Westchester County is one of the wealthiest in the U.S. Yet, there are thousands of people who are experiencing hunger and don’t have enough to eat.

For many families, seniors, veterans, children, and individuals across Westchester, hunger is a daily reality. Many have to choose between food or other basic necessities. And now, with the pandemic and its fallout, the need has become even more acute.

Our mission is to nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger. We are at the heart of a network of nearly 300 community partners and programs. We source and distribute food and resources throughout Westchester County.

The challenges have grown, but so has the determination of our staff, volunteers, and generous supporters throughout the community.

Together we are Feeding Westchester.
Dear Friends,

2020 was a challenging year. It was a year of reflection and a reminder of the importance of, and the opportunity we have, to help one another. We want to express our deepest gratitude for your invaluable support. Thank you for your generous contributions, your trust, and your partnership as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times.

Hunger is a complex issue and lives right here in Westchester. We know that when people face hunger, they often struggle to meet other basic needs such as housing, employment, and healthcare. This means that for many of our neighbors, putting food on the table remains a daily struggle. That is why we are committed to working together to end hunger and create a brighter future for our neighbors in need. We are committed to more than providing food. We are committed to providing hope.

We want to end hunger for good. Through our partnerships with other organizations, we are better able to address our neighbors’ needs holistically. Together, we can find the most innovative ways to help the people we serve and achieve a hunger-free Westchester. We want every individual and family in Westchester facing food insecurity to know that Feeding Westchester is here to support them.

Because of your generous support, we have had, and will continue to have, significant, positive impact on the lives of the community we serve. On behalf of the Feeding Westchester organization and Board of Directors, we thank you.

In nourishment and good health,

Susan Norton, Board Chair
Karen C. Erren, President & CEO

Many of our neighbors are suffering in silence, worried about where their next meal will come from.

Many of our neighbors have never been in this position before. Because of your support, we are able to help them.

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Food today. Security tomorrow.

Driven by the belief that access to healthy food is a basic right for all people, Feeding Westchester leads hunger action programs and mobilizes the resources needed to address and alleviate hunger in Westchester County. We are at the heart of a network that expertly sources and distributes food and resources to feed people who are hungry, nourishing all who need it. Westchester County is among the wealthiest communities in the country. But it is also one of the most expensive places to live, with property taxes ranking as some of the highest in the country. Thousands of our neighbors — children, families, seniors — do not get the meals they need to thrive. We work to get nourishing food — from farmers, manufacturers, and retailers — to people in need. At the same time, we also seek to help the people we serve to build a path to a brighter, food-secure future. Feeding Westchester has been at the forefront of hunger relief in Westchester for more than 30 years, and we will continue to respond to the needs of individuals struggling with food insecurity in this county. In times of uncertainty, and every day, we will not waver from our mission and purpose to end the fight against hunger. Through our powerful collaborations with community partners and county leadership, we will continue to meet the longstanding needs of our community.

Our purpose is to feed, nourish, empower, and unite our community to increase commitment and passion to end hunger.
Having enough to eat is a human necessity. And a basic human right.

Feeding Westchester is the largest hunger relief organization in Westchester County.

Together, we feed working families, seniors, children, and veterans in every corner of Westchester County. Every community, every zip code. Because hunger knows no boundaries.

Requests for food increased significantly.

Even before the pandemic, thousands of our neighbors struggled with food insecurity. Now, with the economic impacts of COVID-19 affecting people around the world and in our own neighborhoods, we know these impacts will be with us for many months — and essentially years — to come. But with your continued support, we can support others.

Distributing 16.5 million pounds of healthy food.

When you support our mission, you become part of the solution to a growing problem. You make a direct impact right here in your community.

Our work is more vital than ever. And more challenging.

