



FEEDING WESTCHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT | JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO AND BOARD CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of the past year, we are honored to present Feeding Westchester's fiscal year 2023 Annual Report. The reality of hunger in our community is ever-present, made worse by rising inflation and soaring food prices. Our mission to nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger has never been more crucial.

In this report, we share our commitment to innovation and impact made possible because of your generous support. Our Hunger Relief Systems Analysis (HRSA) report pinpoints areas of greatest unmet need, guiding our strategic efforts. We achieved an important milestone with the doubling of our warehouse space, expanding our storage capacity to better serve those in need. The return, and resounding success, of "An Evening In Good Taste" celebrated our community's support, recognizing local restaurateurs and valued donors.

We are so grateful to our partners, advocates, and volunteers who help us ensure that our neighbors have good, nutritious food on their tables. Together we are Feeding Westchester.



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Jennifer Lee, Board Co-Chair



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Jennifer Meyers, Board Co-Chair



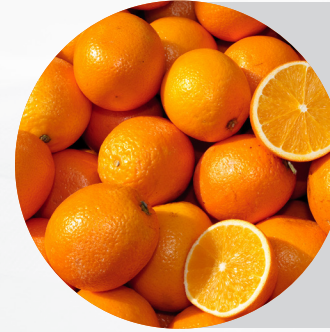
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Karen C. Erren, President & CEO



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ABOUT US

At Feeding Westchester, our core values connect food and community: **Together We Nourish**, **We Are Neighbors**, and **We Build a Better Tomorrow**.

Feeding Westchester is the central force driving hunger relief initiatives in Westchester County, **working in tandem with nearly 300 partners and programs**. Together, we distribute high-quality, nutritious food to improve the lives of our neighbors in need. **We are a proud member of the Feeding America network, comprising over 200 food banks serving every state.**

Delivering nourishing food throughout our community demands a robust infrastructure and precise coordination. We tackle food insecurity at its roots through a comprehensive study of our region's hunger-relief systems, identification of gaps in support, navigation of complex government-assistance programs, and elimination of barriers to accessing nutritious food and fresh produce. We emphasize dignity and respect for all. The individuals we serve are children, seniors, veterans, and hardworking families. They represent the rich tapestry of our community, coming from diverse backgrounds and walks of life. Our programs help enable our community to thrive, and **the unwavering support from individuals like you provides the foundation**. Together, we are not just providing meals; we are nurturing hope, fostering resilience, and building a stronger, more compassionate community for all.

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WE NOURISH

MEET ILLENA

Illena is filled with hope—not only for her family but also for her community. Her experience illustrates the vital role Feeding Westchester plays in providing not just sustenance but also a lifeline of hope and security to individuals and families facing hunger.

Thank you for being a part of our community, for your unwavering support, and for making stories like Illena's possible. Because of your support, she can access food pantries, keeping her expenses down while receiving healthy food like chicken, milk, vegetables, and fruit.

Illena doesn't just keep her family well-nourished; she is always looking out for others in need. Food pantries help keep her neighbors and community fed. She often picks up food for seniors and people who live alone or have trouble getting out. Food pantries are "a blessing," she says. They are a way of giving back to the community.

And she doesn't take food pantry access for granted.

It's a blessing that you can have somewhere that you can go, meet other people, and come together. It's helpful, something you can look forward to, the seniors can look forward to. I appreciate what Feeding Westchester is doing.

MISSION

To nourish our neighbors in the fight against hunger.

VISION

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

In this past year, Feeding Westchester underwent a significant transformation by establishing new core values that encapsulate the essence of our organization's mission. These values serve as the guiding principles shaping our endeavors and were carefully chosen to reflect our deep commitment to the community we serve.



Feeding Westchester is great. They have helped me so much in my time of need, especially now. I really enjoy the services they provide.

OUR IMPACT

FISCAL YEAR
2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

21M

pounds of food distributed

8.5M

pounds of fresh produce distributed, over 40% of our annual total

220K

neighbor visits served each month including 80K child and 36K senior visits

17M

meals served to our neighbors in need

3.7M

pounds of good, nutritious food rescued

4-STAR

with Charity Navigator, highest rating from leading evaluator

NEARLY

300

partners and programs that we collaborate with

WE ARE NEIGHBORS

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



Nourishing Children

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

Child-Feeding Programs

Nutritious, easy-to-prepare food that kids need on weekends and during school closures, distributed via our partner hubs

Feeding United Home Deliveries

Supplemental staple foods accompanied by play and learning materials for kids, delivered directly to households in need through our partnerships with United Way of Westchester and Putnam and DoorDash

School Pantries

Established with our educational partners across Westchester including elementary, middle, high schools, and local college campuses



Nourishing The Planet

Feeding Westchester captured more than 3.7 million pounds of good, nutritious food from 57 retail partners that would otherwise have gone to waste. At our distribution center, we inspect, sort, and pack the food, then get it straight to the people who need it most.



