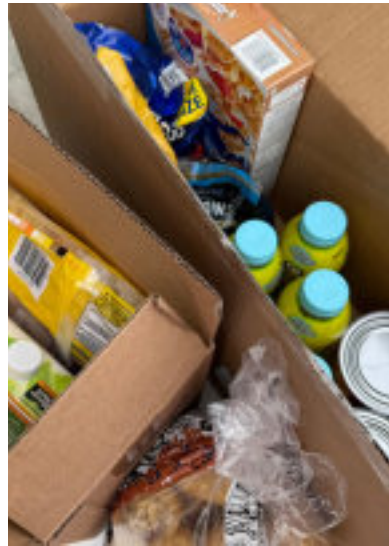


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40 years of fighting hunger



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Our Mission

To end hunger and leverage the power of food to build healthy communities.

Growth, Challenges, & a Vision for the Future

As I reflect on 2024, I'm proud to see the growth and success Southeast Missouri Food Bank has experienced. We distributed more meals to neighbors facing hunger than in 2023, thanks to the support of our dedicated donors, volunteers and community partners. We also expanded our staff and programs, allowing us to better serve food-insecure families, children, and seniors across our service area.



Unfortunately, food insecurity rates also increased across our service area. Persistent high food costs have continued to strain our neighbors, especially seniors living on fixed incomes.

As the need for food assistance grows, we recognize the importance of adapting to meet that challenge. In the second half of the year, we invested time and resources into developing a strategic plan to guide us over the next three years.

With the help of a Feeding America grant-funded consultant, our staff spent months analyzing data, reviewing our operations, and exploring ways to serve our neighbors more effectively. From food distribution methods to fundraising strategies, we carefully examined every aspect of our work. The result is a clear vision for the future, always keeping the needs of the neighbors we serve at the forefront.

I'm incredibly proud of the time and effort our staff dedicated to this project, knowing it will bring meaningful changes to how we work.

This year is significant for another reason: In 2025, we will celebrate our 40th anniversary. With a rich history behind us, we look to the future with renewed focus and determination to fight hunger in southeast Missouri.

What will never change is our unwavering commitment to the 1 in 6 neighbors, 1 in 5 children, and 1 in 8 seniors who are food insecure. With your continued support, we will remain steadfast in our mission to end hunger across our service area.

If you have any questions about our strategic plan or our operations, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd be happy to speak with you or schedule a tour of our facilities.

Joseph Keys
CEO of Southeast Missouri Food Bank



2024 *by the* Numbers

14.16 million pounds of food

were distributed across our 16-county service area through our network of 140 partner agencies and direct-service programs, providing **12.88 million meals** to neighbors facing hunger.

2,635,264 pounds of fresh produce

were made available to our neighbors, some of that through the generous support of local farmers and gardeners. (See page 7 for a list.)



Nearly 75 percent of food distributed was in the Foods to Encourage category, including healthy items such as fruits, vegetables, protein & dairy.

1 in 6

of our neighbors face hunger, according to the most recent Map the Meal Gap report.

1 in 5 children and **1 in 8 seniors** are food insecure.



5,575 senior food boxes

were distributed each month. Commodity Supplemental Food Program boxes, packed by volunteers, provide about 35 pounds of nutritious, shelf-stable USDA food to recipients (who meet age and income guidelines) monthly.



2,372,309 pounds

of additional food were distributed through TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), a USDA program that serves low-income families.

1,119 students

in 26 school districts are receiving backpacks of food for the weekend through our Backpacks for Friday program. Each pack includes nutritious, kid-friendly food and beverages.

851 SNAP applications

were completed, helping link families and individuals to an important resource to obtain food on a regular basis.

3,920 volunteers

(1,824 of them for the first time) joined us in our Sikeston and Jackson volunteer centers in 2024, contributing a total of **10,515.16 hours** packing and sorting food for distribution and assisting with other special projects.