We’re delivering millions of pounds of fresh food, often with same-day service, from our distribution center to people in need. Supporting those during the midst of a global public health crisis and a faltering economy has and will continue to require an innovative approach. Both to meet the challenges of today’s response needs, to pivot to the needs for recovery, and build the foundation for a stronger and more equitable community in the years ahead.
Feeding Westchester is a nonprofit organization that collects and distributes food to hunger-relief programs throughout the county. We act as a food storage and distribution center for front-line agencies who give food directly to people struggling with hunger.

Getting nourishing, safe food to people requires a robust infrastructure and a high degree of coordination. We secure donations from national food and grocery manufacturers, retailers, shippers, packers and growers, and from government agencies and other entities. Our staff works closely with partners to match excess food with those who need it most. We receive and safely store donated food and grocery products that would otherwise go to waste.

Feeding Westchester also supports food partners with training, oversight, and equipment grants to ensure perishable and nonperishable food is handled and stored properly. Programs that improve food security in our county are also supported, working to educate the public about the problems of hunger and advocate for legislation that protects people from going hungry.

Together, we all have a role in ending hunger in Westchester County.
FOUR PILLARS
Making an impact: Tackling hunger from all angles.

01 Nourishing food, and the future.
Provide fresh food to all citizens of Westchester County, including our next generation — from elementary to college students.

02 Hunger stops here.
Dedicated to ending hunger for families, seniors, children, and all individuals in need by supplying the county's local food programs with expertly sourced food.

03 Being creative and resourceful.
Rescuing millions of pounds of good food that would have been wasted. Uniting local food banks, pantries, and partners to drive change.

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“I started using the pantry after retirement. My wife still works full time, but the rent in Katonah is so high, it helps us keep up with the bills. About two years ago I started volunteering here at the pantry. They help me, and I help them.”

– Jose

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Farmers’ Market on wheels.

This 26-foot refrigerated truck brings a farmer’s market-style distribution to communities so that fresh, nutritious food is delivered directly to those who need it. Our Mobile Food Pantry makes more than 500 scheduled stops a year, providing 2.9 million pounds of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy for those in need.

FRESH MARKET

Fresh Markets in food deserts.

Our Fresh Market is an extension of our Mobile Food Pantry program and provides communities with 1.2 million pounds of nutritious food and fresh produce in areas in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food. Our Fresh Markets allow us to serve people who have limited access to a variety of healthy foods.

CHILD-FEEDING PROGRAMS

Feeding Westchester’s children.

Nearly 20% of children in Westchester County were living with food insecurity before the pandemic hit.

Feeding Westchester provides children with the nutritious, kid-friendly, and easy-to-prepare food they need on the weekends and during school closures. We provided 1 million pounds of food through our children’s programs.
About 40% of the food we distribute is fresh produce. Feeding Westchester’s Green Thumb program provides bags full of fresh, seasonal produce for delivery to area community partners and programs to distribute to our neighbors in need.

JSY (Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables) is our hands-on cooking and nutrition classes, which reach thousands of people every year, transforming family meals for generations. We provide community trainings, food safety training, ServSafe Training, and nutritional workshops.

Our Senior Grocery program encourages better health and promotes independent living for seniors and neighbors with disabilities. The program provides nutritious food such as seasonal fruits and vegetables directly to locations where seniors congregate and live.

Feeding Westchester helps enroll people in need to apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) — a federal program that helps thousands of Westchester low-income residents put food on the table.

Through a combination of improved food access, targeted clinical care, and other community resources, the Healthy RX Program eliminates some of the critical barriers to improved health and well-being. The program is a collaborative project involving healthcare facilities including hospitals, clinics, and federally qualified health centers.
Ending hunger starts with people. People are at the center of all we do. We make healthy food the easier choice for struggling households and help them achieve long-term food security for a better tomorrow.

In order to support people facing hunger, we foster greater empathy for the challenges they face and advocate for strong anti-hunger policies. As part of our commitment to putting the people we serve at the center of our work, we are doing more than ever to positively impact their lives.

With the support of hunger relief advocates, we helped nourish more people than ever before. This year, we provided 13.8 million meals to people facing hunger. We also focused on preventing food waste and accessing more nutritious food for the people we serve.

