  
canned, and shelf-  
stable foods

64,055

individual cans  
boxes, or bags of

89

different  
food  
items

3,360

prepackaged,  
donated boxes of  
fresh produce worth

\$46,200

300

pounds of  
mixed greens

30

dozen eggs

200

pounds of  
ground beef

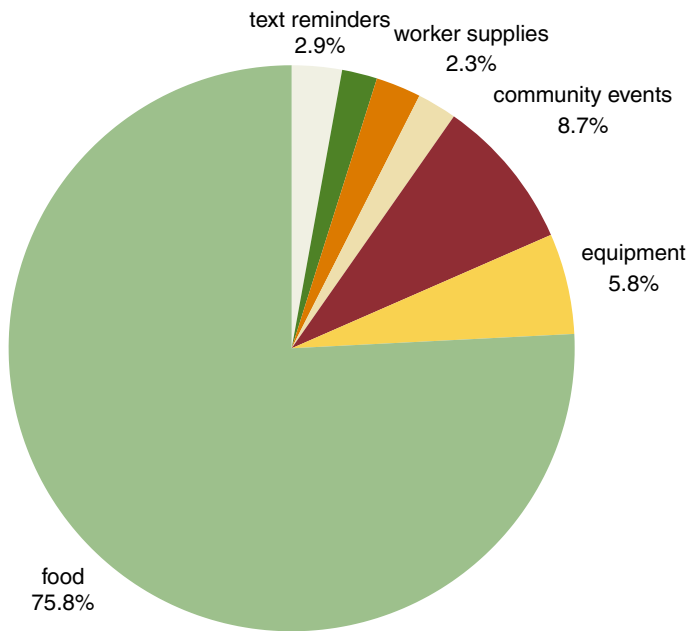
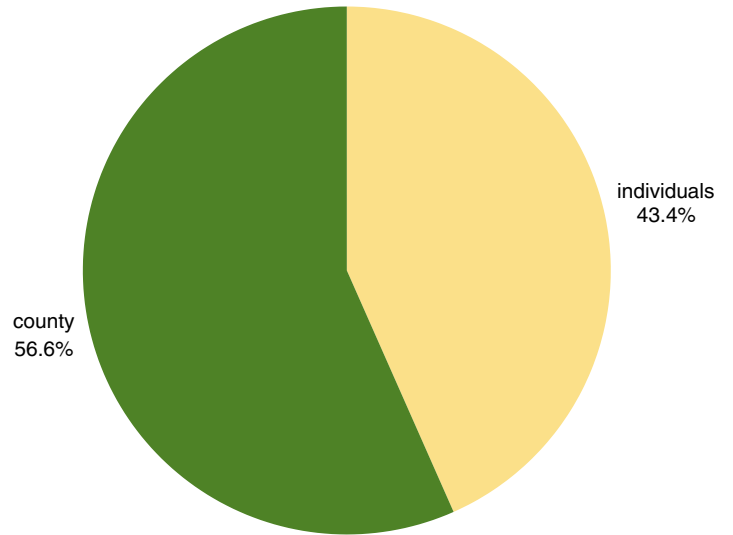
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farmers in Olney and  
Derwood via  
ChowMatch and  
Manna Food Center

# Financial Report



## DONATIONS

Individuals	\$10,702
<u>County Grants via CAFB (4)</u>	<u>\$13,973</u>
TOTAL	\$24,675



## EXPENSES

Food	\$15,508
Bags	\$412
Community Events	\$1,784
Equipment	\$1,177
Texting	\$585
Supplies	\$528
<u>Worker supplies</u>	<u>\$463</u>
TOTAL	\$20,455

- Our food is purchased from the [Capital Area Food Bank](#).
- We received four grants from Montgomery County via CAFB which allowed us to purchase over \$15,000 worth of food for under \$2,000.
- We are extremely grateful to [Sprouts Farmers Market of Burtonsville](#) for their generous donation of 5,000 heavy-duty, reusable plastic bags, which saved thousands of dollars.
- We hosted a hot dog meal in August and a Thanksgiving meal in November.
- Equipment purchases include another iPad, iPad cases, carts, and traffic cones.
- A texting service allows us to remind our guests of each event.
- Supplies include office supplies and materials for signs. We also purchased t-shirts, hand warmers and ponchos for those snowy mornings, and safety vests for our volunteers.

# The Need

Many of our neighbors are deeply entrenched in poverty, and over **27,000 children can't count on three meals a day.**

- ~37% of all county residents are facing food insecurity, up from 27% in 2023.
- Nearly one-third of the food-insecure population in the Greater Washington area has a college degree, and 76% of people who are food insecure are working, but their paychecks just can't keep up with the rising costs.
- Over **12% of all children** under 18 in Montgomery County are food insecure. Almost half of those are **ineligible** for federal nutrition programs because their household income is more than 185% of the poverty level (less than \$48,000 for a family of three).
- The income threshold for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) in Maryland is 130% of the federal poverty level, which would be just over **\$35,500** a year for a family of three. But the self-sufficiency standard in the county—the amount of money needed to cover all basic needs: housing, child care, food, health care, transportation, taxes, etc—is 400% of the federal poverty level, or \$103,280.
- In 2023, over **36 million people** lived in poverty in the US, according to the Census. However, two-thirds of the people facing food insecurity in America reported incomes above the poverty line (2023 US Census).
- People of color and those with disabilities and chronic conditions are also more likely to experience low incomes and hunger.



*Data comes from FeedingAmerica.org, the Montgomery County Food Council, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.*

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