



Funds Distribution Report

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Sumner Community Food Bank

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Organization's General Goals:
The Sumner Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in need through donations and the work of dedicated volunteers. Our mission is also to be good stewards of food surpluses, and increase public awareness on issues of hunger in our community. We partner with other food banks and charitable nonprofits to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q2	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Sumner Community Food Bank.

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TulalipCares.org



February 13th, 2024
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
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Dear Marilyn Sheldon,

First of all, we wanted to say thank you again for the incredible generosity the Tulalip Tribe’s Charitable Fund has shown through your support of the Sumner Community Food Bank. The grant award of [REDACTED] was so appreciated, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The 2023 grant we received from you was for the purpose of supporting our food bank Operations, which included building & vehicle costs, salary for our staff, and office & warehouse costs. As of February 2024, we have expended the awarded [REDACTED] for these purposes. Thanks to this grant and other support like it, in 2023 we were able to:

- Process over 4.4 million pounds of donated food through our warehouse, which was distributed through our marketplace & to over 60 partner organizations in our area.
- Serve over 85 families a day, 6 days a week, for a total of over 600 families assisted each week.
- Serve more than 2.1 million meals through our marketplace-concept food bank.

Your grant has directly impacted our over 15,000 total clients by making sure they have the healthy food needed to feed their families. However, your support in 2023 has also impacted another 60,000 people in our area through our partnerships with over 60 other food banks, pantries, and outreach organizations, with whom we share surplus food donations through our warehouse.

Thank you again for your caring hearts and partnership as we serve the common cause of feeding those in need!

Sincerely,

Anthony Apeles
Executive Director
Sumner Community Food Bank
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Letter from our Executive Director

Happy New Year! In welcoming 2024, there is so much to be thankful for as I reflect on the amazing provision of God's gracious hand. Our 'barn houses' are full of high-quality food, we have a strong (and growing) volunteer base, we added staff to help with capacity issues, and our clients are being provided for. All credit, all praise, and all glory I give to God.

I am so grateful for the incredible staff who devote countless hours to make certain that every person who walks through our doors is cared for with dignity and respect. And of course, none of this would even be possible without our amazing team of volunteers, who selflessly and dependably donate hours of their precious time every week. They do so with servant hearts and compassionate spirits.

In these times of economic challenges, we see a growing need for our services. As 2022 was a record year for us, **2023 has easily exceeded those numbers in terms of food volume and clients served.** I always struggle when someone asks me, "So how is business at the food bank?" On one hand, we have more food than we have ever had to provide for those in need. Yet, the lines to receive our services continue to grow. According to experts, 62% of consumers live paycheck to paycheck; **the days of serving solely homeless and low-income members are long gone.** We increasingly see middle-income families who seek relief from inflationary pressures affecting many in our community.

With the growing demand, operating capacities continue to be challenged. Fortunately, through our successful grant program, the wonderful support from our city leaders and Sumner Rotary, and the amazing generosity of our donors, we were able add two critical resources to our staff. I also want to shout-out to our outstanding network of suppliers, the incredible support from the community, and the tireless efforts of our volunteers.

We accomplished so much last year:

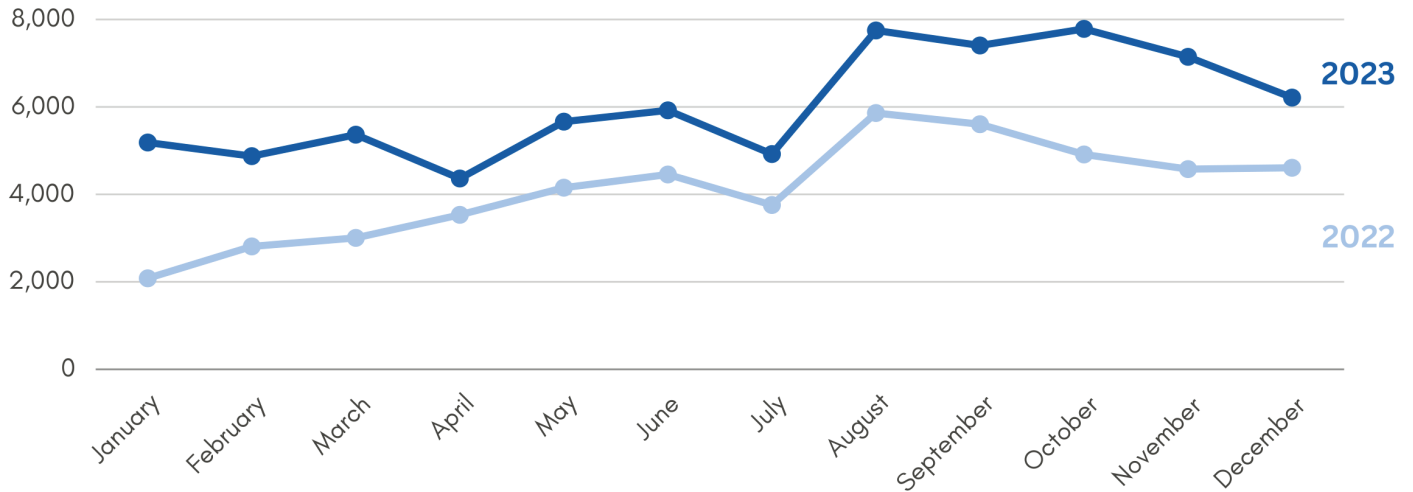
- We served a record number of households and clients last year.
- We developed the east lot to provide our clients and volunteers with safer parking, thanks to help from the team at city hall and T Barger Dirt Works. We are so grateful!
- We expanded our fleet with the purchase of an additional 26-foot refrigerator truck, increasing our capacity to pick-up products to meet the growing need of our community. The truck also serves as a backup cooler on occasions we exhaust our cold-storage capacities in the food bank.

Fresh from the success of 2023, we look forward into 2024 well positioned to support as we always have. With the high cost of inflation affecting everyone in our community, I always say that one metric of our success lies in the feedback we receive from our clients. On the reverse is of the many such quotes that touched my heart. Stories like this is why we do what we do. I am extremely thankful for all the community support we have received over the last year. Without your donations of financial support and time volunteering, we could not have met the needs of those who need our help the most. It is a joy, blessing, and honor to serve our community in this very special way.

In Humble Service,

STATISTICS

CLIENTS SERVED OVER 2023



4.4 MILLION lbs. distributed



60 partnerships with food banks, pantries, & outreach programs

PROGRAMS



Food Bank Marketplace

2.1 MILLION meals served through our marketplace



Backpack Program

800 weekend backpacks a month sent to local schools



Community Resource Center

15+ community partnerships to bring resources to people

Thanks to generous grants from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians & the Washington State Department of Agriculture, we increased our purchasing of staple foods in 2023. We can now offer more meat, dairy, eggs, and other Washington-grown produce than ever before!

“We are new to the area and we are raising our granddaughter from a loss of our daughter when I first came to the food bank. I felt like I might have a hard time excepting the reality of needing food. Everyone there made me feel so welcome and when I left, I left with my dignity intact, God bless all of you for being There for all of us who need you so desperately.”

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“My family and I were struggling to buy food to the point that our fridge was completely empty. I didn’t have any money to buy food so I started to brainstorm to how to buy food or make quick money for food.

Then I remember when I was a kid my mom used to take us to the food banks to get food to feed us. I went on my phone search up food banks that are open and the first one to pop up was the Sumner food bank. So right away I went to the food bank.

When I got to the food bank, I was impressed of how quick and easy it was to sign up. It literally took me like five minutes or less! Right after that, they allow me to go in to grab some food and thanks to them I was able to feed my family.

I want to say thank you to Sumner Community Food Bank for what you guys do. Thank you!”



You make all the difference

Eduardo and his family needed help filling their fridge with enough food to get by. Thank you for your support in helping people succeed without worrying about putting food on the table!

Marketplace Renovation

Thanks to a generous grant from the WSDA, we were able to completely renovate our marketplace! Featuring a larger produce area and new deli cases, this remodel has allowed us to meet the surging demand for food, increase our cold storage, create a better flow and experience for our customers, and reduce the workload of staff and volunteers! This project was completed in the summer of 2023.



New Walk-in Cooler

With the surging demand, we worked to increase the supplier network through the business community, but that increase taxed our limited cold storage. Thanks to grant funding from WSDA, we purchased a larger, more efficient walk-in cooler. This, along with converting a smaller cooler to freezer space, increases our cold storage by almost 1,000 square feet! This cooler was installed during the spring.



East Lot Improvements

As well as providing supplemental food to about 80 families a day, we've been working hard to improve the experience for all who visit. Our east parking lot now boasts a new layer of crushed asphalt and we've added lines to make parking more organized and accessible.

Many thanks to T Barger Dirt Works, Peterson Bros Summer, and Striperite!