As we continue to manage through the ripple effect of a global pandemic — the health and economic crisis — our fundamental purpose remains the same: to help those who are in need. And we continue to be tremendously grateful and immeasurably inspired by the generosity from the community and the empathy shown for our neighbors in need.
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

5 MILLION POUNDS DONATED FROM FARMERS, RETAILERS, AND WHOLESALERS - AND KEPT OUT OF LANDFILLS

5.8 MILLION POUNDS NEEDED TO BE PURCHASED

6.6 MILLION POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE

236 PARTNERS

293 PROGRAMS

1.2 MILLION POUNDS VIA FRESH MARKETS

2.9 MILLION POUNDS THROUGH MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

1 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD TO KIDS THROUGH SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

36,000 KIDS SERVED

8,040 HOLIDAY TURKEYS

901,000 POUNDS OF FOOD TO SENIORS

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The robust infrastructure that gets it done.

Getting nourishing, safe food to people facing hunger requires more than good intentions. It requires a robust infrastructure and a high degree of coordination. We deepen our impact through meaningful partnerships — securing donations from national food and grocery manufacturers, retailers, shippers, packers, growers, government agencies, and other generous corporations and organizations. We distribute food and fresh produce through food pantries and meal programs that serve children, families, seniors, and veterans at risk of hunger. Last fiscal year, we distributed over 16.5 million pounds of food to our neighbors in need.

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“I’m supporting four children on my own and this is a great help to get us through this pandemic. Thank you so much.”

- Monica

Our services:
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Fresh Market
- Food Pantries
- Hot Meal Programs
- Kids Backpacks
- Shelters
- Daycares/Preschools
- Senior Grocery
- Pandemic Drive-Thru

Community partners:
- 94 Food Pantries
- 68 Backpack Sites (pre-COVID)
- 38 Pop-Up Pantries
- 16 Fresh Markets
- 42 Hot Meal Sites
- 50 Mobile Food Pantries
- 5 School Mobile Food Pantries
- 35 Senior Grocery Program
- 14 Shelters
- 4 Summer Feeding Sites

Hunger is experienced throughout Westchester, touching every town and every village.
Our communities. Our partners. This is what working together to make an impact looks like.
Thank you to our partners. We couldn't do it without you.

We work with essential front-line community partners to provide more food to more people in need throughout Westchester County.
EVENS

Taking action and making traction.

Throughout the year, our valued supporters, their guests, corporate and community partners, alike look forward to a variety of cherished Feeding Westchester events. Unfortunately, due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, we had to cancel many of the events. We miss you all deeply and look forward to a warm welcome back in 2021 or as soon as it is safe to gather. Here is a summary of the events hosted in fiscal year 2020.

**Miles for Meals**

Fall 2019: Westchester's walkers and runners support the fight against hunger at our annual 5k Walk & Run. A fun-filled day of games and activities for people of all ages, delicious food, and an opportunity to meet and mingle with local businesses.

**An Evening in Good Taste**

Fall 2019: Over 30 renowned Westchester chefs, wine purveyors, and breweries created an unforgettable experience for roughly 500 of Feeding Westchester's supporters. This highly anticipated event for foodies won Best of Westchester's 2020 Award for Best Night Out for a Good Cause.

**Community Scoop-a-Thon**

Fall 2019: On #GivingTuesday, 16 teams, comprised of families, clubs, and sports organizations, gathered for our annual food packing competition. In 45 minutes, teams packed nearly 20,000 pounds of carrots, onions, and potatoes into grocery bags, later distributed to our senior program sites, local soup kitchens, and food pantries.

**Check-Out Hunger<sup>®</sup>**

Every year, Feeding Westchester is grateful for the opportunity to participate in Check-Out Hunger<sup>®</sup> – a point-of-sale campaign benefiting food banks from New England to Florida. Running from October through December, Check-Out Hunger<sup>®</sup> allows consumers to help feed hungry families in their communities. This is made possible with the support of retail partners including Wakefern, ShopRite, Balducci’s Food Lover’s Food Markets, Green’s Natural Food, and Wegman’s.

