

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**SHEBOYGAN
COUNTY
FOOD BANK**

Dear Friends,

Many of us are holding onto the optimism that life will soon return to something closer to the “normal” of pre-pandemic days. But in 2022, supply chain issues, inflation, and high fuel prices caused the cost of living to skyrocket, making it tough for Sheboygan County families to just put food on their tables. That's when we stepped in to make sure all of our neighbors were fed.

We served an average of about 3,200 families each month through our network of food pantries and other partners. If we look back at 2021, this means that 1,200 more families were in need of emergency food each month – a stunning 60% increase from year to year.

While we kept up with getting a lot more food out to the community, we worked hard to find new ways to reach our neighbors. In February our Sheboygan Cares Food Pantry made its comeback. From operating offsite for a handful of months during the start of the pandemic, to now existing as a drive-thru at our warehouse, it's helping provide fresh and nutritious foods to families. By May our Herb Kohler and Natalie Black Community Cafe opened its doors, fueled by our vision to centralize a free meal service and better serve our homeless neighbors. We're extremely grateful to St. Luke Methodist Church for being an incredible host facility.

Rotary Making Spirits Bright continued to light up the holiday season by stocking our shelves with tens of thousands of pounds of food and granting us their venue for our Holiday Lights Hunger Run/Walk fundraiser event. Our annual event welcomed the most participants and raised the largest amount of money ever.

Despite the challenges out of our control that are spilling over into 2023, we remain encouraged thanks to the inspiring compassion and generosity from those who back our mission. We couldn't get exciting new services off the ground, serve more of our neighbors, or make sure children don't go hungry on the weekends through our Food for Thought program without the amazing dedication of our Board of Directors, volunteers, partners, and donors.

Instead of longing for the pre-pandemic days, we're keeping our boot straps tied tight, spirits high, and eyes forward. We're ready to continue to adapt and we have so much gratitude knowing that we're in this together so that none of our neighbors go hungry – no matter what comes our way. Thank you for your support!

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Patrick Boyle
Executive Director



Lizabeth Kroll
Senior Director
of Programs &
Community Impact



Michael Pellegrino
Immediate Past
Board President

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IMPACT SNAPSHOT

9,063

VOLUNTEER HOURS

VALUED AT \$271,437

The current estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$29.95 via Independent Sector.

1,209,704

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT OUR PARTNER NETWORK



17 food pantries
6 shelters
3 low-income housing units
3 community meals
6 other partner organizations

57% of food
distributed was
fresh produce,
protein & dairy



2,681 boxes of fresh Wisconsin food products (Badger Boxes) were distributed through Sheboygan Cares Food Pantry & our partner food pantries

26 different types of produce equaling 43,520 pounds were purchased with Partnership For A Healthier America funding to help increase health equity for our neighbors

THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES SERVED NUTRITIOUS FOOD

[THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS]

3,200 families were provided food each month through partners [Food + for Neighbors]

82 homebound families were delivered boxes to their homes in partnership with Love INC [Food + for Neighbors]

777 individuals were assisted with applying for FoodShare [Food + for Neighbors]

243 individuals were served a meal each week [Herb Kohler and Natalie Black Community Cafe]

133 families were provided fresh produce & other food each week [Sheboygan Cares Food Pantry]

42 seniors were delivered a box of staple foods each month [Stockbox]

420 children were given meals & snacks each week for the weekends [Food for Thought]

*Data is from 2021/2022 school year.

RISING ABOVE INFLATION TO GET FRESH FOOD TO OUR NEIGHBORS

"Midwest Nice" is not an uncommon phrase for people around the country to use to describe those who call the Midwest home, generally defining residents of the region as good-natured. And if you zero in on Wisconsin, a.k.a. the Badger State, there's no doubt that the economy is fueled by many hard-working farmers and food producers. So in true Midwest and Wisconsin fashion, the **biggest U.S. inflation rate in over four decades** didn't stop Sheboygan County Food Bank from stepping in to help take care of our neighbors and provide fresh, Wisconsin food products.

