



# 2022 Report to Our Community

## 2021 in Review

As summer drew near, Helena Food Share returned to near-normal operations. The Pantry reopened for **Grocery Share** shopping in June. The number of people allowed inside continues to be limited to meet social distancing guidelines. Staples are pre-



Farm Stand

boxed so customers can shop more quickly and then select their own dairy, meat, produce, and baked goods.

Summer also saw the return of the **Farm Stand** and garden produce. From July through September, bumper crops from

around the valley were shared, filling the Farm Stand and the Pantry with fresh, nutritious food.

Customers utilizing the **Senior Commodities** program decreased slightly throughout the year as seniors limited their activities due to the pandemic. We have seen customers return this fall and continue to promote the program to eligible audiences.



Senior Commodities distribution



Mobile Pantry at Fort Harrison

**Mobile Pantry** services grew as the year progressed. A new program at Fort Harrison for veterans as part of Montana Joining Community Forces started in May. The Mobile Pantry also serves low-income Helena residents with mobility restrictions

at six other locations throughout the community once a month.

The **Kid Pack** program continued to see a slight decrease last spring as schools adjusted to the pandemic. As regular school schedules resumed, the fall numbers have returned to about 1,000 packs each week.



Kid Packs

Since the start of the year, the number of **Emergency Food Packs** provided to our community partners has doubled. Offered to individuals who have not eaten in some time and urgently need high-calorie, nutritional food, these packs help them with their immediate need.

## Our Mission

Serving our neighbors in need by providing food in a respectful and dignified way and by working with others to eliminate hunger in the greater Helena area.

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*Emergency Food Packs*

## 2021 By the Numbers

### **Food Assistance** *(number of services provided)*

Grocery Share services – <b>16,809</b>
Kid Packs – <b>33,453</b>
Emergency Food Packs – <b>3,259</b>
Senior Commodity boxes – <b>1,460</b>
Holiday Meal Share – <b>1,909</b>
Total Assistance <i>(all food programs)</i> – <b>56,890</b>

### **People Served**

Unique individuals – <b>6,376</b>
Unique households – <b>3,229</b>
Seniors served by Farmers Market program – <b>290</b>

### **Amount of Food** *(in lbs.)*

Food rescued/donated by grocery stores – <b>874,431</b>
Fresh produce donated by local gardeners – <b>31,659</b>
Other donated food* – <b>115,371</b>
Food purchased by Helena Food Share – <b>326,988</b>
Food provided by federal food programs – <b>192,571</b>
Food distributed through all services – <b>1,854,529</b>

*\*food drives & individual donations*

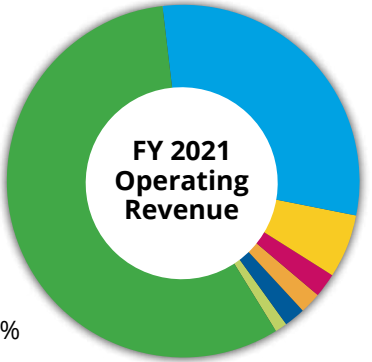
### **Volunteer Support**

Unique volunteers – <b>585</b>
Volunteer hours – <b>13,030</b>

## 2021 Financials

### **Operating Revenue**

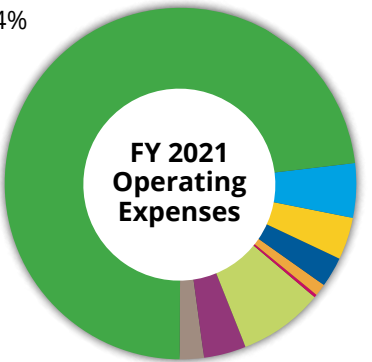
- **\$3,284,836**  
Food Donations – 57%
- **\$1,708,908**  
Individual Contributions – 30%
- **\$365,998**  
Business Contributions – 6%
- **\$135,889**  
Foundations & Grants – 2%
- **\$130,718**  
Federal & State Grants – 2%
- **\$113,966**  
Community Group Donations – 2%
- **\$32,134**  
Other Income – 1%



**\$5,772,449 Total Revenue**

### **Operating Expenses**

- **\$3,569,849**  
Grocery Share Food Program – 74%
- **\$226,443**  
Kid Pack Program – 5%
- **\$214,916**  
Senior Food Programs – 4%
- **\$136,277**  
Holiday Share Program – 3%
- **\$44,954**  
Other Food Assistance – 1%
- **\$8,778**  
Emergency Food Packs Program – 0.2%
- **\$372,613**  
Communications & Fundraising – 8%
- **\$184,930**  
Administrative Operations – 4%
- **\$94,806**  
Program Capital Equipment – 2%



**\$4,853,566 Total Expenses**

“*Dear Food Share Team,*

*With the help of your efforts, Montana Joining Community Forces was able to feed 81 Helena Area Veterans/Veteran families this year. Yesterday, we distributed our Thanksgiving meals. I wish that I could share pictures of some of the Veteran's faces while they looked through their meal boxes... However, I can share the appreciation that nearly every Veteran/Veteran Family expressed. My heart was full, even overflowing yesterday and I know that yours would have been as well. Without community partners like you, we never would have been able to pull this off. Thank you for supporting our Veterans.”*

— Amanda & Montana Joining Community Forces