



# 2019

## ANNUAL REPORT

Ending Hunger in West Central Wisconsin



# FOOD FUELS HOPE

People experiencing food insecurity are at the center of everything we do.

IN 2019:

**71,757**

individuals relied on food distributed through Feed My People.

**6,599,935**

pounds of food distributed.

**2,649,430**

pounds of food was fresh food!

(**40%** of pounds distributed.)

Individuals in Feed My People's service area visited a pantry or other hunger relief program over a **HALF MILLION TIMES.**



## 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.



## INTRODUCING Healthy Meal Kits

Since the spring of 2019 when the program began, 6,786 Healthy Meal Kits have been distributed. Increasing nutritious food to the people we serve, every kit contains non-perishable ingredients for a healthy meal, along with a recipe that includes suggestions for adding perishables like vegetables. These kits are a popular item among our partner programs, as they provide a fresh spin on meal planning for families.

## THANK YOU

**Market & Johnson  
SDS Architects**

2019 Organizations of the Year

**Wayne Abley  
Jennifer Beckermann**

2019 Volunteers of the Year



**22,357** volunteer hours given in 2019.

Once the building expansion was complete, there was an influx of 4,614 volunteer hours in the last two months of 2019. That's an increase of 22% over the same period in 2018!



# 2019 Audited Financial Report

## REVENUE

	2018	2019
<b>Monetary Support</b>	<b>\$ 2,622,148</b>	<b>\$ 2,855,017</b>
Contributions	\$ 2,131,504	\$ 2,040,996
Agency Share	\$ 286,935	\$ 314,343
Grants	\$ 114,491	\$ 313,412
In-Kind/Investment Income/Other	\$ 89,218	\$ 186,266
<b>Donated Product (value)</b>	<b>\$ 10,965,389</b>	<b>\$ 9,383,382</b>
<b>Purchased Product</b>	<b>\$ 957,330</b>	<b>\$ 975,670</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 14,544,867</b>	<b>\$ 13,214,069</b>

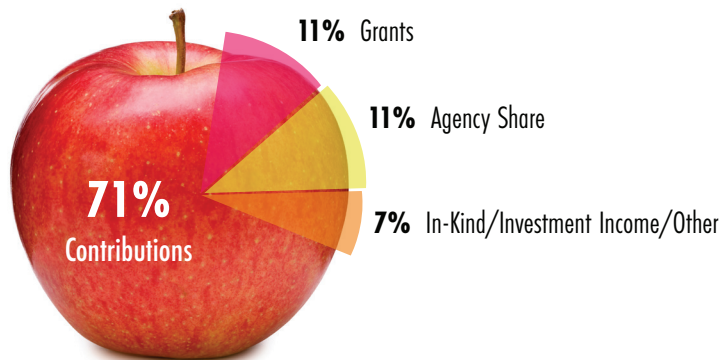
Pledges toward the building expansion are recorded as revenue when the pledge is received. The project loan will be paid off as pledge payments are received.

## EXPENSES

	2018	2019
<b>Program Services</b>	<b>\$ 13,289,011</b>	<b>\$ 11,532,876</b>
Donated Product (value)	\$ 11,102,774	\$ 9,213,305
Direct Food Expenses	\$ 1,158,733	\$ 1,179,292
Personnel	\$ 593,475	\$ 617,323
Facility & Transportation	\$ 362,116	\$ 450,118
Other	\$ 71,913	\$ 72,838
<b>Management &amp; General</b>	<b>\$ 155,555</b>	<b>\$ 189,631</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 185,775</b>	<b>\$ 223,516</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,630,341</b>	<b>\$ 11,946,023</b>

Capital expenditures for the building expansion project are capitalized and depreciated over time, so the full cost of the project is not reflected here.

### MONETARY SUPPORT



### RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION



## RECOGNITION AWARD

Feed My People was honored by the Prairie Ridge Fight Against Hunger Project. This vital partnership helps make "full tummies" "ready minds" and "happy hearts" possible among the youngest learners in the Eau Claire Area School District.



