



# FEEDING WESTCHESTER

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# About Us

**At Feeding Westchester, food and community are at the heart of what we do.**

As the central facilitator of hunger-relief efforts in Westchester County, Feeding Westchester works alongside a network of more than 300 partners and programs to distribute quality, nutritious food that better the lives of the neighbors in need we serve every month. Feeding Westchester is a member of Feeding America, the nationwide network of more than 200 food banks serving every state in the United States.

Getting nourishing food to the broader community requires a robust infrastructure and a high degree of coordination. We help alleviate food insecurity where the need is greatest by understanding our region's hunger-relief systems, identifying gaps in support, navigating government-assistance programs, and removing barriers to the access of nutritious food and fresh produce.

By establishing deeply rooted relationships with our community partners, food manufacturers and retailers, as well as shippers, packers, and independent growers, we safely recover food that otherwise might be wasted.

The people we serve are our neighbors. They're family and friends, coworkers, teachers, and nurses, they come from all walks of life. Our programs help this community thrive, and our supporters, like you, are a foundation to that mission.



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# Meet Clara

She's one of the last in line at the Mobile Food Pantry of Saints John, Paul and Clement just arriving after work wearing her worn-in, but neat, scrubs.

There's plenty of food to pick from: crisp apples, Greek yogurt, broccoli, bags of rice, and much more. Frozen meat is brought out from one of the Pantry's many refrigerated compartments. The others in line — some here for the first time — unfold and fill their totes.

## **This is not Clara's first time.**

"I work full time as a medical assistant. I don't make enough to be able to afford enough food," she says.

Westchester County is filled with neighbors like Clara. They're bartenders, mechanics, and office managers. They're helping Dad fix his car. They're dropping the kids off at soccer practice and stuck in traffic next to you on I-287.

## **This is our community.**

You are also a part of our community. And because of you, Clara can drive home with a car full of groceries, enough to nourish her so she can work and provide for her people.

## **Just like we want to provide for ours.**

## **Together we are Feeding Westchester.**

# Mission & Vision

**Our mission is to nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger.**

We envision a community where all people have access to the food they need today, and the fundamental resources to build a better tomorrow.





# Key Achievements



SERVED OVER  
**200K** NEIGHBOR VISITS

each month, including  
71K child visits and 32K  
senior visits



PROVIDED  
**16M** MEALS

to our neighbors in need



DISTRIBUTED OVER  
**19M** POUNDS  
OF FOOD



DISTRIBUTED  
**7.6M** POUNDS OF  
FRESH PRODUCE  
nearly 40% of all food we provided



INCREASED the number of  
**SUMMER FEEDING HUBS**  
BY **8**, to a total of **10**



INCREASED the number of  
**SCHOOL MOBILE FOOD  
PANTRIES** BY **2**, to a total of **9**



INCREASED the number of  
**FOOD PANTRIES** BY **5**,  
to a total of **109**



INCREASED the number of  
**SENIOR GROCERY SITES**  
BY **3**, to a total of **38**



Earned a **4-STAR RATING**  
WITH **CHARITY NAVIGATOR**



# A Stronger Hunger-Relief System

In 2022, Feeding Westchester unveiled a renewed Strategic Plan, a detailed blueprint to address hunger at its root causes and go beyond filling the “meal gap” throughout Westchester County.

We set the stage for the next major undertaking — our Hunger Relief Systems Analysis — toward the end of the fiscal year. Through this process, we aim to develop a comprehensive understanding of the hunger-relief system in our region, including where food is coming from and where and how it is distributed. Our goal is to increase the food available to the community and our ability to provide assistance to our neighbors in need.

## We Plan To:

### **Expand collaboration across pantries and feeding partners**

Enhance partner relationships and their capacities through the deployment of efficiency enhancing resources — such as a map showing high-need areas, transit hubs, and so much more.

### **Identify supply gaps, barriers, and obstacles to services**

Proximity of food resources, access to transportation, and food-storage capacity are among the pervasive challenges that Feeding Westchester will address throughout Westchester County’s hunger-relief system.

### **Increase access to food for those we serve**

Strengthen and establish new connections to services — both in-house and at partner organizations — to combat systemic disadvantages and create pathways out of hunger.

