As we ring in the new year at Southeast Missouri Food Bank, we want to take a few minutes to reflect on 2019. We just completed one of our strongest years yet where we saw impressive increases in fundraising and food distributed. Our dedication to serving our community was recognized as we were awarded Sikeston Regional Chamber’s Civic Group of the Year.

In the pages of this annual report, we recap those milestones, such as the record 12.9 million pounds of food we distributed across the 16 counties we serve. We want you to remember that each of the numbers presented in these pages represents a person who needed help. Someone like Jane, who couldn’t continue to work as she battled lung cancer and had to turn to a local pantry for food. Or Sharon, who relies on food from a pantry but felt called to volunteer her time to help others.

Our strong performance in 2019 has been a great springboard into 2020, vaulting us into a clear vision and dynamic roadmap for the future. In the coming year, we are strengthening relationships with our partners — the pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters who are an important link in distributing food and our donors and retailers who support our mission.

Southeast Missouri Food Bank continues to be good stewards of the resources our donors provide. An astounding 96 percent of donations go back into programs, and we are accredited by Better Business Bureau and are 4-star rated by Charity Navigator.

This year marks our 35th year of feeding our hungry neighbors, and we begin it with a grateful heart — grateful for the opportunity to serve and for the businesses and individuals who continue to support us.

Joseph Keys
CEO of Southeast Missouri Food Bank

Highlights by the Numbers

BECAUSE OF OUR DONORS, WE:

Distributed 12,916,125 pounds of food.
Served more than 60,000 people each month.
Provided 10,898,676 meals.
Logged 6,586 volunteer hours.
When Jane, of Chaffee, was diagnosed with lung cancer three years ago, she had to quit work because the cancer treatments left her feeling tired and drained. At the time, she could eat only soft proteins, such as peanut butter, yogurt, and soup because the radiation treatments made her throat sore.

“It’s an adjustment going from 100 to 0,” Jane said of her treatment journey.

It was during this time of unemployment and high medical bills that Jane turned to the monthly food pantry at Chaffee VFW, operated by Southeast Missouri Food Bank.

The fruit, canned goods, pasta, and meat she receives help her tremendously and ease the burden of paying for groceries.

“This is a blessing for me,” Jane said. “It has made a world of difference. Thank you very much for the support. It makes life much easier for me.”

Although she still struggles financially, Jane is happy to be cancer-free for the past two years.
**Revenue**

Total: $20,048,615

- **Food**
  - $16,164,411
- **Grants**
  - $2,128,927
- **Financial Contributions**
  - $804,667
- **In-Kind Contributions**
  - $6,433

**Food Sources**

Total: 12,892,576 pounds of food

- **Federal Assistance Programs**
  - 4,491,988 lbs.
- **Donated Products**
  - 7,422,089 lbs.
- **Food Purchase**
  - 978,499 lbs.

**2019 Expenses**

- **Programs & Services**
  - 96.64%
- **Fundraising**
  - 1.92%
- **Administrative/ Management**
  - 1.44%

**Income**

- **Total Income**
  - $20,048,615
  - Food/In-Kind 80.66%
  - Cash 19.34%

**Expenses**

- **Total Expenses**
  - $19,034,660
  - Program Services 96.64%
  - Fundraising 1.92%
  - Administrative/ Management & General 1.44%

**2019 Cash Breakdown**

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  - $3,877,771
  - Grants 52.10%
  - Fundraising 23.55%
  - Local 13.02%
  - Other 11.33%

**Fund Balance**

- **Ending Net Assets**
  - $10,163,571
- **Total Assets**
  - $10,087,871
- **Total Liabilities**
  - $75,700

*According to Southeast Missouri Food Bank’s Unaudited Financial Statement for the calendar year ended December 31, 2019.*
12.9 million pounds of food distributed last year through our network of 140 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, mobile food pantries, and other programs. This was an increase of 9 percent over the previous year.

46 ABC Mobiles were held
A Better Childhood mobile food pantry focuses on providing food to school families and reached 7,561 families. One out of every five children in Southeast Missouri lives in a home struggling with hunger.

