

# Serving our Community with Dignity and Anonymity



## Star Food Bank 2023 Annual Report

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Star Food Bank

# A Word from our Executive Director

Dear Valued Donor and Community Member,

2023 was a year of growing food insecurity in our community. We served many new families struggling with knowing where their next meal is coming from and how to stretch their limited food budgets each month.

But, together, the Star Food Bank and our incredible volunteers and donors provide HOPE, this time of year and every other month. Together, we work to collect food donations from 12 grocery stores each week through our partnership with the Idaho Food Bank and Feeding America; donate our time, money, and resources as a community to meet a salient need.

In 2024, we will be changing our name from Star Outreach to Star Food Bank. Our weekly food distribution will remain the same and our efforts will be consolidated into keeping the food bank open and serving all in need. While we will miss the additional outreaches we operated throughout the year, there are incredible partners in the Treasure Valley serving families in the same capacity and we know we can always refer our patrons to another organization for backpacks, clothing and bicycles.



Together, we will continue to meet the needs of our community with dignity and anonymity. Thank you for believing in our mission and with your help, we will be here serving our community for years to come.

With Deepest Gratitude,

*Diane Simi*



# Star Food Bank

# People Served



Comprising of **9,823 Families Served** including 576 new families

377 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Boxes Distributed



“Times are tough and the Food Bank offers meat, bread and even watermelon! It’s a lifesaver.”  
- *Russell*



“The food we receive helps feed my children before and after school, helps so much.  
Thank you!”  
- *Candice*

We operate at two locations, our main headquarters in Star and a pantry in Emmett at the Gem County Recovery Community Center.

## Your Community Food Bank

Originally founded as Star Outreach, Neighbors Helping Neighbors in 2008, the Star Food Bank serves the communities of Star, Eagle, Middleton and Emmett with a twice weekly food pantry. Since 2020, we have increased over 40% each year in the number of children, seniors and adults served each month.

Until 2023, we also operated a variety of outreaches to serve other basic needs including clothing and summer lunches for the children.





