

45
MILES



A LINE FOR MILES

45 miles: That's how far the line would stretch if the clients we serve in one month stood shoulder-to-shoulder along the highway.

It's one of the longest lines served by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

Those waiting for food often come from work: Hardworking parents of young children. Retired seniors now struggling to survive on a fixed income. In the last eight years, the number of people lining up to receive food assistance in central and western Virginia has grown exponentially—from 69,000 people each month prior to the recession, to 114,000 people a month today. As good-paying jobs disappeared, only to be replaced largely by low-paying or part-time jobs, families realized that their paycheck alone wasn't enough to put three square meals a day on the table.

But here's the good news: We're feeding every person in line thanks to you—your partnership, your gifts, your time, your voice. Your support means that no one walks away empty-handed. Thank you. **Together, we are solving hunger for thousands waiting in line.**

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2007-08

START OF RECESSION

69,000

people served
each month

2009-10

END OF RECESSION

92,000

people served
each month

2013-14

IN RECOVERY?

114,000

people served
each month





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WAITING IN LINE

The last time Ricky Grimes received a raise it was 2004.

Since then, the cost of gas has increased by an average of \$1.80 a gallon, and food costs are now 38% higher.

Ricky is 34 years old; a garbage collector at a small, private waste management company in rural Rockingham County. It's discouraging for him to know that he won't receive a pay increase for the hard and physical labor he puts in, but he's sticking with the job, primarily for one reason: early work hours so that he can get home to care for his wife, Christal, and their children, Tristan (13) and Angelina (9).

Last October Christal had to stop working when she began to experience the severe and debilitating symptoms of multiple sclerosis. An attack lasted five months during which she spent 80% of her time in bed. When she did get up, Christal relied on a walker for mobility.

"It was really hard on my family," she said. "When I had my MS attack, I lost all of my side jobs (housekeeping) and we had to sell one of our extra vehicles. Now every dollar goes somewhere.

There's not a week when we have an extra \$30 to live on."

They keep the lights off until they're absolutely necessary, set the thermostat as low as they can tolerate during the winter and budget carefully for every expense, especially food.

Christal is waiting to hear if she qualifies for disability payments, but in the meantime, the family has been receiving \$230 a month in SNAP benefits (food stamps) and visiting one of our partners, Community Ministry Food Pantry in Bergton.

"The food pantry helps out greatly," Christal said. "I get things that I don't buy with food stamps, because I buy mostly meat with those. I get canned meats and vegetables, breads, snacks, and sometimes fresh produce."

Both Ricky and Christal wish they didn't have a list of worries about their day-to-day survival, but one worry they're thankful to check off of the list is food.

"When I leave the food pantry, I'm not ashamed—I'm grateful," Christal said. "I know my husband is doing everything he can do, and if I was able to work outside of the home, I would."

TOUGH CHOICES

50%

of our clients choose between buying food and putting gas in their cars

3 in 10

make choices between eating and paying for medical care or buying medicine

Another half

must choose between paying for food and paying for utilities



Nourishing hardworking neighbors.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the last year, you've enabled us to help thousands of people who work diligently each day just to scrape by. You kept young children fed over weekends and school holidays, provided more fresh fruits and vegetables than ever before, funded programming to educate moms and dads about healthier food choices and preparation, and enabled us to make home deliveries of nourishing food for seniors and people with disabilities. Undoubtedly, we couldn't have nourished them without you!

Here's a closer look at what you helped us to accomplish:

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: JULY 2013 - JUNE 2014

114,000



People served
each month

20.2 million



Meals provided

24.2 million



Pounds of
food distributed

5.1 million



Pounds of fresh
produce distributed



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Through several outreach programs, we transport food to particularly vulnerable groups. The majority of our outreach programs focus on families with children, and seniors.

- The **Family BackPack Program** meets the needs of hungry children and their families by providing snacks and the foundation of family meals for weekends and extended breaks, when children cannot access school-based programs.
- **Kids Cafe™** and **Kids CanTeen** provide a nutritious meal or snack, respectively, to children enrolled in afterschool programs.
- **Operation Angel Food** provides a nutritious take-home snack to at-risk preschoolers enrolled in school-sponsored, early childhood education programs.
- The **Summer Food Service Program** is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture and provides children with nourishing meals and snacks throughout the summer at neighborhood recreation and community centers and churches.
- We drive our **Mobile Food Pantry** truck into remote, rural communities to deliver fresh produce and perishables to people in need. This service often supplements the food offered by small pantries. In some communities, the Mobile Food Pantry is the sole source of charitable food assistance.
- **Reaching Elderly and Challenged Households (REACH)** delivers nutrition to homebound and low-income seniors, as well as those with special needs.
- **Super Pantry/Families, Food & Fun** is a six-week course managed in collaboration with the Virginia Cooperative Extension. VCE agents instruct needy families in food preparation, basic budgeting, food safety and other life skills. At the end, participants take home a box of food from the Food Bank.

AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

6,897



* Children served through after school programs

594



Seniors served through the REACH program

596



Families participating in Super Pantry

3,855



Individuals served through Mobile Food Pantry

**We have discontinued School Pantry at William Perry and Wenonah elementary schools in Waynesboro. After piloting the program during the 2013-14 school year, we've determined that children and families at those schools are better served through our existing Family BackPack program.*

HOPE FOR KIDS

In 2008 Monica Ibie and her daughter, Queen, left their home country of Nigeria for a better life in the United States.

“I can no longer live in the region where I am from: fundamentalism and oil wars have made it unsafe,” Monica said.

She now runs her own child-care service in Greenstone on 5th in Charlottesville, working Monday through Saturday, some days from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. She’s also a minister for the Great Apostolic Outreach Ministry. Even with a full-time job Monica often struggles to make ends meet.

Her granddaughter, Heritage, receives nutritious meals and snacks after school at our Kids Canteen program at Greenstone. “Heritage gets meals through the school lunch program, and the after school meals and snacks at the Kids Canteen help supplement her food until dinner time,” Monica said.

Thanks to your generous support, Heritage also won’t have to worry about missing meals this summer while school is not in session. She’ll have access to nutritious meals through the Summer Food Service Program.

“These programs help supplement our needs,” Monica said. “They help me stretch my income so I can purchase healthier foods like fruits and vegetables for Heritage. *Oya gai!* (Thank you in Ogani – her native language). I really appreciate everything you are doing for us.”



“The after school meals and snacks at the Kids Canteen help supplement Heritage’s food until dinner time.”

– MONICA, HERITAGE'S GRANDMOTHER

OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

Our partner agencies are always at the front of the line and primed to serve. Week in and week out, they place bags and boxes of nourishment in the hands of our neighbors, one by one, until the line disappears. We're thankful to have the partnership of 234 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other nonprofits to take the food we acquire and deliver it directly to people in need.

Lord Fairfax Area

A Small Hand
 Aids Response Effort, Inc.
 Backpack Buddies
 Braddock Street Methodist Church
 Bread of Life Food Pantry
 C Cap Front Royal - Warren County
 C Cap - Winchester
 Catholic Charities
 Centenary United Church of Christ
 Christ Episcopal Church
 Church of Christ at Mt. View
 Columbia Furnace Love Center
 Community Touch
 Compassion Cupboard, Inc.
 Crums United Methodist Church
 Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church
 Women
 Dynamic Life
 Fauquier Community Food Bank
 Fauquier County Food Distribution Coalition
 First Assembly of God
 First Baptist Church
 Fish of Clarke County
 Fishnet Christian Center
 Front Royal Church of Christ
 Front Royal United Methodist Church Women
 Grace Ministries at Crossroads United
 Methodist Church
 Greenway Spirit and Word Fellowship Church
 Hayfield Assembly of God
 Highland Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Life in the Word Church of Jesus
 Lighthouse Baptist Church
 Loudoun County Catholic Charities
 Loudoun Emergency Shelter/Volunteers of
 America
 Loudoun Interfaith Relief
 Messiah's Market
 Mission Christiana Ciudad Desead
 Mt. Olive Baptist Church
 My Church - Keep the Change Food Pantry
 New Beginnings Community Church
 Open Door Food Pantry, Inc.
 Page One of Page County
 Phazz One Ministries, Inc.
 Rappahannock Food Pantry
 Restore Hope House Food Pantry
 Riverton United Methodist Church
 Salvation Army - Front Royal
 Salvation Army - Winchester
 Seven Loaves Services, Inc.

ON THE FRONT LINE

"We've cultivated a warm and welcoming community where everyone feels at home. It's become much bigger than just handing out food," Pastor Brad said. "It's become a community where people are loved."

The church began the food ministry four years ago under the leadership of a member, Jean Dunsmore, since deceased, who had the vision for the pantry and set the program in motion.

"We started off very slowly," Pastor Brad said. "During our first week we saw 12 people; second week, it was six. We all stood around twiddling our thumbs, wondering if we'd made a mistake in starting this ministry. But we believed in it and we stuck with it."

It was just a matter time. As the need grew and word spread that there was a food pantry in this rural Augusta County community, the line of people seeking help grew, too.

"Everyone who visits our pantry has had something happen to them that they weren't expecting; whether its sickness, or divorce, or having a baby before they're expecting to, or taking care of their parents," Donna said. "Everybody has a story."

Members of Bethany's congregation and of Mt. Crawford United Methodist, a sister church, and even food recipients who want to repay the generosity have also created programs to accompany Bethany's food distribution.

"The line of neighbors in need is long, but so is the line of people who want to help," Pastor Brad said. "And that, as much as anything, is the reason for the success of this ministry."



