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Kid Packs
For Kids at Risk
of Hunger

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Lbs. of Food
Shared Through
All Services

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By 742
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Helena Food Share donors, volunteers, and staff are essential to ensuring no one in Helena goes hungry. 2022 Highlights: SoFi employees building Kid Packs; Driver Joe Wodnik bringing rescued food into the Pantry; Central School students donating food collected for Turkey Challenge.

2022 By the Numbers

Food Assistance (number of services provided)

- 29,724** Grocery Share services
- 42,047** Kid Packs
- 4,934** Emergency Food Packs
- 1,481** Senior Commodity boxes
- 2,224** Holiday Meal Share
- 80,410** Total Assistance (all food programs)

People Served

- 8,308** Unique individuals
- 3,937** Unique households
- 270** Seniors served by Farmers Market program

Amount of Food (in lbs.)

- 893,565** Food rescued/donated by grocery stores
- 42,132** Fresh produce donated by local gardeners
- 180,056** Other donated food*
- 417,063** Food purchased by Helena Food Share
- 280,877** Food provided by federal food programs
- 1,836,373** Food distributed through all services

*food drives & individual donations

Volunteer Support

- 742** Unique volunteers
- 14,898** Volunteer hours

2023 Report to Our Community

The challenges that any year brings always seem to affect those in need the most. 2022 was no exception. After returning to a near-normal post-pandemic routine, rising food, gas, and housing costs brought more of our neighbors to Helena Food Share for assistance.

This Fall, we provided an average of **1,200 Kid Packs each week**—a 10% increase—to Helena-area school kids at risk of hunger.

Weekly **Grocery Share** visits have risen by 75% this fall since earlier this spring, with a current weekly average of **110 shoppers per day**.

Most alarming is the need for Emergency Food Packs. These special packs of high-calorie food provide immediate nutrition to those who have gone without food over time and need quick calories. Emergency Food Packs are delivered monthly to

emergency and social service organizations that distribute packs when required, and the numbers have more than doubled to over **400 per month**.

To address our ability to meet the growing need, we continued our work on plans for a new facility. We are excited to share more with you in the coming months.

The very good news from 2022 is that our community stepped up whenever a need existed and helped to meet the challenge. Food drives have returned, and **222,188 pounds of food** were donated this year. This includes 24,000 pounds donated at Symphony Under the Stars in July – 2,000 more than the 22,000 in 2022 goal. Our community came together to meet this year's Turkey Challenge so folks in need could have a holiday meal. You continue to offer support whenever we reach out. Thank you!

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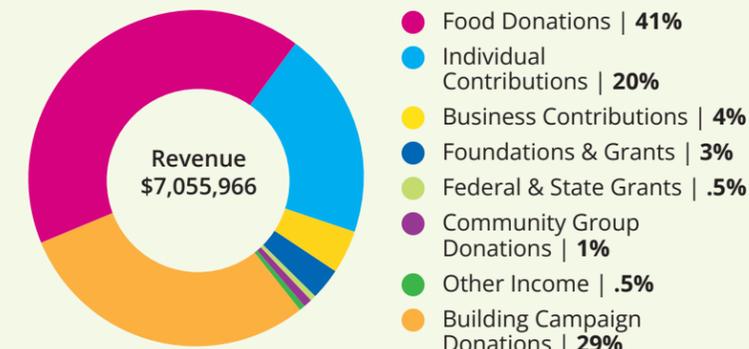
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Our Mission

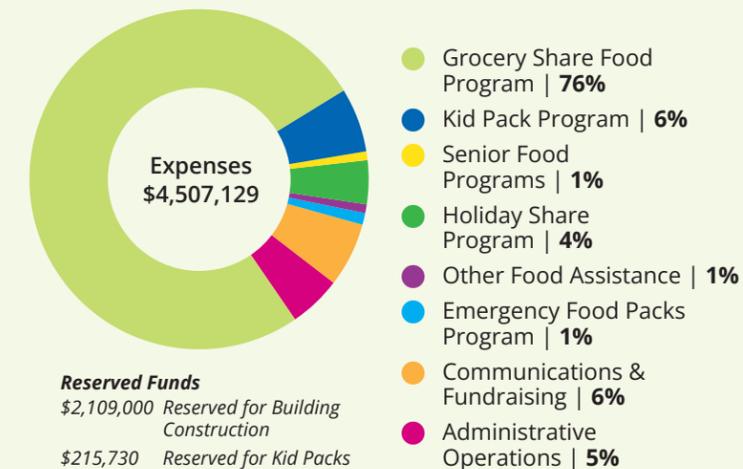
Serving our neighbors in need by providing food in a respectful and dignified way and by working with others to eliminate hunger in the greater Helena area.

FY 2022 Financials

Revenue by Source



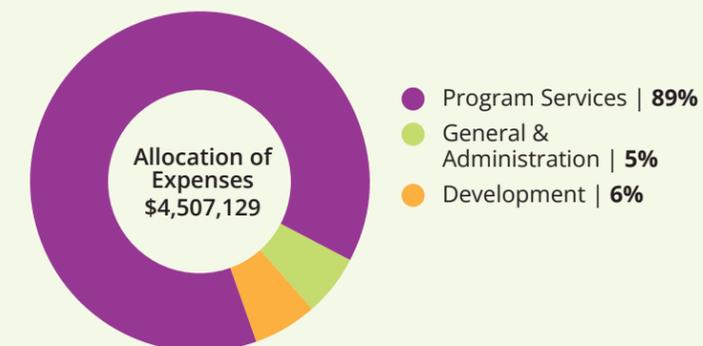
Expenses by Program



Reserved Funds

\$2,109,000 Reserved for Building Construction
\$215,730 Reserved for Kid Packs

Allocation of Expenses



"If it weren't for Helena Food Share, the only meal I would eat is from Meals-on-Wheels, once a day."