



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share the remarkable achievements of Feeding Northeast Florida in 2023. Your generosity has enabled us to make a profound impact on the lives of individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community.

Despite ongoing challenges, in 2023, we distributed more food than ever before in a single year, surpassing even our efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. While we celebrate this accomplishment and recognize the incredible dedication and commitment from our supporters, staff, and volunteers that enabled this milestone, we acknowledge that record-breaking years only exist because of record-breaking need within our community.

For thousands of families and seniors in North Florida, things have not improved post- pandemic. With the long term increases in food prices and housing costs, the outlook remains bleak. The need for food assistance is urgent, and your support is crucial in helping us meet this continued demand.

In 2023, we made significant strides in expanding our reach and impact. Our merger with Bread of the Mighty food bank in Gainesville has allowed us to extend our services to 12 counties in North Florida, strengthening our distribution network and reaching more individuals in need.

Additionally, our partnerships with legislators across all our counties have been instrumental in advocating for policies that address the root causes of hunger. The introduction of the SNAP Ed program has provided essential nutrition education throughout our service area, empowering the people we serve and promoting health and well-being.

As we reflect on what's ahead in 2024, we are excited about moving into our new facility. With more neighbors seeking assistance, it is imperative that Feeding Northeast Florida does more to support our community. This new facility will combine the storage and operations of two disconnected warehouses, multiple cold storage units, and a temporary office trailer into a modern, centralized community distribution center that will expand and enhance our ability to work quickly and efficiently to get food on the tables of those who need it. This new home for Feeding Northeast Florida will provide greater volunteer opportunities, programmatic expansion, and enhanced spaces for community engagement.

Your support fuels our mission and enables us to continue providing vital food assistance to those in need. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to ending hunger in Northeast Florida.

Thank you for your continued support.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Lisha Wise
Chair, Board of Directors



Susan King
President and CEO

Board of Directors

Feeding Northeast Florida has a Board of Directors composed of experts in the fields of health nutrition, business, and the non-profit sector, guiding the strategic and long-term planning necessary for positioning the organization to end hunger in the region.

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At Feeding Northeast Florida, we use food as our catalyst to strengthen lives and communities.

Our vision is access to nutritious food for all.

Feeding Northeast Florida solicits and distributes food and other products to more than 495 anti-hunger organizations and food insecure neighbors. People facing hunger are at the center of all we do. We support improved access to healthy and culturally preferred food, nutrition education, and advocacy efforts that address the root causes of hunger.

We collaborate with a diverse and inclusive network of community partners and government agencies, developing and implementing innovative health-centered food programs and systematic changes to alleviate hunger.



"They are helpful people, helping me and everybody else."

How We Work | Your Community Food Bank



Securing Food

Feeding Northeast Florida uses our fleet of 20 trucks to secure food donations from hundreds of grocery manufacturers, retailers, distributors, community food drives, farmers, government agencies, and other organizations. When not available through donations, we often purchase items our neighbors need, such as culturally important food or medically necessary foods.



Ensuring Food Safety

Volunteers play a vital role in our mission. Each year, thousands of volunteers inspect donated food and grocery products for quality control. They then sort, label, box, and repackage the products for efficient distribution to our neighbors experiencing hunger.



Distributing Food

Food and grocery items are distributed through our hunger relief network to people in need living in our 12-county service area. The distribution includes food to food pantries, healthcare clinics, and meal programs that serve families, children, and individuals at risk of hunger. We also directly distribute food through our pop-up markets and our three mobile Corner Market food pantries that include nutrition education.



Supporting the People We Serve

The result is improved access to healthy and culturally preferred food that centers around the people we serve. Behind the scenes, we continually look for new and innovative ways to improve access to food based on feedback from the people and community we serve, made possible by the generous donors who support our work.

*"I am grateful because I believe in blessings,
and times are kind of tough right now."*

2023 Year in Review



272,600



1/8



1/5

THE NEED

272,600 PEOPLE

including nearly
90,000 children
are facing hunger



1/8 ADULTS

don't know where
their next meal
is coming from



1/5 CHILDREN

will go to bed hungry



"They help me provide food for my family.
Working mom. Saving money."