PHOTO BY KEVIN BLACKBURN

The McMullen family

Each Monday evening, 60 to 80 families form a line along the basement wall at Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC) in Weyers Cave. A pleasant buzz permeates the hallway as Donna McMullen and a team of volunteers greet each person, exchanging hugs, laughs, "hellos" and "how are you?" as they prep for their weekly food distribution.

Somewhere along the line you'll find Pastor Brad McMullen, Donna's husband, in conversation with a neighbor—that's how they refer to every client who visits Bethany UMC.

More than Food

Through the pantry, community and church members also provide:

- **Paper goods and school supplies donated by Mt. Crawford UMC members**
- **A clothes closet**
- **Monthly dinner for neighbors**
- **BackPack Pals to feed kids during weekends**
- **A vegetable garden aka "The Soul Garden"**

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Shenandoah AAA
 St. Paul's on the Hill
 Stephens City United Methodist Church
 Sterling Park Baptist Church
 Strasburg Presbyterian Church
 Streetwise Ministries
 Victory Church
 Welltown United Methodist Church
 White Chapel United Methodist Church
 Winchester Church of God
 Winchester Union Rescue Mission

Lynchburg Area

Amazing Grace Ministries PHC
 Amherst Cares
 Bedford Christian Ministry Association
 Bedford Church of God
 Bedford Community Christmas Station
 Burning Bush Church of God
 Candlelight Ministries
 Central VA Area Agency on Aging
 Chapel Grove Baptist Church
 Chestnut Grove Baptist Church
 Court Street Baptist Church
 DAWN
 Fairview Christian Church
 Fairview United Methodist Church
 FARRR Foundation @ Lighthouse Community Center
 Fellowship Church of Christ
 First Baptist Church
 First Baptist Church of Monroe
 The Gateway House
 Grace Community Church
 Helping Hands
 Hunting Creek Food Pantry
 Hyland Heights Baptist Church
 Immanuel Baptist Church
 Jesus Center Way of Cross Church
 Kingdom Power Worship Center
 Love and Truth Community Church
 Lynchburg Community Action
 Lynchburg Daily Bread
 Lynchburg First Church of the Nazarene
 Lynchburg Neighborhood Foundation
 Lynchburg S D A Church
 Miriam's House, Inc.
 Missionary Chestnut Grove Food Bank
 Nelson County Food Pantry
 Network for Women in Crisis
 New Prospect Baptist Church

Oak Hill Baptist Church
 Parkview Community Missions
 Piedmont Community Impact, Inc.
 Presbyterian Homes, Family Services and the Family Alliance
 Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry
 Scott Zion Baptist Church
 Shekijahi Prep Assembly
 Solid Rock Baptist Church
 Symrna SDA Church

Shenandoah Valley Area

Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church
 Bethany United Methodist
 Bethel Seventh Day Adventist
 Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
 Blue Ridge Chapel Church of the Brethren
 Calvary United Methodist Church
 Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee University
 Central United Methodist Church
 Churchville Community Food Pantry
 Community Ministry Food Pantry
 Community Table of Buena Vista
 Cornerstone Church of Augusta
 Craigsville Area Food Pantry
 Crimora United Methodist Church
 Crossroads Baptist Church
 Edom United Methodist Church
 Elkton Area United Services
 Elkton Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Emmanuel Episcopal Food Pantry-Harrisonburg
 Emmanuel Episcopal Food Pantry-Greenwood
 ERMA Food Pantry
 Faith Point Christian Center
 First Baptist Church
 First Presbyterian Church/Staunton
 First Presbyterian Church/Waynesboro
 Fishersville United Methodist Church
 Glen Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Greenville Baptist Church
 Helping Hands Food Pantry @ Mint Spring UMC
 Highland Education Foundation
 Hope Distributed, CDC
 Kingsway Help Center
 Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach
 Lee Robbins Ministries, Inc.
 Linden Heights Baptist Church
 Lyndhurst United Methodist Church
 Main Street United Methodist Church
 Manor Memorial United Methodist Church
 Marquis Memorial United Methodist Church

Massanutten Presbyterian Church
 Memorial Baptist Church
 Mercy House Inc.
 Natural Bridge-Glasgow Food Pantry Inc.
 New Directions
 Open Door Gospel Church
 Patchwork Pantry
 Pilgrim Christian Church
 Potters House Worship Center
 Rejoicing Life Baptist Church
 Restoration Ministries of VA
 Rockbridge Area Relief Association
 SACRA
 Salvation Army
 Shiloh Baptist Church
 Spring Creek Church of the Nazarene
 Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
 Staunton Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Stokesville Community Church
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 V. P. A. S. Inc.
 Valley Aids Network
 Valley Church
 Valley Mission
 Verona Community Food Pantry
 Verona United Methodist Church
 Victory Worship Center
 West Waynesboro Church of Christ
 Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
 Word of Faith Church