Nourishing Seniors

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

Senior Grocery

Encourage better health and independent living for seniors in need through distribution of nutritious food like seasonal fruits and vegetables

Food is Medicine

Collaborate with hospitals, clinics, and federally qualified health centers to eliminate barriers to improved health and well-being



Nourishing Communities

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

Emergency Food Providers (EFPs)

Community-based feeding partnerships, where those with sudden needs receive the food they require

Mobile Distributions

Our Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) and Fresh Markets make 500+ scheduled stops a year, bringing fresh, nutritious food to underserved communities across the county

Nutrition Education

Free access to nutrition education including healthy eating and wellness, interactive workshops, cooking demonstrations, and food safety training

SNAP

Helping people in need enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) — a federal initiative that helps thousands of low-income Westchester residents put food on their tables

OUR PARTNERS

Ability Beyond | Alexander Hamilton H.S. | Andrus | Bethany AME Church Feeding Program | Bethel Baptist Church | Bethel Temple of Praise | Bethesda Baptist | Church Beulah SDA | Church Bible Way | Church Bowen Memorial | Church Bowen Memorial Outreach Program | Caritas Carver Center | Carver Center Senior Program | Cerebral Palsy of Westchester | Chicken Island Child Care Council of Westchester | Children's Village Choice | Choice of New Rochelle | Christ Temple Church | Church of Holy Spirit | Church of Saint Ann | Church of the Ascension | Church of the Assumption | COGOP: Project Hope | Columbus Magnet Elementary School | Community Center of Northern Westchester | Community Food Pantry of Mohegan Lake | Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown | Congregation Kol Ami | Cottage | Croton-Cortlandt | Curran Courts | DeKalb | Delfino Park | Deliverance Temple Church of God of Prophecy | Dobbs Ferry | Dominican American Cultural Club | Don Bosco Community Center | Eastchester CAP | Echoes Africa Initiatives | Ecumenical Emergency | El Centro Hispano | El Shaddai Church of God | 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 Towers | Fred's Pantry | George Washington Elementary School | Good Shepherd Church | Grace Baptist Church | Grace House | Grace Plaza | Grace Terrace | Greater Centennial AME Zion Church | Greenburgh Health Center | Greenburgh Police Youth Camp | Greenburgh/Elmsford | Community Action Program | Harrison Community Services | Harvest Time Food Pantry | Hastings | Hillside Food Outreach | HOPE Community Services | HOPE Community Services Kosher | Hopes Door | Hudson Valley Community Services | Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry | Intown Associates | Isaac Young Middle School | Jan Peek Shelter | Larchmont Mamaroneck | Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force | Lifting Up Westchester | Lincoln Towers | Loerh Ct/Western Site | Macedonia Towers | Margaret Hughes Manor | Masters Helping Hand | Matthew Wallace Foundation | Maverick Friendly Market | Metropolitan AME Zion Church | Ministerios El Shaddai | Mount Carmel Baptist Church | Mount Hope Table of Grace | Mount Kisco ARC of Westchester | Mount Kisco Boys & Girls Club | Mount Kisco Interfaith | Mount Lebanon Baptist | Mount Olive Church | Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club | Mount Vernon Community Action Program | 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 | New Beginnings | New Life Fellowship Church | New Life Missionary Baptist Church | New Rochelle Boys & Girls Club | New Rochelle Community Action Program | New Rochelle Day Nursery | New Rochelle Seventh Day Adventist Church | New Rochelle YMCA | Nodine Hill Community Center | North Yonkers Preservation | NRHMA | Open Door | Open Door Family Medical Center | Ossining Community Star of Bethlehem Church | Ossining Food Pantry @ Star of Bethlehem Church | Ossining High School | Ossining Padres Hispanos | Ossining PD | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elmsford | PACE University | Park Early |