### **Pinpoint opportunities for greatest impact**

Isolate regions where more food is needed and locate surplus food available for recovery from retail, wholesale, and agricultural sources; and where food is going, including existing access points, such as pantries, soup kitchens, and other programs.

### **Decrease duplication of effort across partners**

Strengthen our in-house information gathering to directly connect neighbors with resources and services provided by Feeding Westchester, our partner network, and community collaborators.

### **Form a more cohesive hunger-relief system in Westchester County**

Meet our neighbors’ food needs at the greatest possible scale by developing innovative solutions to address food security challenges that have historically compromised dignity, accessibility, convenience, and quality.



# Pushing Ahead

*By Karen C. Erren, President & CEO  
and Sue Norton, Board Chair*

Here are some things you might glimpse on a crisp morning here at our distribution center: the warehouse team at work with pallets and beeping forklifts, a volunteer team packing colorful nutritious produce into bags for SNAP recipients, donors shivering as they tour the freezer, and food. Lots of food.

What you see is a community hard at work. And our community doesn't end at the soon-to-be expanded warehouse walls. What we accomplish at Feeding Westchester is the result of thousands upon thousands of individuals running food pantries, supermarkets, schools, soup kitchens, volunteering, donating, and hosting food drives.

This community has grown so much in the past few years, responding to the staggering increased need resulting from pandemic lockdowns. Rising to this

challenge, we have laid the groundwork for a strategy that utilizes this expanded operation to tackle the root causes of hunger.

**And you have supported us more than ever.**

One thing we know from the Great Recession is that it can take years for families at risk of hunger to get back on their feet after a major financial downturn or a national health crisis.

High food prices and other highly priced necessities have persisted, and many of our neighbors' household budgets are still strained. As a result, the increased demands on Feeding Westchester and our local partners remains.

Thanks to your support, we are able to continue providing food to schools, community centers, and directly to children and families in need through our school-based Mobile Food Pantries, School Pantries, and other programs.

**Our work continues unabated; our community perseveres.**

In pursuit of our strategic goals, we commissioned a project to thoroughly analyze the need, supply, and capacity of the hunger-relief systems in Westchester (more on pg. 7). We intend to forge a more comprehensive hunger-relief system by increasing collaboration throughout our region and hunger-relief network of partners.

Our partners in the hunger-relief sphere, local and county government, and other nonprofit organizations all have unique strengths and personal relationships with those we serve. A strengthened network, bolstered by your support, will result in a stronger county that understands our collective needs better than ever. One that can help our most vulnerable neighbors and leaves no individual unfed.

Internally, we continue to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices to provide an equitable and fulfilling workplace for all. This year we launched Phase II of our work with Mercer US, our DEI consultant, in which we set a path forward to further embed DEI practices into our HR and organizational processes. We will be implementing recommendations such as diversifying our candidate pool, providing training opportunities to support all team members, and building trust and transparency in decision making, especially surrounding difficult social conversations.

Finally, our nutrition team launched the Cultural Food Initiative, a thorough investigation into Westchester's cultural composition. The results will improve our ability to offer food that our neighbors prefer. Without access to ingredients familiar to their ethnic backgrounds, some residents have trouble using the food they receive from the pantry, and do not feel at home or dignified. In comparing the many cultures that make up our county, we have identified foods most common among them and are working to make those foods more available to our feeding partners.

Our ability to accomplish what we do is truly a testament to the compassion and commitment of supporters like you. We can't do this vital work without neighbors willing to take a stand in the fight against hunger.

**Together we are  
Feeding Westchester.**

**On behalf of all of us, thank you.**



# Our Programs



## Nourishing Children

These programs provide critical nourishment and alleviate the tough choices families face when providing essentials for their young ones.

### Child-Feeding Programs

Feeding Westchester provides nutritious, kid-friendly, and easy-to-prepare food kids need on the weekends and during school closures through our partner hubs.

### Feeding United Home Deliveries

Through our partnership with United Way and DoorDash, we assemble bags of food and distribute them to hubs where DoorDash picks up the bags and delivers directly to households of neighbors in need. The totes contain supplemental staple foods accompanied by play and learning materials for kids.

### School Pantries

We have school pantries with our educational partners across Westchester, including elementary, middle, after-school programs, and high schools, as well as local college campuses to address college hunger here at home.



## Nourishing The Planet

Food recovery programs divert food from landfills and get it into the hands of our neighbors, reducing detrimental food waste. We saved 4.4 million pounds of food donated by retailers, wholesalers, and our community food donors.