Thomas Jefferson Area

Albemarle Housing Improvement
 Antioch Baptist Church
 Arvonian Christian Fellowship
 Beaver Dam Baptist Church
 Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Bethel Church of God in Christ
 Boys & Girls Club of Charlottesville
 Boys & Girls Club-Orange
 Buck Mountain Episcopal Church
 Buckingham Church of the Nazarene
 CALM Summer Feeding
 Calvary Hill Baptist Church
 Calvary of Greene
 Calvary Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Caring Friends Pantry
 Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries
 Church of Our Saviour Episcopal
 Church of the Living God
 Columbia Mobile Food Pantry

Computers 4 Kids
 Coveseville Baptist Church
 Crozet United Methodist Church
 Crystal Cathedral
 Culpeper Senior Nutrition Site
 Dillwyn Mobile Food Pantry
 Emmanuel Episcopal Church
 Empowering Culpeper
 Esmont Senior Center Rural REACH
 Feeding Greene
 First Liberty Baptist Church
 Fluvanna Christian SVC Society
 Fluvanna County Kids Canteen
 Fluvanna Senior Center Rural REACH
 Free Union Church of the Brethren
 Friends Who Care Ministry
 Friendship Court First Baptist Summer Feeding
 Greenstone on 5th Kids Canteen
 Greer Elementary School
 Holy Comforter Catholic Church
 J A B A-Mary Williams Center
 Jack Jouett Boys and Girls Kids Canteen
 Jouett/City Church
 Kings Corner Fellowship, Inc.
 Loaves and Fishes
 Love Outreach Food Pantry
 Lovingson Mobile Food Pantry
 MACAA
 Madison County Kids Canteen
 Madison Emergency Services Association
 Maysville Presbyterian Church
 Mourners Valley Baptist Church
 Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church
 Nelson Center Rural REACH
 New Beginnings Christian Community
 New Faith United Methodist Church
 North Garden Ministries
 Palmyra/Effort Mobile Food Pantry
 Salvation Army
 Scottsville Mobile Food Pantry
 Scottsville UMC-Bread of Life
 Southside Church of God
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 Super Pantry-Charlottesville
 Super Pantry-Culpeper
 Super Pantry-Fluvanna County
 Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church
 Thomas Jefferson Coalition for Homeless
 Union Branch Baptist Church
 Venable Elementary School
 Woodmobile Boys and Girls Kids Canteen
 Yancey Elementary Backpack

OUR VOLUNTEERS

There's no price tag large enough to illustrate the worth of our volunteers. They fuel our organization with their hearts, their energy and their serving hands. And their passion and care for our neighbors allow all of us to do even greater good for those waiting.

FULL CIRCLE

Rebecca Evans comes from a long line of teachers, so it's only natural that she would become one, too. There was a time, though, when becoming an educator seemed out of reach.

At 29, she was a divorced single mom, piecing together her finances as best she could. Rebecca recalled the first time she realized how little she had—a day when she and a friend were trying to squeeze the last drops of ketchup from the bottle for their children's meal.

"I never really realized how poor I was, until that moment," she said.

Gradually, things got better. She went back to school, earned her degrees, established herself as a teacher and remarried. She's been an accounting professor at Blue Ridge Community College for 10 years. Rebecca also cherishes a special avenue through which she teaches life lessons, away from the accounting textbook.

As the leader of the college service organization ENACTUS, she has been providing hundreds of students with service opportunities, particularly for hunger-relief organizations like the Food Bank.

Most significantly, the Virginia Hunger Symposium—an annual, four-day hunger education event at the college founded by BRCC President Dr. John Downey—has given ENACTUS students the conduit through which to volunteer over the last seven years to help their hungry neighbors.

"At the end of the day, if I can influence just a couple of students, and then if they can influence a couple of other people to meet the needs of those who are food insecure, little by little, we'll see a change," Rebecca said.

Her personal motivation to serve is credited to influential people and experiences, which taught her to lead



Rebecca Evans

through service. She also never forgot what it was like to struggle.

"It's not a very comfortable place to be," she said. "I never went to a food bank, but I received assistance for a while, so I can put myself in their place. ***I think, when life goes full circle, you should give back.***"

250 hours and up

Joanne Babic
BRCC Post High Grad Class
William Crabtree
Larry Folmar
Kevin Hammonds
Debbie Ioia
Nancy Mohme
Newtown Presbyterian Church Volunteers
Staunton City School Volunteers
Garland Wooldridge

100 - 249 hours

Stanley Abbot
Altria Group Distribution Co. Volunteers
Ameriprise Volunteers
BRCC Health Class
Robert and Joan Canevari
James Canody
Charles A. DeLa
Dick W. Dugan
Harlan H. and Jo Annis H. Eller
James W. and Sandra W. Givens
John W. Hawse
Hershey Volunteers
Lester Howell
Rick Kinkead
Stephen A. Lockridge
Mary Baldwin May Term Class
Thomas F. Morris
Harry Newman
Thelma K. Pultz
Virginia M. Sandlin
Jimmie L. Shipp
Stamp Out Hunger Campaign 2013
Ed Stone
Target Distribution Volunteers
Unitarian Universalist Church Volunteers
UVA Volunteers
Wanda S. Walter