208 neighbors

received Produce Prescription boxes, funded by a grant from the USDA's

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). Participants referred by their health-care provider receive 15 pounds of fresh produce twice a month. The program's goal is to improve chronic health conditions through

2,323 donors

generously contributed to Southeast Missouri Food Bank last year, **547 for the first time**. We are incredibly grateful for our donors and work hard to ensure their contributions are put to the best use. **95 percent** of all donations support food purchases and direct-service programs to provide nutritious food to neighbors facing hunger.



increased access to nutritious food.



Fighting Hunger Through Teamwork

Fighting hunger is a team effort, and Southeast Missouri Food Bank has embraced that philosophy through impactful partnerships across the region.

In 2022, the food bank launched its first collaboration with SEMO Athletics, introducing the “Sack Hunger” campaign during football season. For each sack recorded by the team, sponsors donated to the food bank. This was followed by the addition of Strike Out Hunger with SEMO baseball in 2023, and in 2024, Block Hunger, with donations made for every blocked shot by the men’s and women’s basketball teams.

“These partnerships are a win-win for both our community and sponsors,” said Nate Saverino, SEMO’s senior associate director of athletics for external operations.

In addition to these campaigns, Redhawks football players have volunteered at the food bank, helping pack food boxes for distribution.

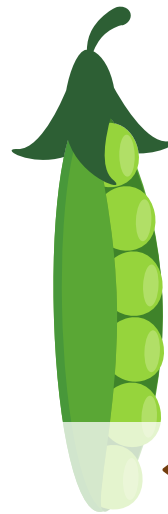
Since the beginning, Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo has sponsored each SEMO Athletics campaign. In 2024, the Jaycees went a step further by naming the food bank as their featured nonprofit, declaring Saturday night of the rodeo as SEMO Food Bank Night.

“The Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo is one of the biggest events in Southeast Missouri, and for them to spotlight Food Bank means a lot to us,” said Joey Keys, CEO of Southeast Missouri Food Bank.

Through these partnerships, Southeast Missouri Food Bank has raised awareness and continues the fight against hunger in our region and looks forward to continuing these relationships.



Revenue



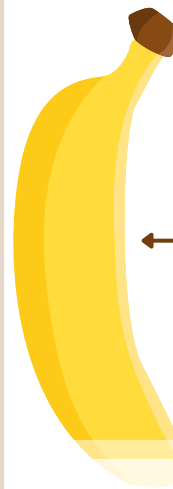
Food & In-Kind Contributions:
\$22,467,055.76

Cash & Cash Equivalents:
\$5,248,832.87

Income*

Total Income: \$27,715,888.63
 Food/In-Kind 81.1%
 Cash 18.9%

Expenses



Programs & Services:
94.9%

Fundraising:
1.64%

Administrative/Management:
3.43%

Expenses

Total Expenses: \$27,227,162.07
 Program Services 94.9%
 Fundraising 1.64%
 Administrative / Management & General 3.43%

**According to Southeast Missouri Food Bank’s unaudited financial statement for the calendar year ended Dec. 31, 2024.*



Connecting Neighbors to Vital Resources

In September, SEMO Food Bank hosted its first community-wide resource fair, aimed at connecting individuals in need with vital services beyond food assistance.

“We know many of our neighbors who turn to us for food are also in need of other resources,” said Camille Peters, chief impact officer at the food bank. “Our goal was to bring these services together in one place, making them more accessible. We were able to connect people with services related to employment, healthcare, transportation, and more.”

The event served 402 households, offering not only food but also crucial resources to help families improve their circumstances.

Trinity attended the fair with her three young sons. While her husband works, she stays home to care for their children due to the high cost of childcare. She had applied for food assistance but was denied because their household income, though not sufficient to cover all their expenses, was too high to qualify.

She was excited to find additional resources to help her small family.

The resource fair was a staff-wide effort, from the community outreach team assisting with SNAP and Medicaid applications, to other food bank employees helping neighbors load food in their cars.