### Retail Recovery

Feeding Westchester recovers food from more than 46 retailers. This year, we captured more than 2.4 million pounds of good food that would otherwise go to waste.

## Nourishing Seniors

Feeding our seniors today helps offer a healthier life for our elders throughout the community.

### Senior Grocery

Our Senior Grocery Program encourages better health and independent living for seniors. We distribute nutritious food like seasonal fruits and vegetables directly to seniors in need.

### RX Pantry

The RX Pantry Program eliminates critical barriers to improved health and well-being. This is a collaborative project involving healthcare facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and federally qualified health centers.

## Nourishing Communities

These integral programs sustain our mission to nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger.

### Emergency Food Providers (EFPs)

Our community-based feeding partners, where those without food receive what they need to take home.

### Mobile Distributions

Our Mobile Food Pantry and Fresh Markets make more than 500 scheduled stops a year, bringing fresh fruits, seasonal vegetables, protein, grains, and dairy to underserved communities across the county.

### Nutrition Education

Feeding Westchester offers free access to nutrition education resources including general information on healthy eating and wellness, interactive workshops, cooking demonstrations, and food safety training.

### Green Thumb

The Green Thumb Program focuses on increasing access to fresh produce for all. With our partnering agencies, we distribute 1.5 million pounds of fresh, seasonal, top-quality produce annually, as well as valuable nutritional information.

### SNAP

Feeding Westchester helps people in need enroll and apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — a federal initiative that helps thousands of low-income Westchester residents put food on their tables.





# Our Partners

120 Lake St. @ Delfino Park (Ridgeway Alliance) • 211 Helpline for the Hudson Valley • 914Cares • Alexander Hamilton High School • Alice E. Grady Elementary School • Anthony Veteran Park (Ardsley) • The ARC Westchester • Bethany AME Church Feeding Program • Bethel Baptist Church • Bethel Temple of Praise: Church of the United Brethren USA • Bethesda Baptist Church • Beulah SDA Church • Bible Way Church • Blythedale Children's Hospital • Bowen Memorial • Bowen Memorial Church • Bowen Memorial Outreach Program • Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester • Brookside Elementary School • Caritas • Carver Center • Carver Center Senior Program • Cerebral Palsy of Westchester • Chicken Island • Child Care Council of Westchester • Children's Village • Children's Village - Life Bridges • Children's Village - Sanctuary • Children's Village - Stepping Stones • Choice • CHOP • Church of Holy Spirit • Church of Saint Ann • Church of the Ascension • Church of the Assumption • The Leanna Goerlich Residence of Cluster • COGOP: Project Hope • Columbus Magnet Elementary School • Community Center of Northern Westchester • Community Food Pantry Mohegan Lake • Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown • Congregation Kol Ami • Cottage • Croton-Cortlandt • Curran Courts Dayspring • DeKalb (Ridgeway Alliance) • Delfino Park Deliverance Temple Church of God of Prophecy • Town of Dobbs Ferry • Dominican American Cultural Club • Don Bosco Community Center • Drew Street Apartments • Eastchester CAP • Ecumenical Emergency • El Centro Hispano • Elmsford School District • First Baptist Church of Peekskill • First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown • First Reformed Church • First Seventh Day Adventist Church • First United Methodist Church • Flynn Manor • Fox Center Mount Kisco • Franklin Housing Authority In Tarrytown • Fred's Pantry • George Washington Elementary School (Mohegan) • George Washington Elementary School (WP) • Giving Tree Global Inc (Bread for Life) • Good Shepherd Church • Grace Baptist Church • Grace House • Grace Plaza • Grace Terrace Grant Allocation Reserve • Greater Centennial AME Zion Church • Greenburgh Central School District • Greenburgh Health Center • Greenburgh/Elmsford Community Action Program • Greenburgh-Graham UFSD Hamilton Apartments • Harrison Community Services • Harvest Time Food Pantry (Family Resource Center of Peekskill) • Hawthorne ARC of Westchester • Hillside Food Outreach • HOPE Community Services • HOPE Community Services Kosher • Hopes Door • Hudson River Healthcare • Hudson Valley Community Services • Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry of Pleasantville • Intown Associates • Isaac Young Middle School • Jan Peek Shelter • Jefferson Elementary School • Key Food • Lakeland School District • Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force • Levister Towers • Lexington Center For Recovery • Life Progressive Services Group • Lifting Up Westchester • Lincoln Towers • Loerh Ct/Western Site • Macedo-nia Baptist Church (Mount Vernon Community) • Macedonia Towers • Margaret Hughes Manor • Mary J. Blige Center for Women (WJCS) • Masters Helping Hand • Maternal Infant Community Health Collaborative • Maverick Friendly Market (Mav Market) • Metropolitan AME Zion Church • MHACY Housing • Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative • Mildred E. Strang Middle School • Ministerios El Shaddai • Morse School • Mount Carmel Baptist Church • Mount Hope Table of Grace • Mount Kisco Elementary School • Mount Kisco Interfaith • Mount Lebanon Baptist • Mount Olive Church • Mount Public Vernon Library • Mount Vernon Armory • Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club • Mount Vernon Central School District • Mount Vernon Community Action Program (WESTCOP) • Mount Vernon Day Care Center • Mount Vernon Fresh Market • Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center • Mount Vernon Public Library • Mount Vernon Senior Nutrition Program • Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Church • Mount Zion Baptist Church • Mt. Kisco ARC of Westchester • Mt. Vernon Daycare Center • Mt. Vernon Dole Center • My Brother Vinny • Neighborhood Services • Neighbors Link • New Beginnings • New Life Fellowship Church • New Rochelle Boys & Girls Club • New Rochelle CAP • New Rochelle Community Action Program • New Rochelle Day Nursery • New Rochelle Municipal Housing Authority • New Rochelle Seventh Day Adventist Church • New Rochelle YMCA • Nodine Hill Community Center • North Salem Emergency • North Yonkers Preservation • Open Door Family Medical Center,