For many months back in 2020, one way we responded to the COVID-19 pandemic was by launching **Sheboygan Cares Food Pantry** as an offsite drive-thru food distribution. We assembled our own emergency boxes and received tens of thousands of Farmers to Families Food Boxes, thanks to the USDA. (The USDA purchased from American producers whose workforces were impacted by restaurants, hotels, and other food service businesses closing temporarily.) Efficiently and directly providing these pre-packed boxes helped make sure local families struggling with the abrupt challenges brought on by the pandemic stayed nourished.

Fast forward two years later to the beginning of 2022 when inflation was rising fast, we expanded our Food+ for Neighbors program by reopening Sheboygan Cares Food Pantry at our location. The service operates as a drive-thru again, plus a few upgrades: an intake process to link our neighbors to other community resources and a weekly evening hour option for working families. Families drive through our garage where volunteers put personal care items and a variety of food, such as meat, milk, and produce, into their cars.



We also got connected to receiving monthly deliveries of Badger Boxes through our friends at Hunger Task Force, Milwaukee's Free & Local food bank. These new boxes were made available by American Rescue Plan Act funds. Funds were used to purchase dairy products, cheeses, meats, fruits, and grains from over 35 different Wisconsin farms and companies. Hunger Task Force distributed boxes to food banks and pantries around the state. Helping out northeastern Wisconsin anti-hunger organizations right outside of Sheboygan County, our warehouse further served as a Badger Boxes pick-up hub so nearby organizations could keep travel time and expenses low.



Scan QR code to learn about our ongoing and seasonal volunteer opportunities.



SERVING UP WARM MEALS & HOPE SIX DAYS A WEEK



For decades, devoted groups across Sheboygan have been independently serving meals on Saturdays and daily to-go lunches to support residents in need. This inspiring work sparked a question: How could we come together as a community to further lift up our homeless neighbors and offer a free meal service at a higher level of efficiency and impact? Early in the year we met with key representatives from Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward, houses of faith, nonprofit charities, and local governmental agencies to share our vision of streamlining a meal service at one location throughout the week. We brainstormed and worked together to come up with a program plan backed by commitments of partnerships.

In a few short months, our vision came to life. The **Herb Kohler and Natalie Black Community Cafe** opened its doors in May at St. Luke United Methodist Church to welcome everyone, Monday through Saturday, over the lunch hours and offer up warm meals. Local restaurants, organizations, and individuals donate meals. With the guidance of our Cafe Manager, volunteers help take care of the guests, prep food, and clean up.

The Cafe also functions as a comfortable space for our neighbors to connect with other organizations and community resources, including safe housing options, employment leads, mental health support, child care opportunities, and meal delivery programs. Staying true to the roots of its name, the Community Cafe is for the community and supported by the community.



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I'm glad I can come here. I'm living by myself and I can bike over to the Cafe and have lunch with others. I feel very welcomed.

Our Neighbor, Ira ”



Special thanks to the following organizations for their exceptional support and partnership.

- Bethany Reformed Church
- Crossroads Community Church
- Emmaus Meal
- Love INC of Sheboygan County
- Mead Public Library
- Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward
- Sheboygan County Warming Center
- Sheboygan Salvation Army
- St. Luke United Methodist Church

NOURISHING CHILDREN WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST

According to the Department of Public Instruction, over 5,000 children in Sheboygan County are suffering from hunger. Children should be fueling up on nutritious foods and turning that energy into growing strong bodies, exploring their environments, and learning in school.

Food for Thought is our program that's working towards helping solve the problem of childhood hunger in our community. The program gets food to students in need at elementary and middle schools throughout Sheboygan County so they're set with full kid-friendly snacks and meals for the weekends. In this way, Food for Thought fills the gap between the federally-funded school breakfast and lunch programs and FoodShare.

How does it exactly work? We work closely with school staff and dedicated volunteers whose helping hands connect several steps involved in making sure the food reaches the children. Based off a list of criteria, teachers and counselors identify which students need extra support at the beginning of the school year. Then each week through the last day of school, volunteers assemble 10 food items that we purchase ahead of time into bags and haul them to schools. Teachers and counselors hand off the food bags to the children to put in their backpacks.