2023 Year in Review



OUR ANNUAL IMPACT

34.6 MILLION POUNDS

of food distributed



1,876 MOBILE PANTRIES

conducted



2,340 DIRECT DELIVERIES

to other nonprofit agencies



13,244 VOLUNTEERS

gave 32,054 volunteer Hours



66% OF ALL FOOD DISTRIBUTED

is fresh or frozen produce,
dairy & protein



98.6% OF EACH \$

donated goes toward
program support



FOOD SOURCES

- 79%** Retail Stores
- 13%** Government
- 5%** Purchased—Produce & Dry
- 2%** Manufacturers/Distributors
- 2%** Farm Donated Produce
- 1%** Food Drives



TYPES OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

In Millions of Pounds

- Dry Goods** | 10.7M
- Produce** | 10.2M
- Meat** | 7.2M
- Dairy/Deli** | 5.5M
- Non-Food** | 1M



We're on a mission to solve hunger.

Advocacy

Feeding Northeast Florida advocates for stronger state, national, and local nutrition programs and develops processes and procedures to identify those in need and provide the support they need to become self-sustaining. We work with multisector partners, including community members at the local and state level, to identify and implement strategies that address the root causes of hunger.

- Hosted the 1st Annual Boots on the Ground Event celebrating our community partners and advocacy champions. The keynote Speaker was Congressman John Rutherford who champions federal legislation for food access for returning citizens.
- Four neighbors shared their lived experience of hunger at the White House Conference on Hunger and the first Feeding America Elevated Voices gathering.
- Received grant funds to hire community advocates to help inform the work of Feeding Northeast Florida's advocacy strategy. The community advocate in Jacksonville played a critical role in informing the agency's response to the shooting at the Dollar General in Grand Park.
- Led the community effort to successfully re-launch the Duval County Food Policy Council.
- Regularly engaged with numerous federal, state, and local lawmakers to discuss the positive impacts of food and nutrition policies like TEFAP, SNAP, and WIC.



Congressman
John Rutherford
and Susan King



"When you're food insecure, it feels so consuming, it feels like there's not another side. It feels like it's just a generational line that keeps coming. Sometimes people are tasked with the obligation to break it for the generations after them and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. How you go through it sometimes feels terrible, but there is a light."

*Florida Neighbor Keonna Yearwood,
Quoted from Elevated Voices Insight
Report, Feeding America*



Volunteers at a
Dollar General
Distribution Event

Feeding Northeast Florida believes in breaking the cycle of poverty through a holistic approach providing access to quality food, and the resources and education necessary to increase family stability and economic self-sufficiency.

Health

Understanding that health outcomes and disparities are most often linked to social determinants such as poverty and food insecurity, Feeding Northeast Florida works to break down the barriers that keep people from achieving and maintaining good health, consuming a nutritious diet, and managing a chronic disease. Partnering with Free and Charitable Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and local hospital systems, our programming supports healthy food access, behavioral changes and education to support healthy bodies and minds.

- Launched our inaugural year of the statewide SNAPEd nutrition education contract in conjunction with all Florida food banks. Leveraging our agency partner network, we conducted nutrition classes and food tastings helping our neighbors to use the fresh produce they receive at our distribution locations.
- Leveraged mRelief platform to facilitate SNAP applications via phone and text message with a call center of five volunteers.
- Launched Service Insights, a Feeding America sponsored client data tracking platform that will transform how we are able to understand our neighbors' food assistance usage patterns and unmet needs across our network.



"I provide for a big family and need extra help so I can pay bills."