Ossining • Open Door Family Medical Center, Port Chester • Ossining Community • Ossining Food Pantry @ Star of Bethlehem Church • Ossining High School • Ossining School District • Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elmsford • P.A.T Community Distribution • PACE University • Park Early (Ossining Free School District) • Parker School Parkledge Apartments • Paws Crossed NY • Peekskill CAP • Peekskill Community Distribution: Kiley Center • Peekskill H.S. • Peekskill Neighborhood Senior Center • Peekskill School District, Hillcrest School • Peekskill Youth Bureau • Peekskill-Cortlandt Seventh-Day Adventist Church • Pocantico Hills Central School • Port Chester Middle School • Port Chester Senior & Community Center • Pressley Memorial Church • Purchase College • Queen's Daughters Day Care Center • Reach Church • Refuge of Hope Church • Regional Food Bank of NENY • Restoring Life Tabernacle (COGOP) • Ridgeway Alliance Church • Ridgeway Alliance Port Chester • Ridgeway Food Pantry at Getty Square • Riverdale Seventh Day Adventist Church • Rock of Salvation Church • RSHM Life Center • Sacred Heart Church Food for the Hungry • Saint Bernard's Parish • Saint Casimir Apartments • Saint Joseph's Church • Saint Joseph's Medical Center • Saint Mary's Church • Saint Peter's Childcare • Saint Peter's Church • Saint Peter's Episcopal Church (Port Chester) • Saints John, Paul and Clement • Salvation Army New Rochelle • Salvation Army Peekskill • Salvation Army Port Chester • Salvation Army Tarrytown • Salvation Army White Plains • Salvation Army Yonkers • San Andres Episcopal Church • Sandford Terrace • Saturday Academy Schlobohm • Segunda Iglesias Pentecostal Church • Sharon SDA Church • Shepherds Flock • Shiloh Baptist Church • Soundview Apartments • St. Joseph's Medical Center • St. Peter's Childcare • St. Vincents Table • Star of Bethlehem • Star of Bethlehem Church • Sterling Community Center • Sun River Health, Peekskill • Sun River Health, Yonkers • Sunnybrook Apartments • Tarrytown Community (Ridgeway Alliance) • Tarrytown Community Opportunity Center • Terrace Avenue Apartments • The Guidance Center • The Pantry at the Museum • Thomas H. Slater Center • Troy Manor • Union Baptist Church • Union Food For Life • United Community Center of Westchester • United Interfaith • United Way of Westchester and Putnam • Unity Gardens • Upon This Rock Ministries • Upper Westchester Muslim Society • VA Castlepoint • VA Hospital Supportive Housing • Village of Alliance) • Shelter • Shelter • Community Day • White Plains • YMCA of Yonkers • Yonkers ARC of Westchester • Yonkers Community Action Health Center • Yonkers Office for the Seventh Day Adventist Church • Center • Youth Mission of Life Residence • YWCA of Yonkers • and Men's Drop Inn Shelter

