



ANNUAL REPORT



GREETINGS FROM THE URBANDALE FOOD PANTRY!

I remember writing last year's report and thinking "Wow, what a year 2019 had been". Well, I think we can all agree that 2020 is far from what any of us thought it would be when we rang in the new year. As for many, 2020 brought a very unique set of challenges from the global pandemic that exacerbated the needs of so many while subsequently increasing the number of limited-income families, a derecho that damaged many of the homes in our community, unemployment at an all-time high, and many families trying to juggle the tough decisions of school, work, and family.

However, as I reflect on all the happenings of 2020 I keep coming back to two words - Grace and Gratitude. Grace in everyone's ability to give grace as the Urbandale Food Pantry adapted, modified, and transformed how we provided access to food and grace in understanding that collectively we could do a lot of good. Gratitude in the awe-inspiring generosity and support from our community. Gratitude in the countless hours and shifts that our staff and volunteers held while acclimating to many changes. Finally, gratitude for all of the individuals, partners, vendors and so many more working to make sure food was available to anyone who needed it.

While we still do not know what 2021 holds for us, I know that we can all take whatever challenges it may bring together, as a community. Thank you.

-Patty Sneddon-Kisting | Executive Director

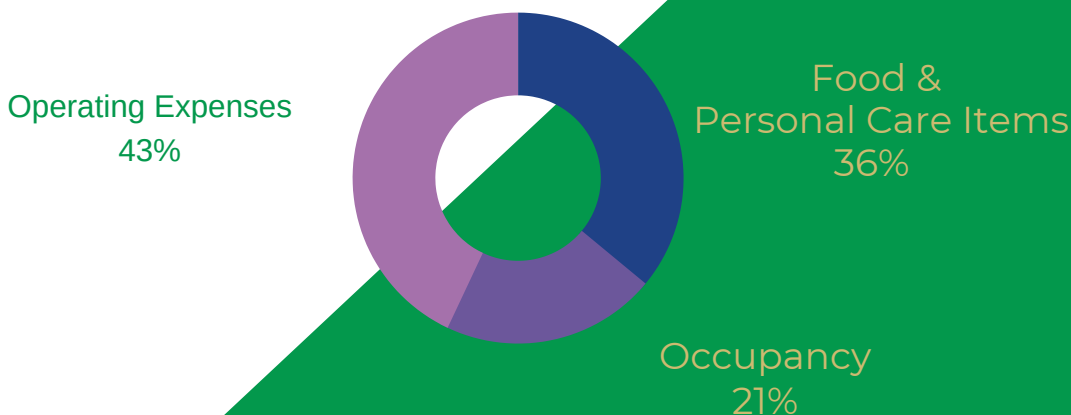
27,535

Number of Pantry Visits

8,295

Volunteer Hours

Expenses By Category



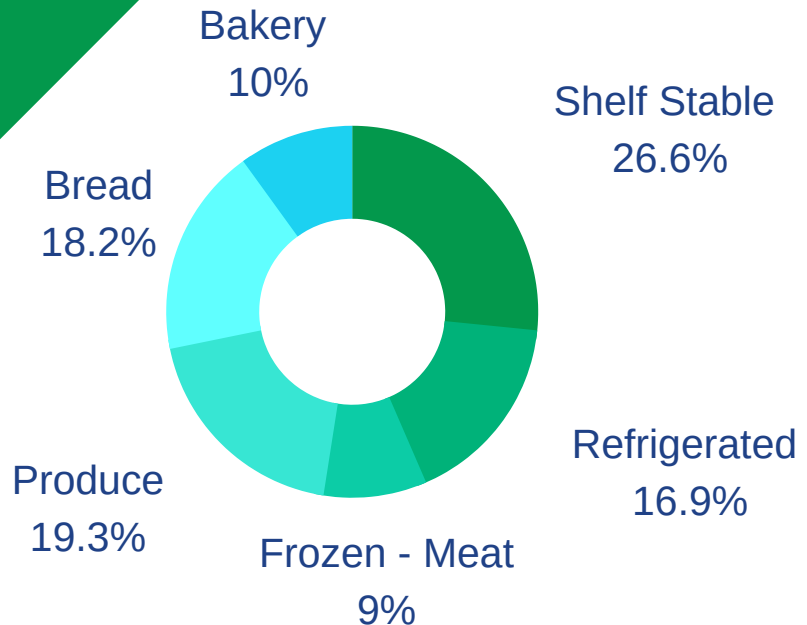
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FOOD RESCUE

292,178

Pounds of food rescued

Rescued food by type



A HUGE THANKS TO OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY

With the onset of the pandemic and the growing concern for exposure and spread there were many changes that had to be made at the Urbandale Food Pantry. From building our intake booth so our families could be served with dignity and compassion, the expansion into suite 36 and the increased efforts of our food recovery program, to the countless number of shifts our dedicated volunteers, family members, Board of Directors and so many more stepped up and filled. It is truly humbling when I see the level of support that our community has for the Urbandale Food Pantry and I know that this amazing work we do could not be achieved without the dedication of everyone involved.



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