**Spring Gala**

Typically, when spring comes to our beautiful county, we gather together with our supporters for our annual Spring Gala. However, 2020 was far from a typical year, and regretfully we had to cancel the event.

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**Community Engagement**

Throughout the challenging last months of our fiscal year, heroes emerged and sustained us. We witnessed the strength of our corporate and community partners, the compassion of our donors, and the resilience of our staff and volunteers. This is our community, and these are our neighbors.

We are in awe of and grateful for the incredible response of everyone who stepped up and answered the call for help in their own unique way.

These efforts and financial support all played a part in helping to feed our neighbors who are hungry. This historic support put us in a strong position to meet the rising need throughout the year. Thank you for standing with us throughout it all. We are grateful for your creativity, drive, and dedication to helping feed those in need.
ADVOCACY

Speaking up. Standing up. Inspiring empathy and action.

It’s up to all of us to advocate for people in need, and to inspire action and empathy. As a direct service agency, we are well aware that ending hunger requires more than feeding the hungry. We know that eliminating hunger requires addressing its root causes.

Advocate for change.
To end hunger, we need to end the systemic societal issues contributing to it. Feeding Westchester is committed to supporting anti-hunger programs and policies at the federal, state and local levels. If you would like current information on our specific advocacy efforts or would like to receive our advocacy action alerts, visit www.FeedingWestchester.org.

Our priorities.
Expand the benefits associated with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
Rescind rules that limit access to federal nutrition programs.

Our goals are ambitious.
All the creativity, knowledge, technology and financial resources from our collective community are needed to transform lives. It’s time that access to healthy food is seen as a basic human right.

“I haven’t been able to work because the schools are closed and I have to be home to help my daughter, Nancy, with online learning. If I’m not working, I can’t pay the bills or go grocery shopping.”
– Kris

With your support, and the support of food banks across America, together we urged Congress to pass COVID-19 relief legislation, which allocated $850 million for U.S.-grown food for people in need.
– Karen C. Erren
President & CEO

With actual unemployment remaining high, many of our neighbors are unable to go back to work. And with schools operating as remote or hybrid, hardworking parents need extra help making sure their kids are fed.

It is because of your support that we are able to continue to provide Westchester children, seniors and families the nutrition they need, no matter what challenges arise.
Our pandemic response
2020 was a historic year for everyone. The COVID-19 pandemic has led hundreds of thousands of our friends and neighbors to seek assistance — many for the first time ever. Hunger has touched every town in Westchester County — every zip code has felt the impact. For Feeding Westchester, 2020 and the continuing pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges and an unprecedented response.

Prior to COVID-19: Our plans were moving along like clockwork.

By March 2020, we had already distributed 9.6 million pounds of food — nearly reaching our fiscal year goal of 11 million, including 3.9 million pounds of fresh produce. We had expanded relationships with healthcare partners launching “prescription pantries” on-site at health clinics, and had expanded our child-feeding programs, including more mobile pantries, on school and college campuses.

18.4 million meals and counting.

Before the COVID-19 crisis, Feeding Westchester provided our neighbors with approximately 8.5 million meals each year. As the magnitude of the crisis grew, so did our job. Throughout calendar year 2020, we helped provide nearly 18.4 million meals — many to our neighbors who found themselves in need of assistance for the very first time.

As a result of the pandemic, an estimated 12% of county residents are experiencing hunger. And Feeding America has projected that 1 in 6 people (50.4 million) in the U.S. would be food insecure in 2020 in the wake of the pandemic (up from 1 in 9 people/35 million in 2019).

Things changed overnight: Our COVID-19 response (March-December)

The news blared: a COVID outbreak and containment zone in New Rochelle. Feeding Westchester hit the ground running — immediately securing, packing, and distributing food. Finding emergency partners to help get the food to people in need. Enlisting the help of the National Guard to replace volunteers at our distribution center.