Scott Wilson
Sharon Wilson
Janet Yance
Jay Young

50 - 99 hours

Paul P. Brown
Carmen D. Browne
Jennifer Carter
CFA Institute
Effort Baptist Church
Garris and Company
Yvonne Gilbert
Mike Griffith
Hancock, Engel & Associates
Mark Johnson
Walter (Skeeter) Knee
Madison House
Steve Grande - Mary Baldwin Spencer Citizens
Matthew Oakerson
Carolyn R. Pflug
Lloyd L. Pollitt
Luis Ramirez
Robert E. Lee Key Club Volunteers
Randy Robinson
Joseph Schad
Walter M. Shaver, Jr.
Lucy Spencer
United Day of Caring
Vision of Hope United Methodist Church
David D. Wade

up to 50 hours

Abundant Life Volunteers
Andrey Adams
Alpha Phi Omega Volunteers
Sarah Alshawi
Andrew Dwain Austin
Jacob Bennett
Maurice Booker
Renee Booth
Tracey Bradshaw
Jenna Bragg
Angela Bragg
Bridget Burner
Adrian Cabell
Camp Up with People
William Canody
Nick Caputi
June Caputi
Charlottesville Weekly Volunteers
Child Protection Services Group Volunteers
Church of God Volunteers
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS - Charlottesville
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS - Waynesboro

Aaron Clontz
Marty Cohen
College Solved, Volunteers
Colonial Auto Center Volunteers
Community Bible Study Servants' Volunteers
Community Relations Group
Cornerstone Christian School
Kelly Craun-Carey
Ronnie Dalton
Cindy Davis
Billie Day
Neil Decker
Dollar General Volunteers
Jane M. Dove
Eastern Mennonite School Volunteers
Ann Eichelberger
Erie Insurance Claims Office Volunteers
Christy Fielden
First Presbyterian Church Volunteers
Jacob Fisher
Fluvanna Extended Education Program
Robert L. Forrest
Colleen Forsman
Fort Hill United Methodist Church
Nickie Gauthier-Martin
William H. George
Ethan Goodman
Goodwill WIA Youth Volunteers
Grace Christian High School Volunteers
Kenneth M. Gray
William Gressick
Denis H. Grushon
Mogan Hall
Paul Hecmanczuk
Hollister Volunteers
Honor Air Society
Daniel H. Horst
Neva Horst
Elizabeth Hull
Shaun Irvine
Beverly Jacobs
JMU Financial Aid Office Volunteers
Erin Johnson
Bria Johnson
Jasmyn Jones
Lia Karaoa
Niki Karaoli
Mitchell Klasky
Matthew R. Lail
Evan Lendermon
Erika Raskin Littlewood
Lynchburg Postal Volunteers
Madison Heights Baptist Youth
Priya Maitadevan
Jamicho Martinez
Mary Baldwin College Alt. Spring Break

Mary Baldwin College Volunteers
Janice Mauraschadt
Kathy McClain
Barbara McFarlin
Memorial Baptist Church Volunteers
Stephanie Montenegro
Montezuma COB Jr High Youth
Charlotte Morford
Kirk Morton
Delores Moyer
Eric Musliner
Nationwide Volunteers
Mark Newton
Nicole Nicklas
Sarah Nicklas
Wren D. Olivier
PEACH Home Schooling Group
Kelly Perry
Ryan Pitts
Dorothea A. Preis
Rebecca Raines
Barbara Rexrode
Rocktown Rollers Volunteers
Jean T. Roland
Phoebe Roller
Christopher Russell
Sangerville COB Youth
Roberta Scrivener
Stacey Scrivener
Janell Shank
Josh Springer
Chris Springer
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Volunteers
State Farm Credit Union Volunteers
Linda S. Sterrett
SunTrust Mortgage Volunteers
David W. Swisher
Ruth B. Swisher
Gary Theiss
Brian Tyler
UVA Men's Tennis Team
Federico Venegas
Virginia College Advising Corps Volunteers
Walmart Volunteers
WalMart Volunteers - EVAP
Wells Fargo Volunteers
Tatiana Western
Western State Hospital Volunteers
Western State Work Crew Volunteers
Tiffany Wheeler
White Wave Volunteers
David Whitesell
K'leigh Williams
Luisa Witmer
Juanita Zban



OUR DONORS

Here's the simple truth: Every single meal we pass along to a neighbor is a manifestation of your kindness. Without it, it would be impossible for us to share nourishment and goodness with people experiencing life's misfortunes. Each contribution, financial, food and otherwise, is helping us solve hunger in thousands of lives daily. Our deepest thanks.

