

## Our Mission

The Locker Project connects food-insecure children in Maine with nourishing food to improve their learning capacity, health, and future. We take a whole-family approach to child hunger with programs that strive to be low barrier, stigma-free, and environmentally responsible.



## How We Share Nutritious Food



We deliver **Green Bags** filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, and bread and **Purple Bags** filled with healthy staples such as rice, pasta, soup, and cereal to public schools, preschools and other program partners for students to take home.

Our **Fresh Food Events** provide a low-barrier opportunity for children and families to choose from an assortment of fresh produce, bread, and meat to take home.

**Family Food Boxes** combine fresh produce, bread, meat and staples in one large box for case managers and social workers to pick up for home delivery to families.

## Program Partners

Portland Public Schools  
South Portland School Dept  
Westbrook Public Schools  
Baxter Academy  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
Falmouth Elementary  
FedCap/Families Forward  
First Baptist Church Westbrook  
Head Start/Opportunity Alliance  
Intercultural Community Center

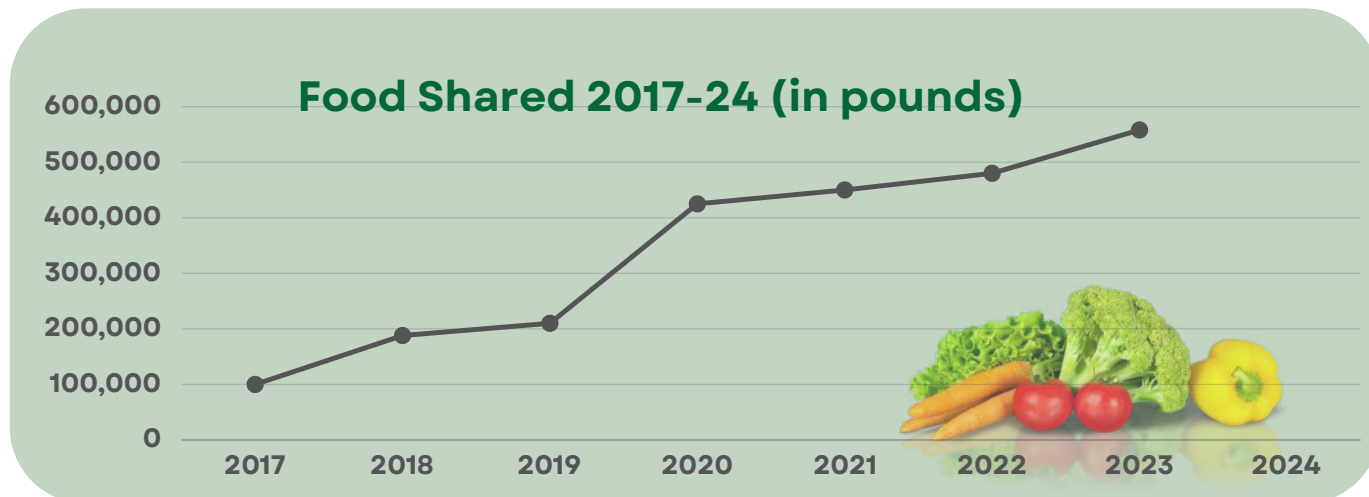
Lighthouse Childcare  
North Deering Gardens  
Omar Bin Alkhetab Masjid  
Portland Housing Authority  
Portland Public Health  
South Portland Housing Authority  
South Portland Library  
Westbrook Regional Vocational Ctr  
WIC/Opportunity Alliance  
Woodfords Family Services



## Nourishing Our Community

Our whole-family approach to child hunger...

- provides fresh produce, meat, bread, and healthy staples, covering the full range of essential nutrients
- ensures children become familiar with nutrient-dense foods early in life
- includes items culturally important to New Mainers
- stretches family food budgets, reducing stress and freeing up resources.



## Where Our Food Comes From

Each month...

- we rescue up to 25,000 pounds of fresh produce, meat, and bread from **supermarkets and bakeries**, including Hannaford, Shaw's, Rosemont Markets, and Standard Baking
- we order up to 35,000 pounds of produce and staples from **Good Shepherd Food Bank**
- we source additional produce from **local farms**, adding to the variety of fresh items we can offer families.

## How It Began

In 2011, a Portland parent, Katie Wallace, saw a need for snacks in her daughter's kindergarten class at the East End Community School and began bringing in snacks for other children. She worked with Good Shepherd Food Bank to set up a food pantry in the nurse's office, and in 2014 she and founding executive director Katie Brown launched the Locker Project to operate school pantries across the district.

## For More Information



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