We knew more food would be critical for children no longer attending school, families whose limited income did not allow stocking up, and for seniors. In our first wave of response, more than 5,000 boxes of emergency food were provided to families in New Rochelle.

Feeding Westchester was operating in high gear. We continued to leverage the help of the National Guard. The Guard worked tirelessly, packing nonperishable items into boxes and loading pallets of cereal, shelf-stable milk, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, soup and peanut butter for our community partners to distribute.

A perfect storm.

Need was growing. Resources were shrinking. The pandemic initially led to critical gaps in funding, food donation, volunteers, and distribution. Not only were donations affected, the food supply chain itself was impacted, resulting in shortages and higher costs. Regulations and fear of contagion meant fewer volunteers could be enlisted to help with the collection and distribution of much-needed food.

It was indeed a perfect storm. But Feeding Westchester weathered it, and will continue to do so. With your help, we rose to the challenge, serving more of our neighbors in need than any year in our history.

Powered by an unwavering commitment, we reinvented our operating models. Pioneered new processes. And have been innovating every step of the way to get food to people in need.

Need for food more than doubled — equaling more than 2 million pounds per month.

In our peak month of May 2020, we distributed close to 2.6 million pounds of food — nearly triple what our monthly average was prior to COVID.

We thought our original plan was ambitious: 11 million pounds of food for the fiscal year. But with COVID-19, we blew it by quickly, distributing 16.5 million pounds of food (13.8 million meals).

We helped provide nearly 18.4 million meals in calendar year 2020. Many of our neighbors found themselves in need of assistance for the very first time.
It takes a village.

Many of our community partners were staffed by seniors. When we realized these centers would have to close at least temporarily, we formed new relationships with 38 emergency partners including:

- Cities of White Plains, Peekskill, and Croton, and the Village of Ossining
- School districts in Yonkers and North Salem
- Community centers such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mount Kisco and Mount Vernon

A new distribution model — drive-thru.

Thinking creatively and looking for new ways to safely distribute food led to our first-ever drive-thru distribution operation at our facility in Elmsford, NY. We served over 500 families, providing boxes of fresh produce, cheese, yogurt, frozen meats, poultry, and more.

Mobile and fresh = healthier and happier.

There’s nothing like fresh, nutritious food to lift spirits and to help maintain healthy immune systems. Keeping our Mobile Food Pantries and Fresh Markets up and running was a priority.

During the initial shelter-in-place directives and restrictions on group gatherings, some of our pantries and markets that were able to remain open had enormously long lines. Focused on the health and well-being of those in need, we pivoted by adjusting delivery schedules, provided personal protective equipment, and developed pre-bagged groceries, all while making sure social distancing measures were in place.

We are proud and humbled to be able to continue serving our community partners and people in need.

Greater need. Greater resourcefulness.

Keeping pace with Westchester County’s increasing needs for food and services was challenging. Food-sourcing channels were becoming more complicated and restrictive.

- Supply chain disruptions and unexpected shifts from commercial and institutional to retail affected everyone.
- Closing of meat-packing plants led to increases in the cost of beef, chicken, and pork products.
- Government agencies were working to capture and share farmer excess with those in need on short notice.

There was no time to waste. From April to June, thanks to our generous supporters and industrious workers, we purchased and distributed two times more food than the previous three months combined.

In June 2020 alone, our costs skyrocketed to 10 times that of June 2019. During the first nine months of fiscal year 2020, we purchased a monthly average of 269,000 pounds of food, at an average cost of $.58 per pound.

To meet the even greater need during the height of the pandemic, from March through June, we purchased an average of 958,000 pounds at an average cost of $.55 per pound.

A salute to our National Guard.

Protecting our neighbors in need is paramount. Protecting our employees and volunteers is equally important. In an abundance of caution, when COVID hit, we immediately closed our distribution center to volunteer help.

Under normal circumstances, we rely on over 11,000 volunteers contributing more than 40,000 hours of labor annually. Fortunately, our volunteers’ hours were made up by the continued deployment of the National Guard. The Guard worked tirelessly, packing boxes, loading pallets of food and staffing our drive-through distribution centers.