Sheboygan North High School DELTA Club is committed to supporting other students facing hunger in our community and is one of our key Food for Thought volunteer groups. Along with offering a food pantry to students in need at North High School, DELTA members help pack bags with food and deliver them to schools. Their volunteerism is an inspiring win-win: they also become aware of how hunger is impacting our community and further develop their service, leadership, and teamwork skills.

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Food for Thought has made me become more aware and thoughtful. Doing this brings me joy knowing that I can help others and make their lives better. I want to continue doing volunteer work in the future and help as many people as I can.

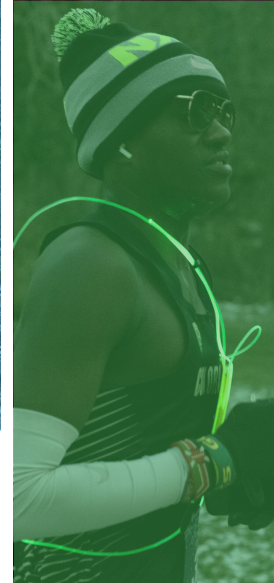
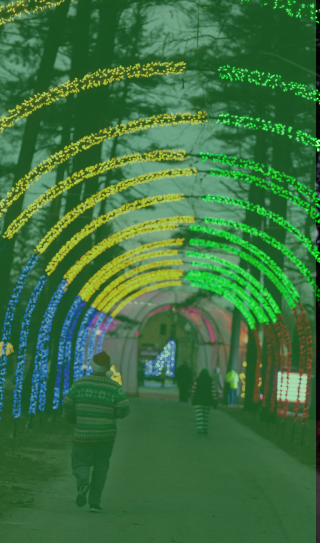


DELTA Student & Volunteer, Libby

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Childhood hunger affects life outcomes and quality of life. By collaborating with the community to establish and grow Food for Thought over the last five years, we've been building a solid foundation of committed and invested businesses, schools, clubs, and individuals ready to serve children for years to come.





LIGHTS, FOOD, ACTION: TAKING BIG STEPS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

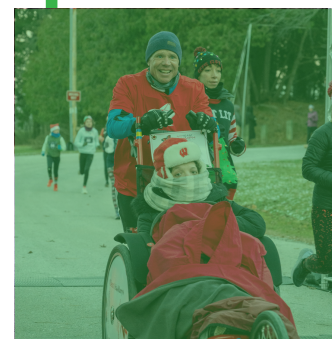
Steady wind and chilly temperatures didn't stop the community from bundling up on November 19 to take record-breaking steps against hunger for our [5th Annual Holiday Lights Hunger Run/Walk](#) through Rotary Making Spirits Bright's holiday lights show in Evergreen Park.

We were honored to welcome myTEAM TRIUMPH WI to the course for the first time. Part of the organization's work is to lend race day support so people of all abilities can come together as a team in endurance events. Teams of captains ran and rolled their partner angels through the 5K course with smiles.

All together [2,328 runners and walkers](#) registered – including 82 teams – and [\\$80,000 was raised](#) through generous sponsorships, registration fees, VIP parking spaces, and donations. This was the most participants and money raised since we began the event in 2017. Special thanks to Making Spirits Bright for lending us their venue for our past five events, which has allowed us to take serious steps against hunger by raising a grand total of \$230,000.

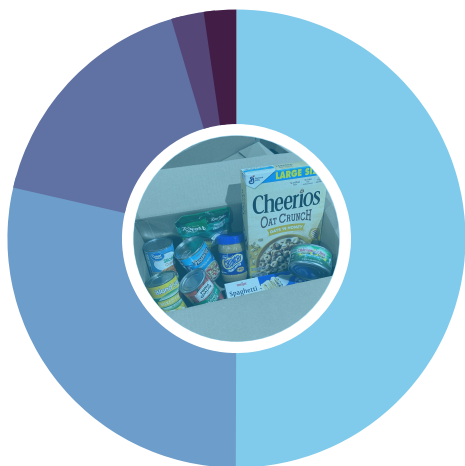
In their 11th year, Making Spirits Bright collected [121,701 pounds of food and personal care items](#) from visitors in partnership with Sheboygan County Food Bank. Our dedicated volunteers helped get donations aboard our trucks at Evergreen Park and over to our warehouse each night of the event. Groups of families, friends and coworkers sorted and packed the donations into boxes throughout December.