The food bank looks forward to it becoming an annual event, helping fulfill our mission to not only end hunger in southeast Missouri, but also leverage the power of food to build healthy communities.



Thank You, Donors!

Gifts of \$25,000+

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Disabled American Veterans
Charitable Service Trust
Feeding America
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Midwest Sterilization Corp.
Missouri Foundation for Health
Randol & Charlotte York

Gifts of \$10,000-\$24,999

1st Class Travel
Bayer (Monsanto) Fund
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Feeding Missouri
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State Farm
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Gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999

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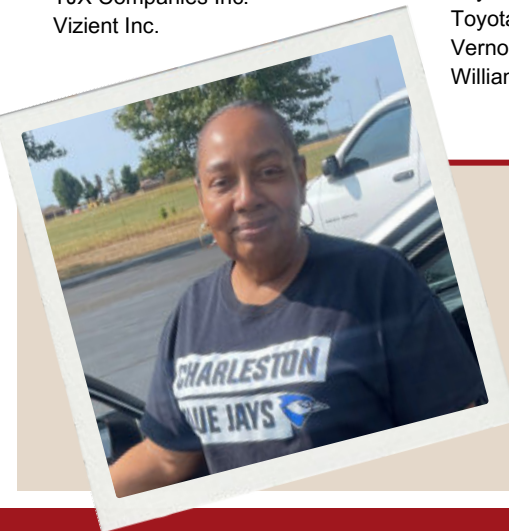
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Gifts of \$1,500-\$2,499

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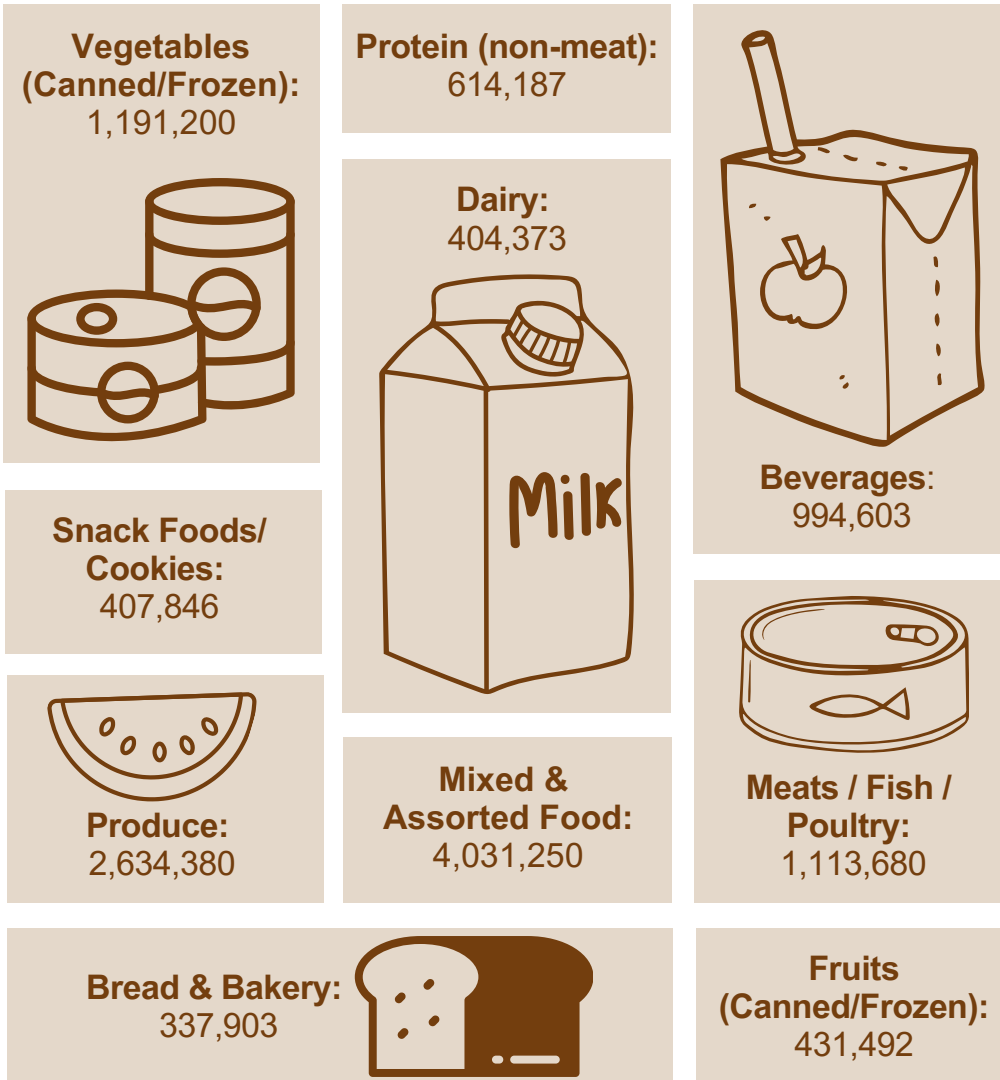
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Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau



"My husband and I retired, and we only get \$100 worth of food stamps and don't have much income. We just don't have enough money to buy food. We used to do pretty good paying the bills and buying food, but now we need help." ~ Shirlene

Top 10 Foods Distributed

(in pounds)



Food Sources

Total: 14,169,445 lbs.



Top 10 Local Retail & Manufacturing Donors

- Aldi
- Coca-Cola
- Dollar General
- Procter & Gamble
- Refresco
- Ruler Foods
- Sam's Club
- Target
- Walmart
- Walmart Neighborhood Market

Thank You, Farmers!

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| Beggs Berry World | Bula's Heartland Farms |
| Beggs Melon Company Inc. | Castor River Farms |
| Bibbs Produce | Dobbelare Produce |
| Black Gold Farms | Heritage Rice Company |
| BW & E Melons | Riceland Food Inc. |
| Bruce Farms | |

Food Insecurity and Pounds of Food Distributed by County

	Pounds of Food Distributed, 2024	Food Insecure Population, 2024*
SEMO Food Bank Service Area	14,169,445	17.2%
Bollinger County	313,221	16.5%
Butler County	2,074,239	19.5%
Cape Girardeau County	2,179,663	14.4%
Carter County	515,149	21.1%
Dunklin County	1,107,687	20.2%
Madison County	472,917	16.1%
Mississippi County	1,118,865	20.2%
New Madrid County	666,115	17.5%
Pemiscot County	767,320	21.7%
Perry County	454,744	13.8%
Reynolds County	423,295	19.8%
Ripley County	450,224	19.8%
Scott County	1,554,777	15.9%
Ste. Genevieve County	500,078	13.5%
Stoddard County	801,636	17.7%
Wayne County	454,387	22.6%
Shared with other food banks	315,128	n/a

*Based on Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap & 2022 USDA data



How You Can Help

Volunteer

We welcome businesses, individuals, families and groups to volunteer at Southeast Missouri Food Bank. From sorting food donations to packing food for distributions, our volunteers make a big difference in our community. Our Sikeston volunteer center is best for groups of 8 or more, while individuals and small groups are easily accommodated at our Jackson location.

Donate

Every \$1 donated to the food bank helps provide food for four meals to neighbors facing hunger. Consider setting up a monthly donation or ask if your employer will match your gift to maximize your contribution. Host a virtual food drive and get your friends and family involved.

Advocate

Sharing the work the food bank does helps us connect to more donors and neighbors needing assistance. Follow us on social media and share our posts to help spread the word. Sign up for our quarterly newsletter to stay informed. Contact elected officials to encourage them to support hunger-related issues.

Go to semofoodbank.org to get started!

“I look for sales on food, but sometimes there still aren’t any good deals. I just buy what is cheapest. It’s hard to think there might be people going without food when they can get help.” ~ Ray

