BEYOND OUR WALLS

The success of the 2019 Building Expansion provided more space to do more good.

• Our warehouse has more than doubled in size, which creates opportunity to expand programs and reach.

• A second cooler allows more fresh, healthy food to move through and reach more families in need.

• The new clean room enhances sanitation and offers more space for volunteers. It gives us the ability to cost effectively repack more bulk product providing greater variety for distribution.

PREPARED & READY

Last summer, Feed My People’s Safety & Preparedness Committee wrapped up three years of planning to mobilize food resources in the event of a community crisis. The goal of the planning is to ensure an uninterrupted food supply to those in need at all times.
FRESH STARTS

New crisis outreach programs are reaching people when their moment of need is most urgent.

Crisis Outreach programming provides immediate response to those facing homelessness, violence, and other life-altering situations such as the ongoing economic fallout from the coronavirus. Feed My People created multiple partnerships in 2019 with organizations like the Eau Claire Public Health Department and Jail Re-entry Program to reach people otherwise not served through more standard services such as a neighborhood food pantry. Other programs include initiatives like our Maples grocery distribution that delivers food monthly to an underserved, high need Eau Claire neighborhood.

"When someone is experiencing crisis, hunger can be a part, homelessness can be a part. By being able to provide food on the spot to someone in crisis, it may give people the strength to face the crisis in their life. It may be the thing that sees them through."

- Tami Syverson, Feed My People Field Services Specialist

17 new school programs, rural partnerships and Pop-Up Pantries are removing barriers so children, families, and seniors receive the food they need.
Pledges toward the building expansion are recorded as revenue when the pledge is received. The project loan will be paid off as pledge payments are received.

Capital expenditures for the building expansion project are capitalized and depreciated over time, so the full cost of the project is not reflected here.
People don’t have the luxury of time in crisis. Hunger is urgent, and it is our responsibility, and our honor, to provide food at critical junctures, no matter the circumstance.

It is clearer than ever that Feed My People’s building expansion could not have come at a more fortuitous time. First, our expanded warehouse allows us to greatly increase food distribution to the counties we serve during the COVID-19 crisis. Secondly, by having the space to quickly pivot programming to handle the need now, not later, kids continue to receive Weekend Kids’ Meals throughout the school closure, seniors have extra food delivered right to their doorsteps, and frequent drive-thru Pop-Up Pantries deliver much needed food to families facing sudden job losses or other unexpected barriers.

All of this has only been made possible because of the generosity of our partners, donors, volunteers and more. By first making the building expansion a reality, responsive programming like the emergency food distribution could be put into immediate action. Because of your support then, we are feeding healthy futures, right now.

In the months and years ahead, we are reassured that help will always be there for our hungry neighbors in need because of how this community has consistently stepped up. Together, we are stronger, more innovative, and have a far greater impact than what we would be otherwise. We are deeply grateful for your vital help.

As this letter is written, we welcome our new Executive Director, Nancy Renkes, and say farewell and thank you to Emily Moore, who led us to where we are today: a highly respected organization with a dedicated team that works tirelessly every day towards meeting our mission of ending hunger in west central Wisconsin.
Feed My People (FMP) Hunger-Relief Partner Programs

**Barron County**
- Backpack Food 4 Kids, Barron
- Barron Area Food Pantry
- Benjamin’s House, Rice Lake
- Boys & Girls Club, Cumberland Youth Center
- Boys & Girls Club, Rice Lake HS & MS
- Cameron Area Food Pantry
- Camp Chetek
- Chetek Food Shelf
- Comet Care Pack, Cameron
- Cumberland Food Pantry
- Cumberland Nutrition Over Weekends
- C-W Backpack, Chetek
- Feed Our Kids, Rice Lake
- Prairie Farm/Ridgeland Backpack
- Prairie Farm/Ridgeland Food Pantry
- Pregnancy Help Center – Lifespring Home, Rice Lake*
- Pregnancy Help Center Pantry, Rice Lake
- Pregnancy Help Center Snack Program, Rice Lake
- St. Vincent De Paul Community Meal, Rice Lake
- St. Vincent De Paul Pantry, Rice Lake
- Turtle Lake Area Food Pantry
- Turtle Lake Backpack
- UWEC-Barron County Cans for Students, Rice Lake
- We Share Food Pantry, Rice Lake

