

# Annual Report

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You Made a Difference!



## FY24 Impact

With the incredible support of thousands of individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations, the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana provided over 6.9 million meals for our neighbors experiencing hunger in FY24.

To combat senior hunger in our community, the Food Bank expanded our programs to include the Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), allowing us to serve an additional 4,000 low-income seniors in Northeast Louisiana.

The Food Bank continued to ramp up delivery service to our Community Partners and distribution sites, transporting almost 4 million pounds of food across our 12-parish service region.

Thanks to the new partnerships of Brookshire's and Super One stores, and increased donations from Walmart and Sam's Club, the Food Bank's Retail Rescue Program has grown to provide the food equivalent of over 730,000 meals annually to our neighbors across Northeast Louisiana.



**Thank you for making a difference for our neighbors facing hunger!**

### Feeding Northeast Louisiana

**6,961,457  
Meals**

provided to our neighbors facing hunger

**7,265,176  
Pounds**

of food distributed to children, families and seniors

**34,048  
Bags of Food**

delivered to local children through our Backpack Program

**17,160  
Food Boxes**

provided to local seniors

**25,000  
Neighbors**

served monthly through our programs and partners



# Who We Are

## Our Mission

The Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana's mission is to provide food, hope and dignity to our neighbors who struggle with hunger, and lead the movement to alleviate hunger through education, collaboration and advocacy.

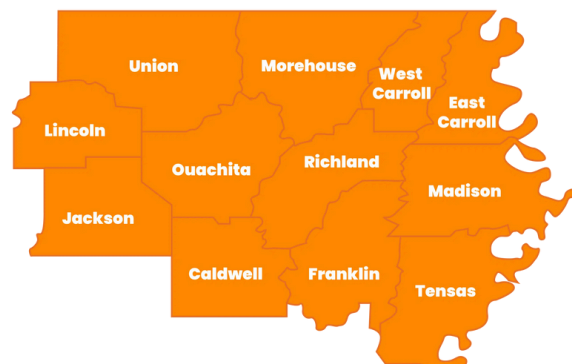
## Our Vision

The Food Bank's vision is a strong, caring community that ensures no one in Northeast Louisiana goes hungry

## How We Help

According to Feeding America's research, 1 in 5 Northeast Louisianans, including 1 in 3 children, face hunger.

Founded in 1997, the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana provides food to our community of 12 parishes.



# Thank You for Helping Our Neighbors!

## Claudette

Claudette, who went back to college and earned a degree in 2020 at the age of 70, hasn't been able to find work since she's moved to Monroe. She visits the Food Bank's partner pantry Ray of Hope in Monroe for grocery assistance each month.

**"I don't think I could survive without the Food Bank because food costs are so high," Claudette said.**



## Sissy

Sissy is a mother of three children and works fulltime as a housekeeper at a local hotel. Sometimes when finances get tight, she will visit a Food Bank food pantry in Lincoln Parish, where she receives a variety of groceries such as shelf-stable foods, fresh produce and proteins.

**"The food helps out a lot...it helps me save to make ends meet," Sissy told us.**

## Jerry

Jerry lives on a fixed income and must pick and choose what he buys at the grocery store to save money for his medical expenses. He began visiting a Food Bank food pantry in Jackson Parish when food prices drastically increased.

**"We have been able to get things at the pantry that we haven't been able to afford," Jerry said.**



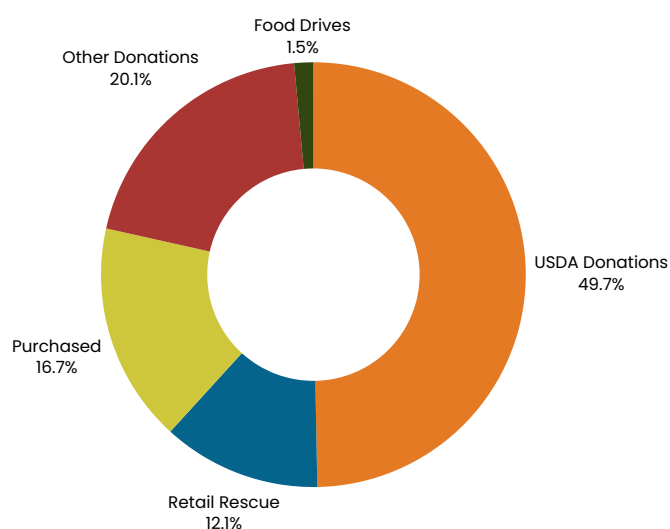
**If you would like to provide meals to our neighbors, visit [www.foodbanknela.org](http://www.foodbanknela.org).**



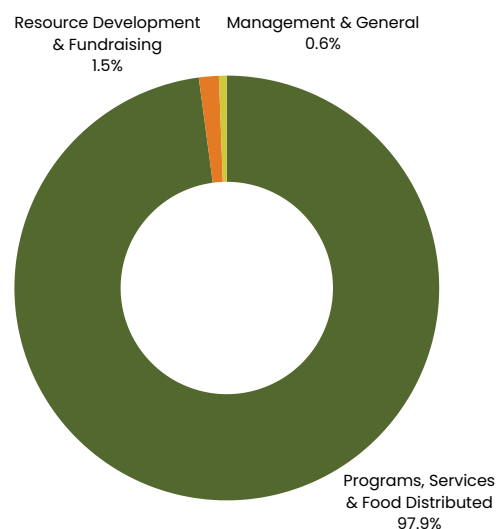
# Financials at a Glance

For every \$1 donated, the Food Bank is able to provide the food equivalent of about three meals.

## Where Our Food Comes From



## How We Use Our Resources



Support & Revenue	FY24
Contributions	\$2,019,021.00
Government Support	\$1,293,159.00
Pledges	\$65,748.00
Fees and Misc Income	\$393,699.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,771,627.00</b>
Value of Food and Commodities	\$9,448,714.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$13,220,341.00</b>

Expenses	FY24
Programs, Services & Food Distributed	\$13,148,779.00
Resource Development & Fundraising	\$203,356.00
Management & General Expenses	\$80,053.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,432,188.00</b>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$10,613,259.00
Change in Net Assets	(\$181,294.00)
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$10,461,275.00</b>



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# How to Help

## Donate Funds

By making a financial gift, you enable the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana to meet our communities most urgent needs and carry out our mission on a daily basis. The Food Bank accepts the following types of gifts:

- **Check, Credit Card, Cash, Paypal**
- **Donor Advised Funds**
- **IRA Charitable Rollover / QCD**
- **Charitable Gift Annuity**
- **Charitable Remainder Trust**
- **Appreciated Securities**



## Join Our Legacy Society

With a little planning, you can ensure that families facing food insecurity find the resources they need to thrive. When you include a gift to Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana in your will or estate plan, you create a legacy that nourishes. You also move us closer to eliminating the root causes of hunger for good.

**Visit [foodbanknela.org/legacysociety](https://foodbanknela.org/legacysociety) to learn more**

## Volunteer

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do! Our volunteers play a vital role in helping us achieve our mission of providing food to our neighbors facing hunger. Whether it's sorting, packing, or distributing food, your effort makes a difference in our community!

**Sign up today at [foodbanknela.org/volunteer](https://foodbanknela.org/volunteer)**



**Other Ways to Help: Donate Food; Attend Our Events; Advocate; Join Our Monthly Donor Club. More info at [foodbanknela.org](https://foodbanknela.org)**





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making a gift today!**



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