

**WE DON'T HAVE
A FOOD PROBLEM**



**WE HAVE A
LOGISTICS PROBLEM**



"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies" - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

These words were spoken in 1964 during Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Sadly, 60 years later this dream still has not been achieved. I share the same audacity to believe in the richest country in the world, where we throw out 40% of the food we produce, that everyone should have high quality, culturally appropriate food to feed their family.

We're here six days a week to help the single mother struggling to make ends meet on a fixed income. We're here for the elderly woman who every day has to choose between her medications and her grocery bill. And we're here for the veteran who proudly served his country but needs a little help putting food on his table.

I would like to thank all of our partners and supporters who share this audacity. We could not do this work without you. To our food donors, feeding partners, donors big and small: I want to say THANK YOU.

Thank you for believing that we can make this dream a reality.


Chad Techner
Founder/CEO



"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference" - Nelson Mandela

This quote reminds me why Metro Food Rescue does what we do. The many hands that participate in our mission are making the world a better place. I'm proud to have played a small role in the growth of Metro Food Rescue.

From my initial backyard conversation with Chad about joining the team to today, I've witnessed something magical. A simple idea blossomed into an enterprise that has impacted the lives of so many.

When I was a kid, our mother used to encourage us to clean our plates as there were children starving in China. Unfortunately today, there are children who are food insecure in Madison Heights, Detroit, Southfield and all over the Metro area. It doesn't have to be this way.

There is plenty of food available, we just need to get it to the right people, in the right places. And that's where Metro Food Rescue excels. As you look over this Annual Report, I think you too will be astounded by our numbers.

My thanks to all who participate in our efforts. We couldn't do it without your helping hands.


Howard Dembs
Board Chair





IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

**IN 2024 MORE THAN 73,000
OF OUR NEIGHBORS ATE
BETTER BECAUSE OF
THE FOOD WE RESCUED**

**WE HELPED CLOSE THE
HUNGER GAP BY MORE
THAN 2,000,000 MEALS**



91 RESCUE PARTNERS

We rescued food from 91 rescue partners, big box stores, distributors, farms, farmers markets, grocery stores, catering & events including the NFL Draft & Detroit Grand Prix.



88 FEEDING PARTNERS

We delivered that rescued food, **FREE OF CHARGE** to 88 feeding partners; food pantries, soup kitchens & community organizations who distribute the food to our neighbors in need.



53 COMMUNITIES SERVED



MORE THAN 900,000 LOAVES OF BREAD RESCUED



120,000 POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED FROM CATERING AND EVENTS



132 VOLUNTEER RESCUES 412 VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

\$50,000+

Madeleine & Mandell L Berman Foundation

\$20,000 - \$50,000

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Cintel Inc.

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EGLE

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DETECT | EXTINGUISH | PROTECT



MGM RESORTS

FOUNDER'S CIRCLE

DIAMOND (\$10,000+/yr)

Chaz Rzewnicki
Eli A. Scherr
Linda & Leonard Sahn
Robin & Howard M. Schwartz

GOLD (\$5,000+/yr)

Nathan Leader
Mindi Fynke
Ilene & David Techner
Jeremy Wolfe Family Foundation
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SILVER (\$2,000+/yr)

Shelley & Michael Eizelman
Marjorie & Maxwell
Jospey Foundation
Norman A. & Susan L Pappas
Family Support Foundation
Howard & Iris Rosen
Dan & Miry Serlin
Alden Toevs & Judi Wolf

"When Chad first approached me about being a Founder of Metro Food Rescue, it was in its infancy stage with Chad, one truck, and his vision of what it could be. With us both having the same passion to help others, I was honored to be a part of this.

Now, years later, it is incredible and inspiring to see his original vision and dream as a reality providing a real solution that makes a tangible difference in both the community and environment. It's remarkable to see the efforts of this organization rescuing perfectly good food that would otherwise be discarded to help provide meals for those in need, reduce hunger, and alleviate food insecurities that so many families face. Seeing the impact the organization makes is truly fulfilling and continues to fuel the passion. Metro Food Rescue is a wonderful reminder of how small actions can create meaningful transformations within our communities and truly impact others."



- Mindi Fynke
Founder's Circle
& Board Member



PREPARED FOOD DIVISION



In 2024 we expanded our Prepared Food Division. We rescued enough food for more than 100,000 meals of amazing and often five star catered food.

Often caterers, event planners, restaurants and others prepare more food than they can serve. We work with them to identify perfectly good food that would otherwise go to waste if we didn't "rescue" it. It is of the utmost importance to us that we only work with certified food handlers ensuring that time and temperature are properly maintained.

Our team picks up that food and quickly delivers it to soup kitchens, shelters and other large scale organizations providing nutritious, delicious food to those they serve.

We were the official food rescue of the NFL Draft, Detroit Grand Prix and more.



WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY



Metro Food Rescue has been a huge supporter of the SDM2 mission. They continue to supply us with wonderful meals which brings families together throughout our neighborhood. The team members are not just a source of drop-offs, but have become a part of the SDM2 Project Education. They deliver delicious food that grace the tables of so many in our community. We are grateful to MFR for this partnership and for their commitment to helping feed those who are hungry.

- Jacqueline Moore
Founder - SDM2 Project Education



It is my privilege to extend our full support for Metro Food Rescue. Together, our partnership is making significant strides towards addressing systemic poverty and creating sustainable solutions for our community. By integrating MFR's efforts into our comprehensive support service, we ensure that no resources are wasted and that individuals and families have the tools to thrive. This collaboration enhances our impact, allowing us to meet the evolving needs of our community.