**Buffalo County**
- Buffalo County Food Pantry, Alma
- Cochrane Fountain City Backpack
- Gilmanton Elementary Backpack
- Mondovi Area Food Pantry
- Mondovi Backpack
- Mondovi Sharing Table
- Southern Buffalo County Mobile, Fountain City
- St. John’s UCC Food Pantry, Fountain City

**Chippewa County**
- Agnes’ Table, Chippewa Falls
- Backpack Buddies NOW, Cadott
- Barnabas Table, Chippewa Falls
- Bloomer Area Food Pantry
- Bloomer Backpack
- Bloomer High School Pantry
- Boys & Girls Club, Chippewa Falls
- Cadott Christian Community Center Pantry
- Come Now & Eat, Cadott
- Cornell Backpack Program
- Cornell Food Pantry
- First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Chippewa Falls
- Jim Falls Community Food Pantry
- Lake Holcombe Backpack
- Lake Holcombe Food Pantry
- Legacy Community Center Pantry, Chippewa Falls
- Lafayette Food Pantry, Lake Wissota
- St. Francesca Resource Center, Chippewa Falls
- Salvation Army, Chippewa Falls
- Stanley Area Food Pantry
- Stanley Boyd Weekend Kids Meals
- Sunrise Village, New Auburn
- Trinity Lutheran Senior Outreach, Chippewa Falls
- Valley Vineyard Pantry, Chippewa Falls
- Veterans Housing & Recovery, Chippewa Falls

**Clark County**
- Clark County Area Food Pantry and Resource Center, Neillsville
- Community Alliance Food Pantry, Withee
- Fruit of the Vine Food Pantry, Stanley/Thorp
- Granton Community Food Pantry
- Loyal Community Food Pantry
- Missionary Baptist Food Pantry, Greenwood
- Thorp Backpack
- Thorp Community Food Pantry
- United Church of Christ Backpack, Neillsville
- W-O-W Kids’ Meals, Withee

**Dunn County**
- Arbor Place, Menomonie
- Boys & Girls Club, Menomonie
- Bridge To Hope, Menomonie
- Caring Ministries Backpack, Colfax
- CLC Food Shelf, Menomonie*
- ECAHMAA Rice Pantry, Menomonie
- Food Harvest Ministry, Boyceville
- Helping Hands Food Pantry (UW-Stout), Menomonie
- Knapp Community Project
- Mounder Meals, Elk Mound
- Positive Alternatives, Dunn County
- Shepherd of the Hill Food Pantry, Elk Mound
- Stepping Stones of Dunn County, Menomonie
- Stepping Stones Mobile Pantry, Colfax and Downsville*
- Stepping Stones Mobile Pantry, Ridgeland and Sand Creek
- Stepping Stones Resident Pantries, Downsville, Ridgeland and Sand Creek
- Stepping Stones / SAM Backpack, Dunn County
- Thursday’s Table, Menomonie
- Wednesday’s Table, Menomonie*
- West CAP Backpack, Boyceville