FISHING LINE AND FAITH



Prayer Partners, a group of faith-full friends, talk about “fishing” for people in need. Helping others is central to their faith, and faith is what brought them together almost two decades ago. Ten individuals left what they call “broken” churches and formed their own small church. They meet in living rooms every Sunday for worship, song, bible study, and prayer. Their discussions about church business occur seamlessly in the midst of worship—for them, the two are the same.

In 2002, Prayer Partners read about the work of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and they began to contribute annually. Though a small group, their giving is now comparable to much larger organizations.

“We don’t have buildings to maintain or staff to pay.” And as Christian people, they explained, they want to be responsible about their contributions and to see the effect of what they do.

The Prayer Partners understand that food is a basic necessity, and it troubles them how many go without. “We also believe it is scandalous that in this land of plenty, kids are hungry.”

Financial contributions are just one form of help they provide. Every day, the Prayer Partners express their faith through service and outreach. For example, when the electricity went out after a snowstorm last winter, they began to worry about their elderly neighbors and they “fished around” to discover how they could help. They collected food to replace what was lost when freezers didn’t operate for days, and they purchased fuel to help heat a number of homes.

“We hold fast to Jesus’ reminder in the book of Matthew,” explained one Partner. “We know there will always be poor people with us, but Jesus taught us we should help.”

“When we give to the Food Bank we know we are making a difference every day in the lives of our neighbors.”