- Bill Sullivan
President and CEO - Crossroads of MI



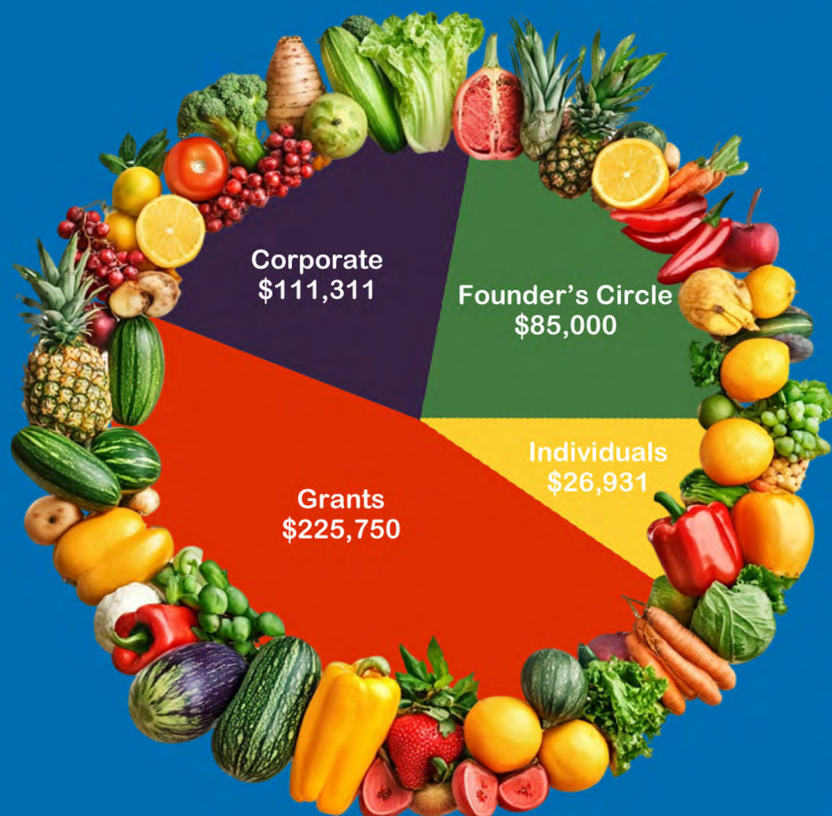
Metro Food Rescue's weekly food contributions have been instrumental in enhancing the quality and nutritional value of these food boxes. The reliability of these rescued food items have allowed us to consistently provide perishable food items to our clients. This offers a sense of dignity and normalcy to those we serve, many of whom are facing challenging circumstances. Knowing they can receive fresh foods such as bread and produce, makes a significant difference in their lives.

- Breanna Schroeder
Emergency Food Programs Manager
Lighthouse of Michigan

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total 2024 Impact - \$5,021,078

2,381,295 pounds rescued x \$1.92/lb + Budget of \$448,992



Revenue

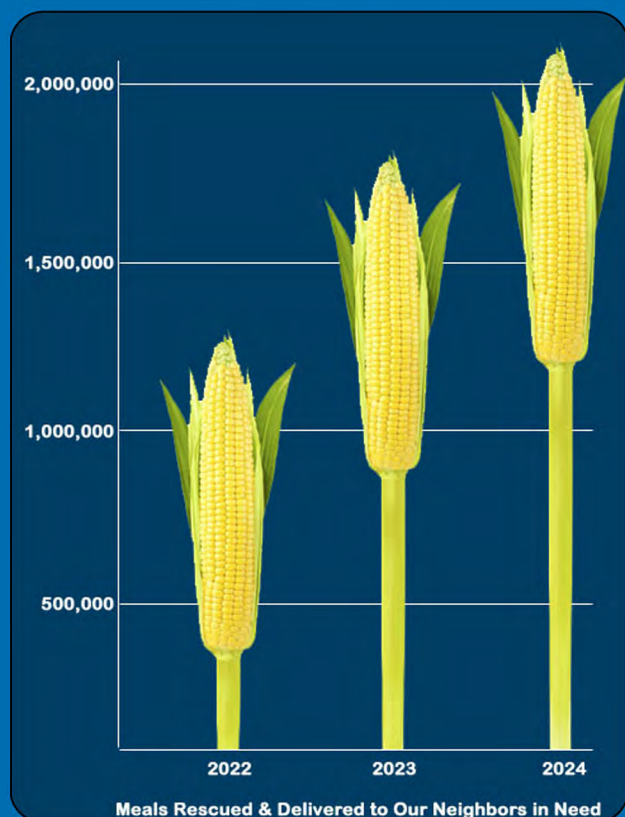
Donations - Individual	\$26,930.83
Donations - Corporate	\$111,311.00
Donations - Founders Circle	\$85,000.00
Grants	\$225,750.12

Total Revenue

\$448,992.01

Expenses

Insurance - Auto	\$11,452.90
Insurance - Other	\$2,085.16
Salaries & Wages (Including Payroll Taxes)	\$251,022.83
Auto Expenses - Gas & Oil	\$32,323.39
Auto Expenses - Maintenance	\$18,607.23
Contract Services - Grant Writing	\$14,350.00
Contract Services - Bookkeeping/Accountant	\$4,250.00
Misc Expense - Postage, Bank Fees, Web hosting	\$1,503.69
Software	\$9,147.00
Travel/Conferences	\$2,263.11
Marketing & PR	\$5,941.00
Expenses	\$269,297.02
Thanksgiving Distribution	\$1,707.09
Meal Kits/Soup Kits	\$5,084.77
Reimbursed Expenses	\$6,792.42
Total Expenses	\$343,591.75
Net Reserves	\$105,400.26



Every \$1 donated rescues over 10 pounds of food, which equals nine meals. Our impact per dollar is tremendous because we do not pay for the food we rescue, nor charge our partner recipients. We fundraise strictly for logistics!



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FEED MORE.

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