234 Truck to Table Mobile Food Pantries were held, an increase of 26 pantries over last year. These mobiles increase access to food because they can be held at various locations and during the evening or over the weekend so working families can receive food. More than 2 million pounds of food were distributed through this program.

554 Backpacks for Friday were sent home with students each week during the school year. The backpacks contain enough food to help feed a family over the weekend.

4,780 CSFP senior boxes were distributed each month. One out of 13 seniors is food insecure. Commodity Supplemental Food Program boxes provide about 30 pounds of nutritious USDA commodities each month.

120 seniors were monitored through the FRESH (Food Resource Expansion to Support Health) program and received additional produce to improve their A1C and blood pressure.

2.9 million pounds of additional food was distributed through TEFAP. (The Emergency Food Assistance Program).

More than 200,000 pounds of fresh produce were made available to our neighbors in need because of the generous support of Southeast Missouri farms, including produce provided by the inmates at Southeast Correctional Center.

612 SNAP applications were completed to link people to an important resource to obtain food on a regular basis. Every $1 provided in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits generates $1.70 in economic impact.

2,200 donors made a contribution to the food bank last year — and for that we are incredibly grateful. Each dollar received can provide four meals, and 96.6 percent of donations are put back into programs.

1 in 6 of our neighbors struggle with hunger
Hunger rates vary across our 16 counties, ranging from a low of 10 percent in Perry County to a high of 27 percent for child hunger in Mississippi County. Complete information can be found on page 8.

2019 Achievements
It’s a cold, wet Saturday morning, and Sharon Daniels of Benton is standing behind a white folding table taking food from a plastic tub and putting it into paper bags. She’s one of more than a dozen volunteers getting food ready for clients at Jesus in Disguise Pantry in Benton. The monthly pantry is an ecumenical effort that includes St. Denis Catholic Church, Lacroix United Methodist Church and Unity Baptist Church in Benton and St. Lawrence Catholic Church in New Hamburg.

Daniels knows firsthand how important the food is to the dozens of families who will come to the pantry on that Saturday. In addition to being a volunteer, she’s a patron of the pantry.

“I actually have never been treated any better in my life than what I am here,” she said. “The people here, they make you feel welcome.”

Daniels has known hardship and heartache in her life but does her best to rise above it — even when a fire destroyed her house in July.

“I lost everything I had, and I didn’t have any insurance cause I couldn’t afford it,” she said. “I had a talk with God, and he told me, ‘Don’t worry. He’s going to take care of my every need.‘”

Daniels said she feels blessed to have found a full-time job at a hat factory in Oran after working only part-time at a cabinet company in Chaffee.

“God took me on a journey, and I’ve been hungry,” she said. “I think that’s why God put us here — to help other people if you can. I serve an awesome God.”

934 volunteers provided 6,586 hours of their time to help us accomplish our mission. This represents nearly $152,000 worth of labor.

If you’d like to volunteer, call us at 573-471-1818.

TOP VOLUNTEERS
(by hours)
Steve Morse        Dorothy Blissett
Larry Gregory      Nancy Davidson
Mary Gregory       Haley Thompson
Sheila Hawkins     Greg Presley
Teresa Tipler      Maryann Wood

TOP 5 VOLUNTEER GROUPS
(by boxes packed)
St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape
Zion United Methodist Church in Gordonville
New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson
Cummins Sales and Service in Sikeston
Anchor Academy in Vanduser and Hope Center in Sikeston
Mobile Pantries Help
Josh Feed His Family

Josh sat near a table at an indoor mobile food pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Chapel in Cape Girardeau, recently. His dark glasses and the nearby cane were indicators of his blindness.

Josh, who has been blind since birth, said his condition was harder when he was a child, but he has learned to cope with it. He was at the mobile pantry to get food for his wife and six-year-old son.

“The little one likes to eat a lot,” Josh said.

He receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, but it’s not enough to cover the family’s monthly grocery needs. That’s where the mobile food pantries hosted by churches and other organizations that partner with us help individuals like Josh.

“People who come to these pantries need the food, so thanks for the help,” Josh said.
Thank you to our Donors!

**Gifts of $25,000+**
- Tyson Foods
- Walmart Foundation
- Mary Kay McAllister
- Greenway Equipment
- Missouri Foundation for Health
- J.R. Albert Foundation, Inc.

