



ANNUAL REPORT



GREETINGS FROM THE URBANDALE FOOD PANTRY!

1,884,618 pounds of food.

That's what left the Urbandale Food Pantry's doors in 2024, a staggering total that reflects the deep and growing need in our community. Of that, over 670,000 pounds were rescued from our grocery partners before it could go to waste. These numbers tell a story of urgency, as well as, action, compassion, and community strength.

2024 was a year of extraordinary growth and transformation. Month after month, we broke records for number of individuals and families served because the need kept rising. In November, we served more than 2,500 families - 5,950 individuals in a single month. The most ever.

We met this growing need not just with food, but with action. We bought a building. We launched the Nourishing Our Community Capital Campaign. And we began construction on the future home of the Urbandale Food Pantry — a space that will not only feed more people, but provide wraparound services, welcome community partners, and change the way we serve. (The new location opened April 1, 2025)

All of this was made possible by the heart of our mission: people. Over 250 active volunteers gave more than 16,000 hours of service in 2024. Staff leaned in. Our community showed up. Supporters gave, rallied, biked in our annual Pedal for the Pantry, and believed in something bigger than any one of us: the belief that no one in our community should go hungry.

As we reflect on this year of incredible momentum, we are filled with gratitude. We are humbled by your trust and energized by what's ahead. We've proven that when we come together, we can do more than feed people. We can build something with lasting impact.

Here's to you. And here's to the future we're building together.

Gratefully,

-Patty Sneddon-Kisting | CEO

57,678

Number of Pantry Visitors

16,401

Volunteer Hours

Expenses By Category



2024

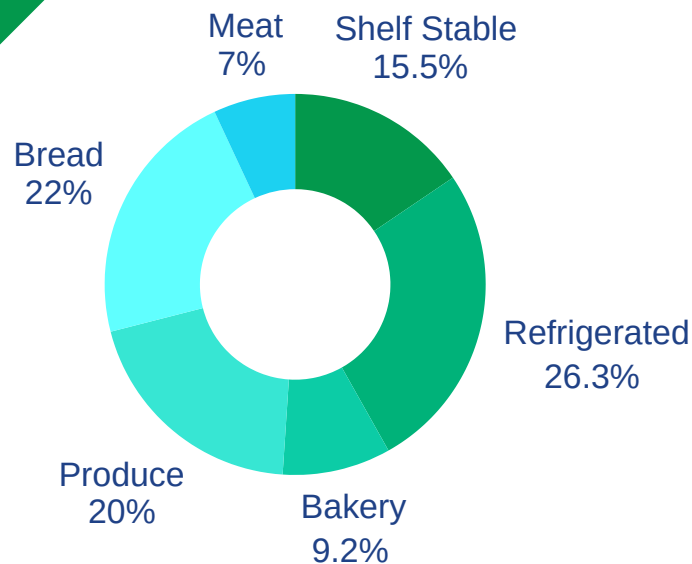
FOOD RESCUE

670,674

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 making them available to our families on a daily basis.

Rescued food by type



URBANDALE FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS

Serving an average of 4,806 individuals each month

4,806

103
NEW

Reaching an average of 103 new families every month

Seeing one-third of those served are under age 18

1 in 3

736+

Averaging over 500 seniors using the pantry a month



A Message from the New Board President

It is an incredible honor to introduce myself as the new President of the Urbandale Food Pantry's Board of Directors. My name is Derek Zarn, and I am humbled to step into this role at such a pivotal moment for our Pantry.

Five years ago, shortly after I joined the board, we held a strategic retreat that laid the foundation for the vision we're now bringing to life. At that time, we identified the need for a new facility to better serve our neighbors and create a more welcoming, dignified space for those who turn to us in times of need. Today, we are seeing that vision come to life.

None of this would be possible without the steadfast leadership of our Executive Director, Patty Sneddon-Kisting, and our outgoing board president, Suzanne Behnke. Thankfully, Suzanne isn't going far! Suzanne will continue to make a tremendous impact as she helps complete fundraising efforts for the new facility.

Building our new facility has been one of the most significant and, at times, most daunting steps we've ever taken as a community. Fear often accompanies big changes, but so too does hope. It is easy to let fear of the unknown hold us back, but hope has a way of carrying us forward. And this new facility will stand as a hopeful, welcoming, and safe space for those who come to us in their hardest moments.

To those who have already contributed to making this dream a reality: thank you. Your generosity has changed—and will change—lives. Thank you for being part of this journey with us. We couldn't do this work without you.

With gratitude,

Derek Zarn
Board President, Urbandale Food Pantry

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