We salute and thank them for their hard work, compassion, and commitment to community.
Increased need is our new normal.

Even as the health landscape improves, the impacts of COVID-19 will continue to be felt. Neighbors will continue to struggle. Some will become casualties of the virus. Some will experience great economic deprivation. Many will experience hunger. All of us will feel the worry and anxiety as solutions to the pandemic are sought and continue to be found.

As Westchester County continues its struggle, Feeding Westchester will continue its work: To serve and feed all neighbors in need. We will hold fast to our core belief — having enough to eat is a basic human right.

We continue on our mission with strength and determination. We will continue to distribute increased levels of food to meet the increased need. Yesterday, today, and in the months to come.

Summer plans.

Summer isn’t easy for many Westchester County families. The closing of school means the closing of school-meal programs, as well as summer camp closures. As the virus continues, we will continue to fight summer hunger.

We have added a variety of new programs to address the issue. We will continue to work with our emergency and community partners, while keeping our own Mobile Food Pantries and Fresh Markets going strong.

Additional funding. Additional solutions. Additional thanks.

Thanks to additional funding, Feeding Westchester has been able to run our new weekly programming at five locations throughout the County.

We’ve added a number of “hub-and-spoke” locations, where a single delivery of pallets, loaded with food, can be leveraged by local agencies who then distribute it to those in need.

Some of our Fresh Markets will do double duty. Pre-packed food will continue to be delivered to drive-thru and walk-up clients. Pallets loaded with food will be delivered to the same locations so community partners can pack it into grocery bags for delivery to homebound seniors.

These are just some of the very important ways your generosity is helping us to continue helping our friends and neighbors in need.

During these historically difficult times, we at Feeding Westchester are thankful for the support, trust, and collaboration of our community and our partners.

Together we are Feeding Westchester.
“Growing up in a Hispanic household, I didn’t want to be what’s considered ‘old school.’ Typically, in my culture, that would’ve meant I would be settled down at a young age and be the primary caretaker or housewife. I joined the National Guard to provide a better life for my family. I wanted to prove to myself and others that I could be and do more than what was expected of me.

I love the comradery among the troop and Feeding Westchester staff. We’re all just people trying to make a difference in the world, and we bonded over this experience. In the beginning of the pandemic, most of us felt this heightened state of stress being away from our families, but we were able to come together and help each other cope as we worked to serve the community. Seeing how grateful the people that we’re serving have been and seeing the signs that the kids hold up in the car windows thanking us has made this experience incredibly rewarding.”

- Leigh-Ann Soto
New York Army National Guard Specialist
HOW TO SUPPORT THE MISSION
Endless ways to do great things for our neighbors.

Monthly Giving Society
Join our Monthly Giving Society with a recurring monthly donation. It’s a simple way to make an ongoing commitment to fighting hunger.

Sustainer Society
Sustainer Society members show their support and commitment with gifts of $5,000 or more. As a member, you’ll be invited to VIP events, enjoy opportunities to volunteer, and receive customized quarterly updates. For more information contact Jeanne Fogel at jfogel@FeedingWestchester.org.

Six ways to leave a lasting legacy

1. Planned giving
Your thoughtful legacy gift helps ensure our sustainability into the future. Please consult your financial advisor/attorney and contact Kelly Garvey at kgarvey@FeedingWestchester.org so that we can credit you for your thoughtful gift.

2. Leave a gift in your will
Make a lasting impact on hunger by naming Feeding Westchester as a charitable beneficiary of your life insurance policy, IRA, or Donor Advised Fund.

3. Give charitable gift annuities
Help ensure our financial stability without sacrificing yours.

4. Gifts of stock and property
Donating stock, bonds, and mutual funds offers a number of financial benefits. Consult your financial advisor or attorney and reach out to Jeanne Fogel at jfogel@FeedingWestchester.org.