**Gifts of $10,000-$24,999**
- Pemiscot County Initiative Network
- Drury Southwest
- Missouri Farmers Care
- Midwest Sterilization Corp.
- The Community Foundation
- The TJX Companies, Inc.
- Feeding America
- Dr. Linza & Julie Killion
- Peter & Toni Martin

**Gifts of $5,001-$9,999**
- Bayer Fund
- Fine Laboratories, Inc.
- Bank of America Foundation
- Kennett Ministerial Alliance
- Feeding Missouri
- Wells Fargo
- David & Gail Crader
- Humana Foundation
- JP Morgan Chase
- PwC Charitable Foundation
- United Airlines
- Visa Foundation
- Montgomery Bank
- La Croix United Methodist

**Gifts of $2,501-$5,000**
- Enterprise Holdings
- Jeremiah 29:11 Foundation
- Adam & Tamara Morgan
- Prevention is Key Foundation
- Joe & Tommie Tidwell
- Tom & Laveta Williams
- Greeley Community Church
- Big Stuff Preschool & Child Care
- Missouri Assn. of Trial Lawyers
- Kraft Heinz Company
- Cape Kiwanis Club
- Kyle & Calli Thoma
- Richard H. & Christine Montgomery
- Debbie Toney
- Broadwater Church of the Brethren
- Charlene Freeman
- James & Teresa Maurer
- Toyota Coad Park West, Inc.
- Southern Comfort Cabins & RV
- Bernie R-XIII PTO

**Gifts of $1,500-$2,500**
- Agri-Gro Marketing, Inc
- Amazing In Home Services, Inc.
- Creve & Company
- John Richbourg
- Shelby Spray
- Toyota Dealer Match Program
- Tyson Foods, Inc.-Dexter
- Marilyn Weaver
- Julie McGrath
- Trevin & Fallan Mayabb
- Trinity United Methodist Church

First Gen. Baptist, Bloomfield
St. Joe General Baptist Church
Trinity United Meth. Church
Mary Dyer
Infinity Recycling Solutions
BNSF Railway
Thomas & Rebecca Essner
Frank & Gail Jones
Kennett United Way Fund
Stonebright Foundation
Amber Miller
MO State Emp. Charitable Campaign
Macy’s Inc.
Linda Burns
Donald & Jane Rosenbarger Jr.
Scott Co. Farm Bureau
Thomas C. Thomsen
Ameren Missouri
Stephen & Vicky Dowdy
Michele McFarland
Unilever U.S. Foundation
Naomi Atkinson-Newman
Naomi Wahl
Vizient, Inc.
James & Julia Gronski
Donna Morgan
Altrusa Club of Sikeston
Ripley Co. Ministerial Alliance
Barbara C. Glackin
Berneda Greene
Mark Leibold
SERVPRO of Cape & Scott Co.
Jerry Stone
Walmart, Malden
Walmart, Sikeston
How You Can Help

**Volunteer**
Volunteer with a group or as an individual. Ask about our open volunteer days. Call 573-471-1818.

**Donate**
Make a one-time gift or sign up for a recurring donation. Sponsor a child to receive a weekend backpack of food. Include SEMO Food Bank in your estate planning. Donate food or host a food or fund drive.

**Get Involved**
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Contact elected officials to support hunger-related issues. Sign up for our newsletter at semofoodbank.org.

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### Rose’s Advice: Help One Another

Almost everyone in Lilbourn knows Rose Partee, and it’s no wonder considering she’s 84 years old and has lived there all her life.

As she sat in her wheelchair by the front door of Life Changers Restoration Ministries, everyone who came in greeted her with a smile and sometimes a hug.

Partee was happy for the mobile food pantry to be held there since she was one of the people involved with starting the church. Over a hundred people filled seats inside the church, waiting for their turn to fill their box with food.

“It helps out a lot in our community,” Partee said of the mobile food pantry as she waited her turn.

Growing up, her family struggled with food, she said. They raised and grew almost everything they ate. Because of that, she taught her children not to be picky and be thankful for what they had. Partee believes in community coming together to make the world better.

“Help one another,” she said.

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### Rates of Food Insecurity & Pounds of Food Distributed by County

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