Making Spirits Bright also donated [\\$20,000](#) to go towards purchasing nutritious food and personal care items as well as supporting both Food for Thought and the Herb Kohler and Natalie Black Community Cafe.



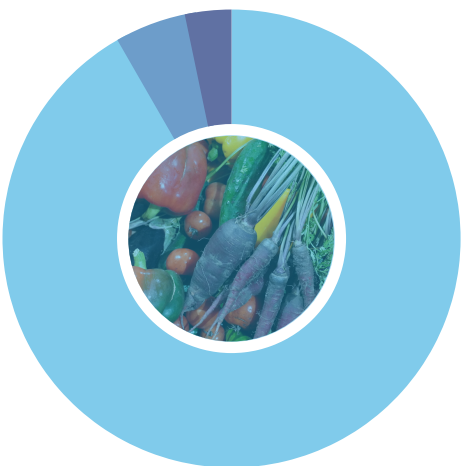
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sheboygan County Food Bank's work is funded by caring individuals, generous gifts from charitable foundations, the strong support of local companies, proceeds from our annual event (Holiday Lights Hunger Run/Walk), and grant awards. By relying on a range of funding sources, we're able to continue to grow and make sure local families facing hunger have the best opportunities to access nutritious food.



REVENUE

- In-Kind Food Donations: 50.1%
- Contributions: 28.5%
- Grants: 16.8%
- Other: 2.3%
- Holiday Lights Hunger Run/Walk Event: 2.3%



EXPENSES

- Programs: 91.7%
- Management and General: 5.0%
- Fund Development: 3.3%

100%

TOTAL REVENUE

100%

TOTAL EXPENSES

Please note these figures have not been audited yet and investments are not included.



Sheboygan County Food Bank holds [GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency](#). This signifies that we share important information with the public about our goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements, and progress metrics, highlighting how we're making a difference for our neighbors in need.

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Warehouse Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

LilliAnn Zufelt
Food Pantry Coordinator

We welcomed back Eric Zufelt as a Board member in 2022. Just a handful of years ago, Eric was instrumental in bringing together local leaders and businesses to invest in Sheboygan County Food Bank in order to bring us to new levels of efficiency and service.

Transition of our Board Presidents

Michael Pellegrino, President and Chief Growth Officer at Sargento, served as our Board President from 2020 through 2022 and helped guide Sheboygan County Food Bank through the height of the pandemic while making extraordinary contributions in the development of our organization. We greatly appreciate Michael's leadership and counsel! Bert Sartori, CEO of Sartori, will transition into the role as Board President in 2023. We look forward to continuing to working towards solving hunger in our community with Bert's guidance.

Welcome to our Newest Board Members

Erin Price is the President of Food Service and Ingredients Division at Sargento and has significant experience in many areas, including strategic planning. Erin will lead the development of Sheboygan County Food Bank's upcoming multi-year strategic plan.

Kathy Kane is Richardson Industries Human Resources Director and has held positions in human resources for over two decades. Kathy will be the key human resources advisor for Sheboygan County Food Bank's growing team.



Erin Price



Kathy Kane

“ Food is very expensive. Getting connected to FoodShare while I was homeless helped me be able to buy food to feed my boys. Sheboygan County Food Bank also helped me on my journey to getting a new place to live. Without FoodShare and all of this help, I know I wouldn't be here.

Our Neighbor, Dana ”





Mission: Lead Sheboygan County's efforts to increase the food security of its residents by distributing healthy emergency food and fostering innovative partnerships.

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