5. Gift of real estate or other appreciated personal property
Make a valuable contribution to fighting hunger that could become more valuable as time goes on. Contact Jeanne Fogel at jfogel@FeedingWestchester.org for more information.

6. Make a Tribute Gift
Donate in honor or memory of a family member, friend, colleague, or to celebrate a special event like a wedding, graduation, or bar/bat mitzvah.

Mobilize your corporate consciousness

Workplace giving and matching gifts
If your workplace offers an employee-giving payroll deduction campaign, designate Feeding Westchester.

Corporate Partnerships
A wide range of benefits to maximize a strategic partnership, providing increased brand awareness opportunities.

Sponsorships
Leverage your marketing efforts by supporting a program initiative or special events.

Corporate Foundations & Grants
An opportunity to provide critical support.

For more information contact: development@FeedingWestchester.org

Volunteers. One of our most vital resources.

Volunteers are continuing to do what they do best — feed people in need. Volunteers are critical to providing food and hope to everyone during these difficult times.

Become a vital, virtual volunteer
Feeding Westchester relies on hundreds of community partners and volunteers. Our volunteers are vital to our mission. Fortunately, even in this age of social distancing, there are still many ways to volunteer.

Host an online fundraiser
Fundraisers are great ways to get involved in the fight against hunger.

Help from home
Great for community groups, corporations, school groups, and families.

Peer-to-peer
Peer-to-peer fundraising is a multi-tiered approach to crowdfunding. It allows you to create a personal fundraising page to share with friends, family, and community members.

For more information on ways you can help, visit www.FeedingWestchester.org/take-action/volunteer/
Your support helps us nourish healthy futures.

Feeding Westchester goes beyond the basics of food; we provide a healthy variety of fresh food choices, offer nutrition education, and focus on long-term strategies for fighting hunger. Your support helps us nourish healthy futures and increases our ability to invest in our community. Generous individuals, companies, and foundations help us fill empty plates across the county, bringing us closer to the day when no one has to face hunger.

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE YEAR END 6/30/2020 YEAR END 6/30/2019
Corporate/foundation/community/individual support $ 10,010,359 $ 3,447,553
Special events 457,966 700,062
Direct mail contributions 1,937,980 525,102
Adopt a pantry program 229,396 278,870
Other programs 258,133 317,512
Total Public Support $ 12,893,844 $ 5,267,099

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT YEAR END 6/30/2020 YEAR END 6/30/2019
New York State $ 2,131,156 $ 1,409,940
Westchester County 175,542 291,940
U.S. Department of Agriculture 993,336 239,345
Federal Emergency Management Agency 104,981 30,760
Other Grants 21,123 109,852
Total Government Support $ 3,426,118 $ 2,081,837

OTHER REVENUE YEAR END 6/30/2020 YEAR END 6/30/2019
Food program $ 15,753,970 $ 10,048,452
Shared maintenance fees 152,073 103,751
Investment return, net 48,744 56,602
Total Other Revenue $ 15,954,787 $ 10,208,805

EXPENSES YEAR END 6/30/2020 YEAR END 6/30/2019
Program services $ 23,352,393 $ 14,648,010
Support services 650,478 1,068,674
Fundraising 1,574,505 1,223,088
Total Expenses $ 25,577,376 $ 16,939,772

NET ASSETS YEAR END 6/30/2020 YEAR END 6/30/2019
Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year, Including In-Kind Food Donations: $ 12,350,288 $ 5,652,915

Paola’s family has been volunteering at one of our partner pantries in New Rochelle for more than five years. Working part time in a bakery and taking care of two young children while her husband makes a living as a truck driver, Paola says her family is grateful for the chance to help others because her family knows what it is like to need extra help during hard times.

"Volunteering at the pantry is like being a part of a family. It makes you feel good to be able to give back in the community but it has also benefited our family so much. We’re able to save money for things like bills, rent, clothes, school supplies for the kids because of these programs. The kids love all of the fresh fruits and vegetables and milk for their cereal.”