# Our Supporters

Because of the generous support from charitable corporate partners, community organizations, individuals, places of worship, local government, volunteers, and our retail, wholesale, and other food donors, we:

**Raised more than \$32 million**

**Collected 4.4 million pounds of food**

**Every form of support changes lives right here in Westchester County. Thank you for helping to nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger.**

**Here's what you can do to support our mission**

## Make a Donation

Every dollar you donate can help us source three meals for your neighbors fighting hunger in Westchester County. Learn more about planned giving, company matching, gifts of stock, monthly giving, and more at [FeedingWestchester.org/givenow](https://FeedingWestchester.org/givenow).

## Corporate Partnerships

Your company can support the fight against hunger with team-building projects, corporate donations, event sponsorships, and more.

Learn more at [FeedingWestchester.org/corporatepartners](https://FeedingWestchester.org/corporatepartners).

## Host a Fundraiser

Our community fundraisers are community leaders, both by raising awareness and calling on their social network to support the fight against hunger.

Start a fundraiser at [FeedingWestchester.org/fundraisers](https://FeedingWestchester.org/fundraisers).

## Volunteer

Through the passionate support of our volunteers, we provide nourishment for our neighbors, sort and pack millions of pounds of food, and maintain the rigorous food-safety standards that result in high-quality meals getting into the hands of those that need it.

Sign up at [FeedingWestchester.org/volunteer](https://FeedingWestchester.org/volunteer).

## Help from Home

Make an impact by crafting Help from Home meal bags. These bags, filled with seasonal meals, are perfect to put together remotely at home, with your co-workers, or your local community group.

Learn more at [FeedingWestchester.org/helpfromhome](https://FeedingWestchester.org/helpfromhome).





# Our Finances

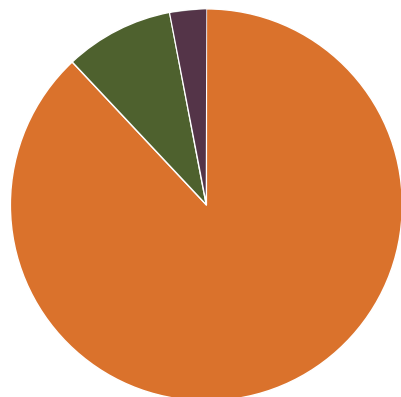
IN 2022, WE RAISED

**\$12 MILLION** IN PUBLIC SUPPORT

**\$6 MILLION** IN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

**\$13.9 MILLION** IN OTHER REVENUE

## Operational Spending Summary



**88%** Program Services  
\$27,236,520

**9%** Fundraising  
\$2,813,517

**3%** Management and General  
\$1,042,270

In 2022, WE INCREASED our investment in  
**THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER BY**

**\$2 MILLION**

(From \$29 million to \$31 million)

**4%** increase in programs that feed our community

**4%** increase in support services

**50%** increase in fundraising

## NET ASSETS

BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR: **\$17.2 MILLION**

END OF FISCAL YEAR: **\$19.1 MILLION**



# Our Leadership

## Executive Committee:

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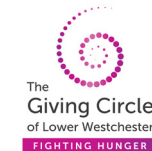
**Your generosity makes a difference for families, children, and seniors across Westchester County.**

**Thank you to the commitment from our lead partners!**

We are grateful to all our supporters who helped us fight hunger in Westchester.

To view a complete list of our corporate partners, please visit

[FeedingWestchester.org/corporatepartners](http://FeedingWestchester.org/corporatepartners).



\*Through April 12, 2022





**“This pantry is perfect, because it not only assists those in need by providing them with fresh vegetables, but it also offers great cooking lessons for those who want to learn. They have so many resources, providing much-needed support and comfort.”**

Marianela, MVNHC Visitor





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Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the annual report. We appreciate notification of any errors or omissions in order to correct our records. To report errors or omissions, please contact [communications@FeedingWestchester.org](mailto:communications@FeedingWestchester.org).

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