Food for **36,618** meals was distributed to young learners in 2019 through Prairie Ridge Early Learning School's on-site pantry and the Weekend Kids' Meals program.

## 2019 BOARD

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## SENN AWARD

United Way's 2020 Chippewa Valley Spirit Awards honored Emily Moore among other outstanding area individuals. The Senn Award honors an individual for their professional excellence and achievement in the nonprofit sector.

"Her vision of a community where all families, children, and seniors are food secure and confident about meals on the table has been a guiding light and inspiration for many who desire to serve our Chippewa Valley neighbors in a meaningful way." - Karen Hebert, Interim Director, United Way GCV

# Feed My People President's Message

## LEADING THROUGH CRISIS

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.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Satre".

John Satre  
2020 President  
Feed My People's  
Board of Directors



# 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

West CAP Backpack, Glenwood City  
West CAP Food Access & Resource Center, 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  
eklesia 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

## Jackson County

Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County,  
Black River Falls  
Food for Kids, Black River Falls  
Friend's Food Shelf, Black River Falls  
Jackson County Food Pantry, Black River Falls  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Alma Center  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Brockway  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Hixton  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Melrose\*  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Merrillan  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Millston  
Neighborhood Food Pantry, Taylor

## Pepin County

Community Café, Pepin/Stockholm  
Durand Area Food Pantry  
Pepin County/Durand Area Mobile  
Pepin Food Pantry Senior Site  
Pepin/Stockholm Food Pantry  
Pepin/Stockholm Kids Meals

## Price County

Backpack 4 Kids, Park Falls  
Fill-A-Belly Backpack, Prentice  
Maranatha Baptist Church, Phillips  
Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Catawba  
Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Phillips  
The Lord's Cupboard, Park Falls

## Rusk County

Backpack Blessings, Bruce  
Community Cupboard, Hawkins  
Embrace, Ladysmith  
Flambeau Community Backpack, Bruce  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Conrath  
Hope & Friends Backpack Food Program,  
Ladysmith  
Hope Lutheran Food Pantry, Ladysmith  
ICAA Connections – Rusk County  
Sheldon Food Pantry

## Sawyer County

Harvest of Friends, Winter  
Harvest of Friends Kids, Winter  
Hayward Community Food Shelf  
Hayward Food 4 Kids  
ICAA Connections – Sawyer County  
Operation Christmas, Hayward

## Taylor County

Christ's Community Church of Jump River  
First Baptist Food Pantry, Medford  
Meals in a Backpack, Medford\*  
Medford Mobile Food Pantry  
Northland Baptist Church, Gilman  
Stepping Stones Shelter, Medford  
Taylor County Food Pantry (ICAA), Medford\*

## 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  
Strum Area Food Pantry  
Table of Friendship Community Meal, Osseo  
Trempealeau County Food Pantry, Whitehall  
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  
Altoona 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

Fairchild Mobile Pantry  
Falcon Foods, South Middle School Pantry\*  
FoodShare Outreach  
Friends Cafe Mentor Program, Chippewa Falls\*  
Grace Barstow Resident Food Pantry, Eau Claire\*  
Longfellow Elementary School Food Pantry  
Maples Grocery Distribution, Eau Claire\*  
McKinley School Food Pantry  
Meals on Wheels, Eau Claire County  
Park Towers Resident Food Pantry, Eau Claire  
Parkridge Village Resident Food Pantry, Boyd  
Pop-Up Food Pantry Program  
Romeis Millstream Resident Food Pantry,  
Chippewa Falls  
School Homeless Box Program, Chippewa Falls  
Southridge Village Resident Food Pantry, Cadott  
St. John's Resident Food Pantry, Eau Claire  
Weekend Kids' Meals, Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire  
Woodsedge Resident Food Pantry, Eau Claire

### \* 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), Dani Claesges (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.



**Feed My People**  
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**OPERATION PICNIC**

**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](http://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](http://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

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