



**URBANDALE  
FOOD PANTRY**

# ANNUAL REPORT



## GREETINGS FROM THE URBANDALE FOOD PANTRY!

1.4 million pounds of food.

1,440,504.00 pounds to be exact! That is the total amount, in pounds, of food distributed by the Urbandale Food Pantry in 2023. To say that I am shocked is an understatement, and also, I'm not surprised.

Reflecting on the challenges and triumphs of 2023 at the Urbandale Food Pantry, it's clear that our mission to serve those in need has never been more critical. This past year shattered records in the number of individuals seeking assistance, the number of families we served, and the volume of food rescued and distributed. November alone marked a historic milestone, with over 2,100 families needing our services – a stark reminder that many in our community face a daily struggle of putting food on their tables.

The ongoing economic impact led to a surge in demand for our services. Throughout the year the Urbandale Food Pantry had 46,352 visitors. We continually welcomed new families almost daily, serving an average of 103 new households every month and 2,686 new individuals for the year.

2023 was also a year of successes. We made renovations to the current space to improve its efficiencies, were featured in several news outlets, including The Washington Post, had a successful Pedal for the Pantry, and were named Small Business of the Year by the City of Urbandale Chamber of Commerce.

Amidst all the challenges that 2023 brought us, the Urbandale Food Pantry was able to respond with resilience, compassion and dignity. That is, in part, thanks to our amazing staff and our steadfast volunteers. In 2023, our volunteers logged a total of 14,344 hours of work. Equally important, I think about and am continually humbled by the support of the community.

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the resilience and compassion that define our community. Despite the challenges we have faced, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to serving those in need, and we are inspired by the impact we have made together. As we look to the future, we reaffirm our dedication to our mission and our belief in the power of community to create positive change.

**-Patty Sneddon-Kisting | Executive Director**

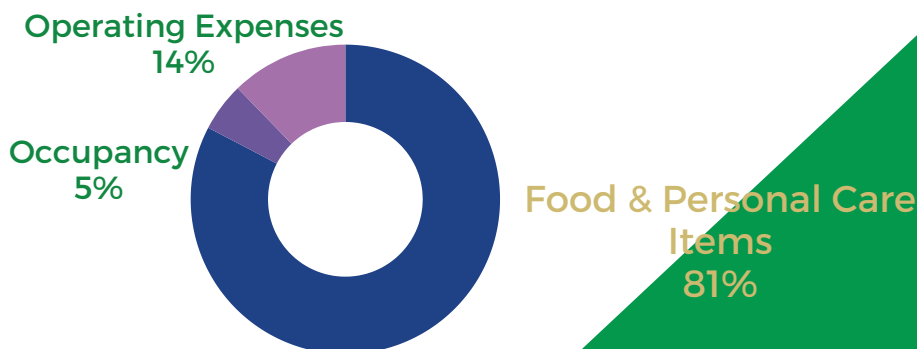
# 46,352

Number of Pantry Visitors

# 14,344

Volunteer Hours

## Expenses By Category



# 2023

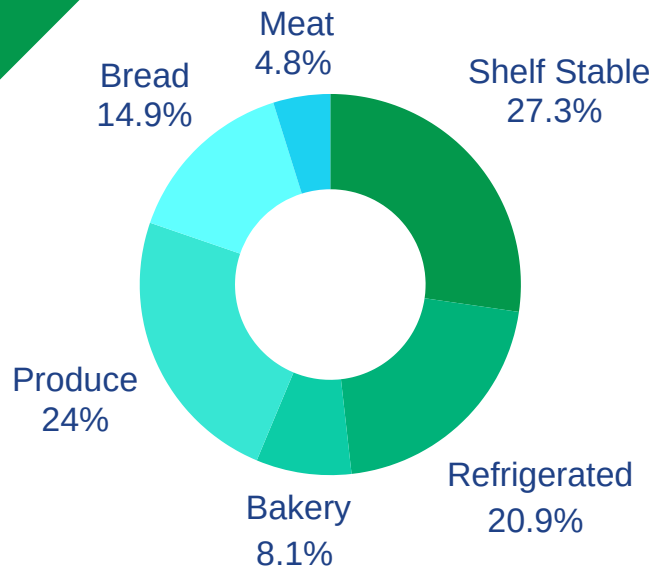
# FOOD RESCUE

# 515,409

## Pounds of food rescued

The Urbandale Food Pantry partners with a variety of local grocers, convenience stores and restaurants in receiving their food surplus or "short shelf life" items and makes them available to our families on a daily basis.

## Rescued food by type



## URBANDALE FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS

Serving an average of 2,833 individuals each month

# 2,833



# 103 NEW

Reaching an average of 103 new families every month

Seeing one-third of those served are under age 18

# 1 in 3



# 640+

Averaging over 500 seniors using the pantry a month





Dear friends of the Urbandale Food Pantry,

As I write this, we are deep into meetings and conversations about a new facility to support the amazing work that's done at the pantry.

Along with a potential new location (but close to the current pantry!), there are a few other incredible pieces of news: the people.

- New members to the board of directors: Misti and Christy to go along with Derek, Judy, Greg, Mark, Bill, Chris, Rick, Sarah, Caleb, Joan and Danielle.
- Soon-to-be-hired staff for driving the pantry delivery truck and a financial assistant to support the incredible team of Patty, Linzi, Carrie, Jen and Kay.
- New volunteers.
- More families than ever.

There are more people than I can possibly list here who help make the pantry run in this record-breaking time of food insecurity and need.

My goal is to base all decisions on the pantry's mission to reach out to our friends and neighbors in need with dignity and compassion. It is a privilege to see that mission in action.

Thank you all for meeting the challenges now and ahead.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Behnke  
Board president

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