Peekskill Hispanic Community Corporation | Peekskill-Cortlandt Seventh-Day Adventist Church | Peekskill Neighborhood Senior Center | Peekskill Parent Resource Center | Pocantico Hills Central School | Port Chester Senior & Community Center | Post Road School | Pressley Memorial Church | Purchase College | Queen's Daughters Day Care Center | Reach Church | Refuge of Hope Church | Renee Burke Manor | Restoring Life Tabernacle | Ridgeway Alliance Church | Ridgeway Alliance Port Chester | Ridgeway Food Pantry at Getty Square | Ridgeway Mount Saint Carmel Food Pantry | Rock of Salvation Church | Sacred Heart Church Food For The Hungry | Saint Bernard's Parish | Saint Casimir Apartments | Saint Joseph's Church | Saint Joseph's Medical Center | Saint Peter's Church | 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 | Saturday Academy | Schlobohm | Segunda Iglesias Pentecostal Church | Sharon SDA Church | Shepherds Flock | Shiloh Baptist Church | Shrub Oak Memorial Park | Sleepy Hollow H.S. | SNAP Outreach | Soundview Apartments | St. Joseph's Medical Center | St. Vincents Table | Star of Bethlehem | Sterling Community Center | Sun River Health | Tarrytown Community Opportunity Center | Tarrytown YMCA | 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 | Vernon Terrace | Volunteers of America | Wartburg Senior Center | Westchester Community College | Westchester Korean Seventh Day Adventist Church | Westchester Medical Center | Westchester Medical Out Patient | Westhab Inc. | Westhab Inc., Dayspring Community Resource Center | Westhab Inc., Windham Residence | White Plains Community Action Program | White Plains Hospital Clinic | YMCA of Yonkers | YMOL Food Pantry | Yonkers ARC of Westchester | Yonkers Children's Place | Yonkers Christian Assembly | Yonkers Community Action Program | Yonkers Hungry People - Castle Royale | Yonkers Neighborhood Health Center | Yonkers Office for the Aging | Yonkers Partners in Education | Yonkers Riverfront Library | Yonkers Seventh Day Adventist Church | Youth Mission of Life Church | Youth Shelter Program | YWCA of White Plains Residence | YWCA of Yonkers | YWCA of Yonkers Women's and Men's Drop Inn Shelter



WE BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW

OUR SUPPORTERS

We could not do what we do without the generous support from individuals, corporate partners, community organizations, foundations, places of worship, local government, volunteers, and our retail, wholesale, and other food donors.

This year, the cumulative support was astounding:

\$33.6 million
raised throughout the year



Ways the community helps us in support of our mission

Donations

Every dollar donated can source three meals, through planned giving, company matching, gifts of stock, monthly giving, and one-time gifts

FeedingWestchester.org/givenow

Corporate Partnerships

Local businesses support the fight against hunger with team-building projects, corporate donations and event sponsorships

FeedingWestchester.org/corporatepartners

Hosting a Fundraiser

Our community fundraisers are community leaders, who raise awareness and call on their social networks to support the fight against hunger

FeedingWestchester.org/fundraisers

Volunteer

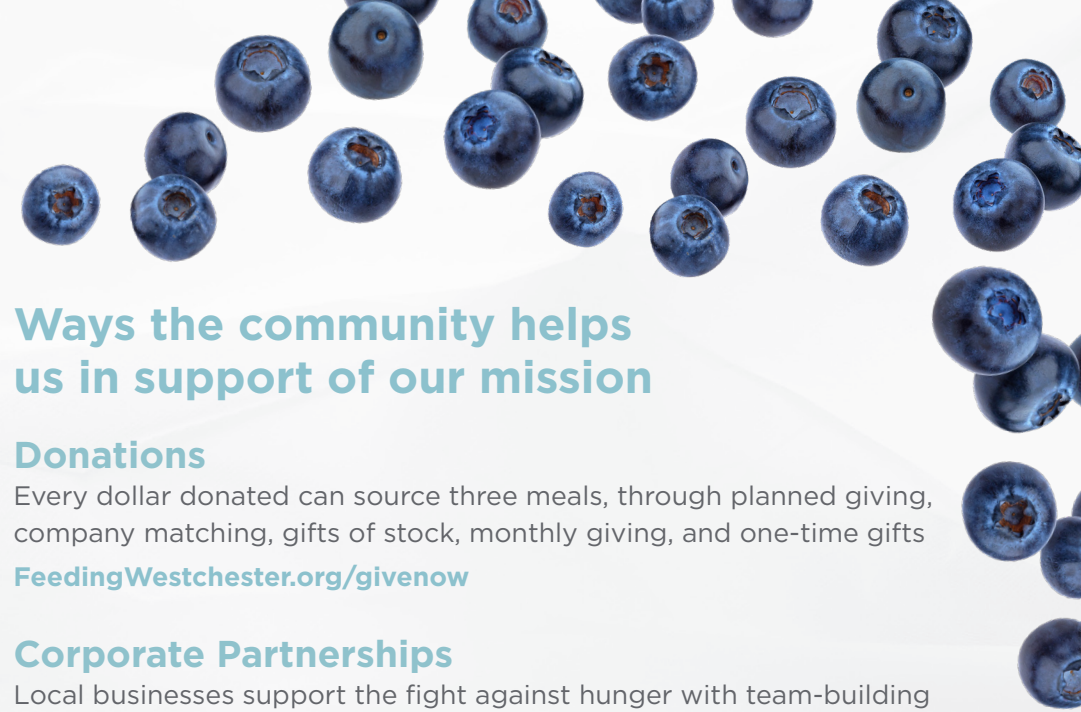
The passionate support of our volunteers helps us sort and pack millions of pounds of food and maintain the rigorous food-safety standards to provide high-quality meals to those that need them