Prayer Partners

Food Donors 500+ Pounds

7 Eleven	Shain Celestial	Fork Union Military Academy	Lambda Chi Alpha	Point Church Of Charlottesville	Stuarts Draft Middle School
AZDAL	Central VA Food Bank	Fresh Market	Laughing Dragon Kung Fu	Postal Carrier Food Drive	Stuff-a-Truck
A.R.I. Packaging	Charles Brown Christian Center	Friendship Ministries	Liberty University	Potomac Pedalers	Sunchase Apartments
Abbott Nutrition	Charlottesville Catholic School	Frito Lay	John Lisky	Powhatan School	Sunset Drive United Methodist Church
Albemarle Baking Company	Children Of America	General Mills Inc.	Little Caesar's Pizza	Proctor & Gamble	Sutherland Middle School
Albemarle County Office Building	Chipolte	Genworth Financial	Local Food Hub	Purdy Brothers	Sysco Food Service Of VA
Albemarle High School	Chobani	George's Chicken	Long John Silvers	Quaker/Tropicana/Gatorade	Sysco Northeast Redistribution Center
Aldersgate United Methodist Church	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	George's Food	Longhorn Steakhouse	Red Lobster	Szawlowski Farm
America's Second Harvest	Cii Services	Giant	Love Outreach	Red's Chips	T & R Processing
Appalachian Freight Carriers	City Of Lynchburg	Giorgio Fresh Company	Relay Foods	Relay For Life of Harrisonburg	Take It Away
Apple FCU	Clayton Homes	Gleaning For The World	Renaissance School	REO Distribution	Target
Apple Tree	Coca Cola	Golden Harvest Food Bank	Restoration Ministries Of Virginia	Rich Products Corporation	The Warehouse
Areva	Columbia Fresh Produce	Good's Harvest	Rimm Kaufman Group	Rinker Orchards Inc.	George Thompson
Arlon Gardner Trucking	Communication Installation Solution	Goodwill Industries	Rinker Orchards Inc.	Rock Springs United Church of Christ	Cary Tomlinson
Asbury	Conagra Truck Delivery	Grace Christian School	Rock Springs United Church of Christ	S. L. Hess & Son	Trinity Episcopal Church
Associated General Contractors of VA	Conner Produce Company , Inc	Grace Community Church	Second Harvest Foodbank Of Metrolina	Second Harvest Foodbank Of Middle Tennessee	Truefarms LLC
Augusta County Library	Costco	Grace Covenant Church	Second Harvest Foodbank Of Middle Tennessee	Safeway Foods	Tyson Foods
Augusta Health	Country Pure Foods	Grace Lutheran Church	Save-A-Lot	Salvation Army	United Way
BB&T	Critzer Family Farm	Grace Memorial Episcopal Church	Save-A-Lot	Sam's Club	University Of Virginia
Babcock & Wilcox Company	Crosby Trucking	Great Harvest Bread	Schenck Foods	Sharp Shopper	USX
Bank Of The James	Crossroads Farms	Great Plains Foodbank	Shaffer Trucking	Sheetz	VA Department of Transportation
Barton & Marlow	Crown Orchard	Green Valley Book Fair	Sharp Shopper	Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction	VA Industries for the Blind
Batton Council	C'ville Pride	Greenberry's	Sheetz	Shoppers	Valley Farming
Bells Trucking LLC	Dairy Pricing Association, Inc	H P Hood Dairy	Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction	Showalter Orchard	Valley Vo-Tech
Bender Warehouse	Dannon Company, Inc.	H. T. Hackney Co.	Shenandoah Pride Dairy	Staubert's	Van Wyk Inc.
Best Buy Distribution Center	Darden Graduate School UVA	Hamer & Hamer	Shoppers	Staubert's	Victory Church
Best Of What's Around (BOWA)	Lynn Davis	N. B. Handy	Shoppers	Staubert's	Volunteer Farm
Bett A Way	Davita Great Bridge #0500	Azdel Hanwha	Shoppers	Staubert's	Voortman Cookies
Big Lots	Defense Intelligence Agency	Harris Corporation	Shoppers	Staubert's	Walmart
Bimbo Bakery	Degroofs Vegetable Farms	Harris Teeter	Shoppers	Staubert's	Washington Gas
Bloom	Dixie Beverage Company	Harvest Ridge Village	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wave Crest Enterprise
Blue Bunny	DMV	Heartland Harvest	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wayne E. Bailey Produce Co.
Blue Ridge Christian School	Domino's Pizza	Henley Middle School	Shoppers	Staubert's	Waynesboro Recycle
Blue Ridge Community College	Dunbar Class Of '59	Hershey Chocolate	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wegmans
Bob Evans Restaurant	Dupont Community Credit Union	Hidden Pines	Shoppers	Staubert's	Western Harvest
Bodo's Bagel	Eagles Landing	Hollin Farms	Shoppers	Staubert's	Western State Hospital
Bounce & Play	Edge Trucking	Holy Cross Presbyterian Church	Shoppers	Staubert's	Western-Veg Produce Inc
Bowman Andros	Elkton Area United Services	Holy Trinity Church	Shoppers	Staubert's	Westover Dairy
Boy Scout Food Drive	Expoland	Horse And Buggy Produce	Shoppers	Staubert's	White Hill Church Of Brethern
Bridgewater College	Extended Care	Hot Cakes	Shoppers	Staubert's	White House Foods
Bridgewater Foods Supermarket	F.E.M.A	Hunter McGuire School	Shoppers	Staubert's	White Wave Foods
Broadus Memorial Baptist	Faith Christian Center	Hunters For The Hungry	Shoppers	Staubert's	Whole Foods Market
Brookneil Hoa	Family Dollar	Integral Natural Foods	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wholesome Foods, Inc.
Brookville High School	Federation Of Virginia Food Banks	Interbake Foods	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wiley Wilson
Burley School	Feed The Children	Irving Farms Marketing	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wilk Farms
CSE, Inc.	Feeding Greene	JABA	Shoppers	Staubert's	William H. Wetsel Middle School
C.R. England	Finley Presbyterian Church	J. Crew	Shoppers	Staubert's	Wilson Memorial High School
CVS	First Baptist Church	James Madison University	Shoppers	Staubert's	Ruritans Club
Cale Elementary School	FleetwoodGoldcoWyard	J. L. Murray School	Shoppers	Staubert's	Winchester Church Of God
Calvary United Methodist Church	Fluvanna Christian Society	Kraft Foods	Shoppers	Staubert's	Tony Wolf
Camp At Mosby Station	Food Bank Of Va Peninsula	David Karnes	Shoppers	Staubert's	Yoder's Country Market
Campbell Soup Company	Food Lion	Kawneer	Shoppers	Staubert's	
Campus Kitchen Uva	Food Source LLC	Kellogg	Shoppers	Staubert's	
Canteen Vending Service	Foodbank Of Central and Eastern North Carolina	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Shoppers	Staubert's	
Cargill	Foods Of All Nations	Kids Against Hunger DC Metro	Shoppers	Staubert's	
Carquest	Forest Lions Club	Andrea Kittrell and Family	Shoppers	Staubert's	
Catholic Charities @ The Diocese Of Arlington, Inc		Kraft/Nabisco Biscuit	Shoppers	Staubert's	
		Kroger	Shoppers	Staubert's	

GRANT AWARDS

Each year the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank secures funding to operate several of our outreach programs and to purchase food for distribution. Foundation and corporate neighbors are generous to respond. In fiscal year 2014, we received a total of \$481,895 in grants.

These 34 grants provided funds for:

\$56,700



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Ameriprise Financial
Bama Works Fund of the Dave
Matthew's Band
Bank of America Charitable
Foundation
Community Endowment Fund –
Charlottesville Area
Community Foundation
Rotary Club of Charlottesville
United Way – Thomas Jefferson
Area

\$205,620



FAMILY BACKPACK PROGRAM

Abbott Fund
American Woodmark Foundation
Genworth Foundation
Greater Lynchburg Community Trust
Newman's Own Foundation
Optimist Club of the Blue Ridge
Our Family Foundation
TJX Foundation
Women United in Philanthropy

\$47,000



SCHOOL PANTRY PILOT PROGRAM

CAPSAW
Food Lion Charitable Foundation
Gannett Foundation
Newman's Own Foundation
Target
United Way of Greater Augusta
Walmart Foundation