**Eau Claire County**
- Altoona Compassion Coalition Food Pantry
- Altoona United Methodist MANNA Meals
- ARCW – Vivent Health, Eau Claire
- Blugold Beginnings Snack Program, Eau Claire
- Boys & Girls Club, Eau Claire
- Campus Harvest Pantry (UWEC), Eau Claire
- Chapel Heights Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- Choose Aftercare, Eau Claire
- Christ Temple Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- CDC Cupboard, Eau Claire
- CVTC Student Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- ECAHMAA & Rice Pantry, Eau Claire
- ekklesia Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- Fall Creek Backpack Kids’ Meals
- Fall Creek Community Cupboard
- Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire
- Family Resource Center, Rural Fruits & Veggies Playgroup, Eau Claire*
- Feed A Child Nyre You, Altoona
- First Baptist Church Food Shelf, Augusta
- Good Neighbor Project Snack Program, Eau Claire
- Hmong Christian Church Food Pantry, Eau Claire*
- Hope Gospel Mission & Ruth House, Eau Claire
- Immanuel Lutheran Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- Inn Towne Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- L.E. Phillips Senior Center, Eau Claire
- Lighthouse Youth Center Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- Lighthouse Youth Center Onsite, Eau Claire
- Literacy Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire
- LSS, Positive Avenues Onsite, Eau Claire
- LSS, Positive Avenues Pantry, Eau Claire
- Needful Things, Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire
- Prairie Ridge Early Learning Center, Eau Claire
- Salvation Army, Eau Claire
- SPARK Youth Program, Eau Claire
- Sojourner House, Eau Claire
- St. Francis Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- The Community Table, Eau Claire
- Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry, Eau Claire
- Trinity Equestrian Center, Eau Claire
- Western Dairyland Fresh Start Snack Program, Eau Claire
- Western Dairyland Fresh Start Food Pantry, Eau Claire

**West CAP Backpack, Glenwood City**
- West CAP Food Access & Resource Center, Boyceville
**Trempealeau County**
Arcadia CommUNITY Mobile Pantry
Blair Backpack for Kids
Blair Food Pantry
Eleva/Strum Weekend Meals for Kids
Independence Children’s Center
OLPH Emergency Food Pantry, Arcadia
Osseo Weekend Food Program
Tri-County Food Pantry, Osseo
Western Dairyland Weekend Food 4 Kids, Independence
Whitehall Food Pantry
Whitehall Weekend Project

**Washburn County**
Birchwood Backpack for Kids
Birchwood Food Pantry
COMFORTS, Minong Food Pantry
Helping Hands Backpack, Minong
ICAA Connections, Washburn County, Spooner
Washburn County Food Pantry, Spooner

**Feed My People Direct Programs**
ADRC Emergency Senior Box Program - Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties
Atoona Middle and High School Food Pantry
Chippewa County Crisis Outreach* - Chippewa County DHS, Chippewa County Public Health Department
Chippewa Valley High School Food Pantry
Chippewa Valley Street Ministry
Eau Claire County Crisis Outreach* - Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center, Eau Claire County DHS

* New in 2019

FMP initiated a new program distributing milk and egg vouchers through Kwik Trip.

This program is especially beneficial to partners with limited cooler space and in areas where there are no grocery stores.

**Partner Update: Sustainability & Doing More**

FMP and partners put special focus on succession planning, nutrition, diversity and inclusion, and food safety.

- FMP’s new partner grant program provided $28,400 in food credit to partners taking steps toward sustainability and expansion of service.
- Two gatherings provided opportunity for education, networking and idea sharing. Speakers included Pam VanKampen (Nutrition Specialist, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources), Doni Claeysges (Homeless Program Coordinator, Eau Claire Area School District), Jodi Thesing-Ritter (Executive Director for Diversity and Inclusion at UWEC), and Michael Perry (best-selling author).
- One-on-one visits at over 125 sites offered tailored discussion and brainstorming to strengthen services in each community.
Let’s End Summer Hunger.

Otto Bremer Trust is matching donations up to $50,000 through June 30th.

Fight hunger this summer at give.fmpfoodbank.org/OperationPicnic

Our COVID-19 Response

Thank you hunger heroes for your vital support that ensures our west central Wisconsin neighbors continue to have access to food. Visit give.fmpfoodbank.org/covid19 for more info.

• Weekend Kids’ Meal bags and delivery for early learning families
• Pop-Up Pantry Program utilizing drive-thru model and pre-packed food boxes
• Supplemental food for seniors through Meals on Wheels
• Expansion of our crisis outreach programs, including meal bags for the homeless community
• Support of partners in 14 counties operating as curbside grocery pick up locations

Find Feed My People’s 2019 Annual Report inside.