# Star Food Bank Food Rescue & Other Donations



## Donations

**Over 25,815** Pounds of Donated  
**Dozens** of Community Donors  
& Partners



## Food Rescue

**452,542** Pounds of Food Rescued  
**1,016** Total Pickups from Grocery Stores

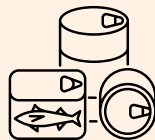
## Food Donations by the Numbers



**Dairy & Produce**  
**39%**



**Meat & Eggs**  
**13%**



**Canned Food**  
**14%**



**Prepared Food**  
**26%**



**Mixed Food**  
**9%**

## Our Community Partners

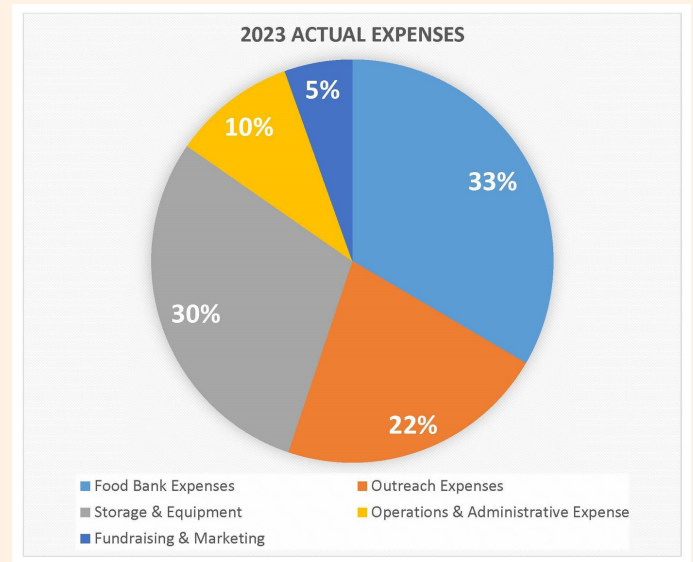
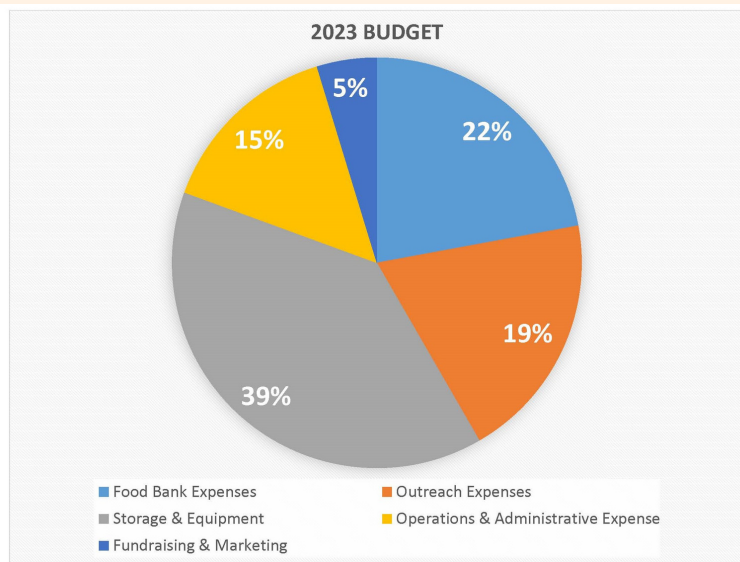
Through our partnership with the Idaho Foodbank and Feeding America, we have the opportunity to “rescue” food from 9 grocery stores in Ada County each week. These donations comprise the bulk of the food we distribute to our patrons but do not comprise the totality of what is received.

Additionally, our SOFT-T (or Star Outreach Food Tote Team) members donated 11,815 pounds of food and we were blessed to have multiple one time donations and regular food drives held by local churches, businesses and civic groups which comprised of another 14,000+ pounds of non-perishable food items.

# Star Food Bank Financial Transparency



## 2023 By the Numbers



### Revenues

Value of Donated Food • \$798,301 *Estimated*

Business Donations • \$32,955

Individual Donations • \$76,895

Grants & Gifts in Kind • \$16,858

Interest Income • \$4,530

### Meeting the Demand in Our Community

2023 saw a considerable increase in our food bank expenses as we had to purchase a considerable amount of pantry staple food items to keep up with current demand. We were a good steward of the finances entrusted to us, buying at the bi-annual Ridley's case lot sale in order to maximize the amount of canned and boxed food purchased in March and October.

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# Our Volunteers & Partners Make the Difference

## 10,523 Volunteer Hours

\*\*the equivalent of 5 full-time workers



## Our Valued Partnerships

We are incredibly blessed to have many valued partners in our community, including our donors who give each month to ensure we keep our doors open. We want to especially thank those who chose us as their selected charity in 2023, from Star Chamber of Commerce, Star Library, Star Lions Club, Sol Invictus, Royal British Motorcars, Proof, Albertson's, O'Reillys Auto Parts, Sol Invictus, Silverhawk, SWIDBA and many more. Thanks to all who give each month, one time, during Idaho Gives & #GivingTuesday.

We have to reserve a special thanks to **Steve Green of Steve's Auto Care** for selecting us for the 3rd year in a row as the charity for his Annual Casino Night! He also has held raffles of sports and music memorabilia, all donated to us. THANK YOU STEVE!!





# Thank You For Your Support

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## Board of Directors

Bethany Morrison, President  
David Hershey, Vice President  
Debbie Rogister, Treasurer  
Holly McClure, Secretary  
Michael Keyes, At Large Member  
Nicole Huntington, At Large Member  
Jan Fiscus, At Large Member

## Executive Director and Team

Diane Simi, Executive Director  
Bethany Morrison, Marketing Coordinator  
Robin Kindall, Volunteer Coordinator  
Brenda Smith, Food Bank Director

**And over 80 volunteers!**

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