A New Journey: Bread of the Mighty Joins Feeding Northeast Florida

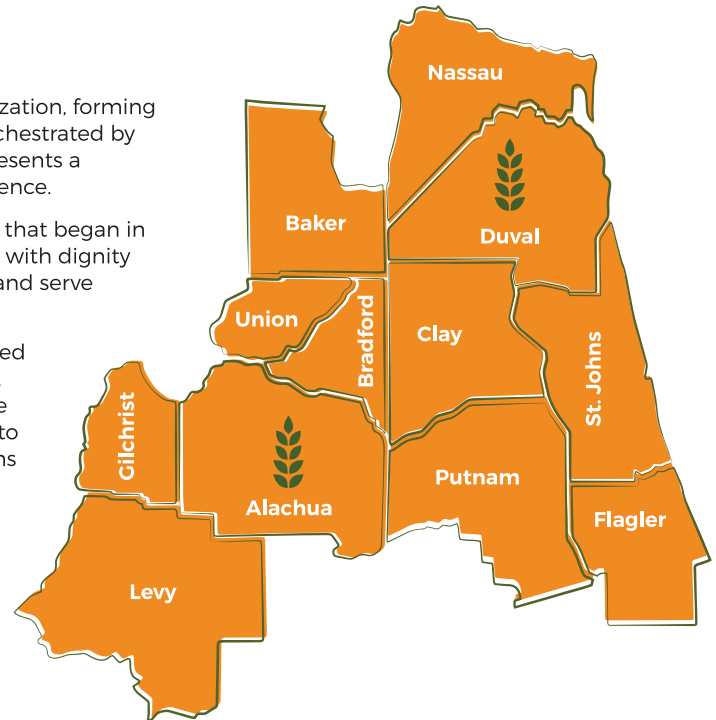
In May 2023, Feeding Northeast Florida welcomed Bread of the Mighty into our organization, forming a powerful alliance in our ongoing battle against hunger in the region. This merger, orchestrated by Feeding America as part of a strategic realignment initiative across nine counties, represents a significant step forward in our shared mission to nourish communities and foster resilience.

The decision to unite our efforts was the culmination of a thorough evaluation process that began in early 2022. Both organizations have long been committed to providing nutritious food with dignity and compassion. By joining forces, we recognized the potential to extend our impact and serve more families in need throughout our now 12-county service area.

Since our merger, Bread of the Mighty has seen remarkable progress. We have expanded our reach into rural areas, forged stronger partnerships with local healthcare providers, and initiated crucial renovations to the Gainesville facility. These improvements include expanding volunteer spaces, doubling dry storage capacity, and adding a new freezer to handle perishable foods. Our collaboration has also enabled us to establish connections with local farmers, leveraging the agricultural abundance of the region to source and receive more donated food.

With generous community support we have been able to expand some of Feeding Northeast Florida's flagship programs into the North Central Florida counties, including senior initiatives, child nutrition programs, and advocacy efforts. By combining our purchasing power, we have been able to secure larger orders and greater discounts, stretching our resources further. Streamlining administrative and technical services has also yielded time and cost savings, allowing us to allocate more resources to our core mission.

We are particularly thrilled to have revived Empty Bowls in Gainesville, raising not only awareness but also generating vital funds to combat hunger in North Central Florida. As we continue writing this new chapter as a united front under Feeding Northeast Florida, we are energized by the possibilities ahead. We remain steadfast in our commitment to making a meaningful impact in the fight against hunger and invite you to continue with us on this journey forward.



"It will help a lot with my monthly spending and take a little stress off my budget and me."

Audited Financials



Revenue & Support

■ Contributions & Grants	\$11,296,000
■ Contributed Inventory	\$60, 950,000
■ Contributed Equipment et al	\$88,230
■ Other Income	\$1,885,000
Total Revenue & Support	\$79,219,000

Increase in Net Assets before assumption of Bread of the Mighty **\$4,012,883**
Assumption of Bread of the Mighty **\$3,520,725**



Expenses

■ Program Services	\$67,090,053
■ Management & General	\$1,740,145
■ Fundraising	\$1,376,352
Total Expenses	\$70,206,550

End of Year Net Assets **\$29,507,000**

Ways to Give

Every dollar makes a difference.

Together, we are Feeding Northeast Florida.

Donate Online

Every \$1 you give results in enough food for multiple nutritious meals.

Monthly Giving

Set up a recurring gift online to ensure we can keep feeding our neighbors year-round.

Fund Drives

Host a virtual food drive that provides a fun and efficient way for participants to combat hunger.

Gifts of Stock

Give and get more through stock donations—your gift is tax-deductible and incurs no capital gains tax.

IRA Distributions

Make a difference today and save on your taxes when you support Feeding Northeast Florida through your IRA.

Employee Giving

Consider listing Feeding Northeast Florida as a charity of choice, or request your employer match gifts donated.

Bequests

Making a gift through your will or revocable living trust is a simple and flexible way to provide access to food and support your community for years to come.



FIND OUT MORE AT:

FeedingNEFL.org/WaysToGive