FeedingWestchester.org/volunteer

Help from Home Program

Help from Home meal bags, filled with seasonal foods, are easy to put together remotely at home, with your co-workers, or your local community group

FeedingWestchester.org/helpfromhome



HUNGER RELIEF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

Empowering Change Through Insight and Action

The Hunger Relief Systems Analysis (HRSA), a groundbreaking initiative completed by Feeding Westchester and the Boston Consulting Group, is a first-of-its-kind analysis in our county, that has provided valuable insight into the scope of hunger and its underlying causes

Understanding the Landscape

Utilizing advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology, we created a comprehensive map highlighting the critical areas where hunger relief services are most needed. Neighborhoods in four communities—Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, and Yonkers—were identified as having the most structural challenges.

Listening to Lived Experiences

By understanding the unique challenges of our neighbors via one-to-one interviews and surveys, we gained invaluable perspectives that informed our strategies. Their voices reinforced the need for cultural sensitivity and coordination among hunger-relief partners.



Food pantries and volunteers are a blessing. It's a blessing to know there are people out there looking out for me.

Strategic Initiatives for Change

Building on these insights, Feeding Westchester identified four priority initiatives to enhance equitable access to food services:

1 Regular Listening Sessions

Engage with individuals and families seeking food assistance to understand their lived experience and barriers to access

2 Improving Pantry Experiences

Assist feeding partners in high-need areas to better provide dignified and respectful experiences

3 Capacity Enhancement

Collaborate with partners to expand and improve distribution sites, ensuring they meet the growing demand

4 Agency Enablement

Facilitate the pickup, storage, and distribution of fresh, nutritious products direct from local retail partners to food pantries

Our Collective Impact

Your support enables us to identify challenges and take tangible steps towards meaningful change. In amplifying the voices of those with lived experiences, we recognize the power of community-driven solutions. Feeding Westchester will continue to champion these initiatives, and foster a more compassionate and nourished community for all.