– Paola
This job is all I have to put just enough food on my table and with the loss of the second income it’s been paycheck to paycheck. I realized that I was rationing food to ensure that my child ate first. I’m thankful for the people who choose to give. [They] help a lot of families and I’m thankful for [their] generosity.”

- Stephanie

Your commitment and generosity means the world.

Feeding Westchester is committed to the responsible stewardship of every dollar you donate. We appreciate your dedication to ending hunger. Your generosity has fueled us and allowed us to meet the growing needs of more neighbors facing hunger this year than ever before. Your support has improved the lives and well-being of thousands of people all across Westchester County and has given them hope. Together, we thank you for your support. Every $1 you invest allows us to provide three meals.

From July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, our $100,000 and above partners made leading philanthropic investments.

$1,000,000+
Anonymous

$500,000+

BANK OF AMERICA

$100,000+

Jandon Foundation

The MagMurph Family Fund

Michael B. Lowenstein

STOP & SHOP FAMILY FOUNDATION

$50,000+
GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

2019 - 2020 Executive Committee

Karen C. Erren, President and CEO (Joined: 7/2020)
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Leadership Team
Karen C. Erren, President and CEO (Joined: 7/2020)
Bali Lambie-Boyer, Vice President, Development (Joined: 10/2020)
Ryan Brisk, Senior Director, Operations
Toby Pidgeon, Vice President, Agency Services & Administration
Valerie Roy, Senior Director, People & Culture

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

DEI is in our DNA

As an organization and as individuals, Feeding Westchester celebrates diversity every day. We believe it fuels innovation, improves our understanding of the world, inspires new thinking, and encourages different points of view.

Diversity energizes our commitment to serve those in need — across race, gender, age, religion, and identity.

We value the diversity of our staff and the community we serve. Our vibrant Diversity, Education and Inclusion (DEI) program fosters a holistic approach to growing our network of people and programs. All while supporting and protecting the growth of our employees and their careers.

The DEI committee is at the forefront, every day, helping ensure policies that reflect our values — affirming our commitment to diversity, education, and inclusion at every level and in all that we do.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW CEO
Longtime food banker joins Feeding Westchester

After an extensive nationwide search, we’re pleased to announce our new President and Chief Executive Officer, Karen C. Erren. Karen has more than two decades of nonprofit experience and was the Executive Director of Palm Beach County Food Bank. Karen has led the charge in Feeding Westchester’s continued ability to meet the significantly increased need seen across Westchester through the height of the pandemic and to date.

Diversity drives us forward. We foster both a top-down and grassroots approach, giving us the freedom to address the broadest set of initiatives.
Everyone at Feeding Westchester is driven by a core belief: Access to healthy food is a basic human right. Together with our community partners and programs, we fuel hunger-action programs, mobilizing the resources needed to eradicate hunger in our county.

Please support Feeding Westchester.

The need has been greater this year than ever before. And, as the impact of the global pandemic unfolds, we expect the need will continue to grow. Feeding Westchester helps make sure that people across our county will have enough food to live their potential.

Supporting Feeding Westchester helps to ensure that friends and neighbors in our county will never have to go to bed wondering where their next meal is coming from.

Visit www.FeedingWestchester.org to donate or learn about ways to help.

Together we are Feeding Westchester.

“Having a Fresh Market is a great help for the people in need in the community. There are so many of us that cannot afford to go to the supermarket. Sometimes my pay doesn’t leave enough left over to budget for nutritious food. With the Fresh Market, I’m able to feed my kids and grandkids. I’ve spoken to a lot of the others that come here that tell me they don’t know what they would do if it weren’t for the pantry. Coming here keeps them off the streets, having to ask people for a dollar or spare change just to afford a meal. People have fresh food on their table because of this, and it’s a great thing to have in the community. I can make salads and smoothies with all of the fruits and vegetables that are too expensive to buy in the grocery stores. It helps the elderly client I care for too. I bring the fruits and vegetables that I get and blend them up for her.”

–Jackie