\$112,500



PURCHASE OF FOOD

Adiuvans Fund
Agua Fund
Charles L. Keith and Clara S.
Miller Foundation
Costco
Darden Restaurants Foundation
Dominion Foundation
Hilltop Foundation
Inez Duff Bishop Trust
Nationwide Insurance Foundation
Walmart Foundation

\$65,825



IN-KIND RADIO PROMOTION

Centennial Broadcasting
Charlottesville Radio Group

These funders and other financial donors are also gratefully recognized on the inserts to this Annual Report.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JUNE 30, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,638,300
Accounts receivable, net	218,188
Inventory	2,202,954
Prepaid expenses and deposits	53,010
Total current assets	\$5,112,452

Investments in marketable securities	\$2,514,672
Depreciable fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,389,407
Non-depreciable fixed assets	66,652
Total non-current assets	\$3,970,731

TOTAL ASSETS \$9,083,183

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$119,581
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	74,688
Compensated absences	62,331
Total liabilities	\$256,600

Net assets

Unrestricted	
Undesignated	\$4,738,825
Designated - funds held for long-term investment	2,514,672
Designated - funds held for future capital needs	1,200,000
Total unrestricted	\$8,453,497
Temporarily restricted	\$373,086
Total net assets	\$8,826,583

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$9,083,183

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Revenues

Public support	
Donated food	\$36,027,719
Contributions	5,337,989
Handling fees	1,362,784
Other revenues	567,812
Total revenues	\$43,296,304

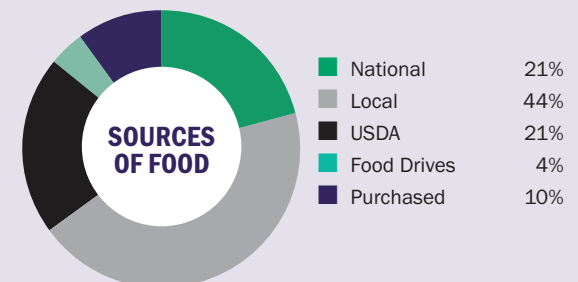
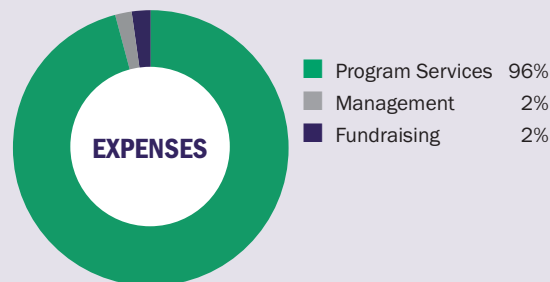
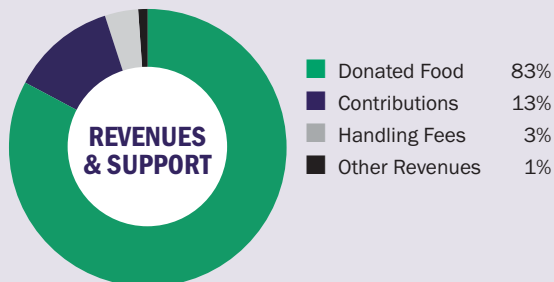
Expenses	
Program services	\$38,903,181
Fundraising	1,001,523
Management and general	675,544
Total expenses	\$40,580,248

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$2,716,056

NOTE: Financials include the value of donated food. Donated product on hand at year-end is valued at the national wholesale value of one pound of food, as determined by the most recent study conducted by Feeding America. Food donations and distributions of donated product are recorded at the weighted average wholesale value in effect during the year. The information in this summary was excerpted from our complete audited financial statements, which are available upon request.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

At the May 2014 Board meeting, the Board of Directors increased the capital funds from \$1.2 million to \$2.7 million. The funds will be applied to a \$3.6 million renovation of the Food Bank's headquarters and main distribution center, which is expected to be completed in summer 2015. Visit brafb.org for more info.



SOLVING HUNGER TOGETHER

Five years ago, our country was in economic crisis. Most have shaken it off and moved on. But some haven't, and we're so glad you haven't either.

You've responded generously, helping us serve 114,000 people each month. Despite positive indicators of economic recovery, many more families are still stringing together low-wage or part-time work to get by. It's become crystal clear to us that, as long as good-paying jobs are hard to come by, food insecurity will remain a problem.

The only way we'll solve it is by working together. You've done just that over the last year, helping us provide nearly 21 million meals to our neighbors through your service and generosity. Volunteers took the time to stock shelves, sort food donations and pack food bags and boxes; partner food pantries worked unceasingly to deliver nourishment to neighbors in line every week; and many gave funds, hosted food drives and sponsored events to move our work forward. Our work together is making an impact in the lives of those waiting in line to receive relief and sustenance.

Thank you for keeping the issue of hunger in the forefront over the last year – for making it an important issue to solve. It's a long-term problem in need of long-term solutions. Together, we'll continue to chip away at the problem of hunger in our region and nourish families with your unfailing support.

With gratitude,



Dr. John Downey
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Chief Executive Officer

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