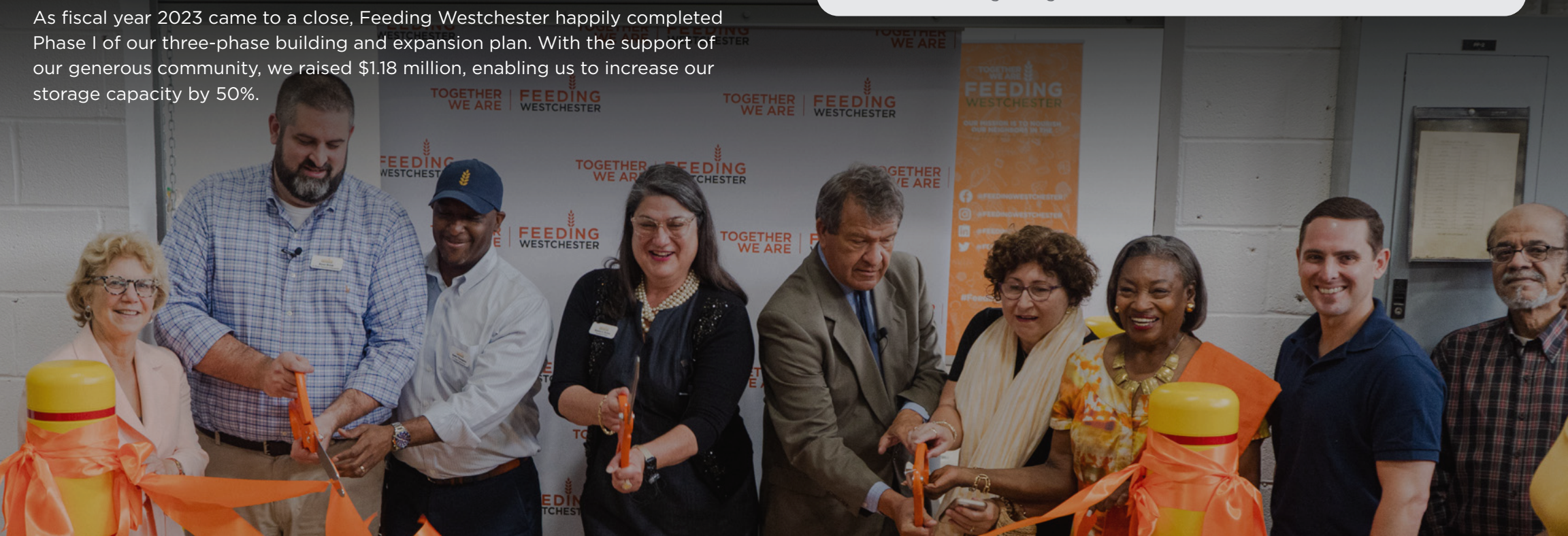
DISTRIBUTION CENTER EXPANSION

As fiscal year 2023 came to a close, Feeding Westchester happily completed Phase I of our three-phase building and expansion plan. With the support of our generous community, we raised \$1.18 million, enabling us to increase our storage capacity by 50%.

PHASE II

Office Space Expansion (happening in 2024)

Our office expansion is well underway as this report is issued. **6,500 square feet of additional office space** directly adjacent to our Elmsford facility will accommodate our growing team and enhance collaboration



PHASE I

Distribution Center Expansion (Completed, Summer 2023)

Added 12,000 square feet for storage, staging, and receiving

Allowed implementation of **best practices** by designating 30% of space for staging and receiving

Installed **new infrastructure**, including concrete slabs, fire suppression systems, dock doors, and shelves

Inventory increased capacity by 50%, accommodating an additional 2.8 million meals

Enhanced staging and receiving areas, allow our drivers to increase efficiency while sorting, tagging, and shipping

PHASE III

Cooler Space Expansion (Timeline to be Determined)

Over 40% of the food we distribute is fresh produce. We plan to double the size of our cooler room—adding 2,500 square feet—and incorporate advanced cooling systems. This expansion reflects increased demand and is vital for our commitment to provide nutritious, fresh food to those we serve

These initiatives represent our dedication to meeting immediate needs and a vision for a sustainable, hunger-free future

Together, we are building to be stronger and more resilient to ensure hunger is a thing of the past

AN EVENING IN GOOD TASTE

In April, Westchester’s top chefs reunited for the highly anticipated “**An Evening in Good Taste**” after a three-year hiatus. In collaboration with The Westchester and Kate Schlientz of IntoxiKate, the event was a celebration of exquisite cuisine and fine beverages, bringing together Feeding Westchester supporters for an unforgettable night of networking and epicurean indulgence. Beyond the culinary delights, the event’s purpose was clear: raise funds for the local community, ensuring healthy, nutritious food for those facing hunger.

The impact was profound, with the event surpassing expectations and **raising over \$300,000** through ticket sales, donations, and a silent auction. This remarkable achievement reflected the community’s dedication to Feeding Westchester’s mission. The funds, staying within the community, directly contributed to providing essential support to Westchester’s neighbors in need.



OUR FINANCES

IN 2023, WE RAISED

\$12 MILLION

IN PUBLIC SUPPORT

\$7.6 MILLION

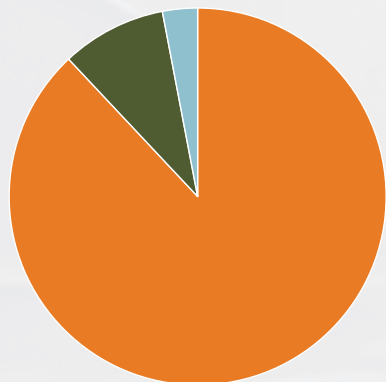
IN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

\$14 MILLION

IN OTHER REVENUE

\$33.6 MILLION TOTAL

Operational Spending Summary



88% PROGRAM SERVICES
\$30,386,181

9% FUNDRAISING
\$3,319,884

3% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
\$1,121,880

NET ASSETS

BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR:

\$19.3 MILLION

END OF FISCAL YEAR:

\$18.8 MILLION

OUR LEADERSHIP

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We are grateful to all our partners who help us fight hunger in Westchester.

Your generosity makes a difference for families, children, and seniors across Westchester County. Thank you to the commitment from our lead partners!



To view a complete list of our corporate partners, please visit FeedingWestchester.org/corporatepartners.



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WESTCHESTER**

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.

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