



2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION

To nourish and empower Lake Stevens today, building a resilient and sustainable community for tomorrow.

OUR VISION

To exemplify the charitable spirit of our community by providing a nutrition safety net for residents in need.



A YEAR'S REFLECTION

By Anthony Hawley

Operating a food bank can be a difficult task at times. On one hand, we want to feed people. We want every person who needs help to have a place where they can get some. On the other hand, when we feed more people than ever before, that means that there is more of our friends, neighbors and community members who are struggling to make ends meet.

We are so happy to be a place where we can offer this reprieve. A place where families can come when they have to make the difficult decisions between paying for groceries instead of paying for their car payment - the thing that gets them to work to pay for everything else. A place where a single mother can come to get diapers, formula and food so she can afford to pay for daycare while she is getting back on her feet. We love being this place. We love offering hope - hope for a better tomorrow.

This fiscal year (July 2021-June 2022) has been one where, we believe, we have given this hope of a better tomorrow to more of our friends, neighbors and community members than ever before.

There is no doubt that the state of the world, the increasing cost of living and the seemingly never-ending pandemic are responsible for the greater need for our services within the community.

The crazy amount of work that has gone into us giving reprieve to those coming to us for help has not been done by one, but by our few staff members, our many, many amazing volunteers, our dedicated board of directors who do so much behind the scenes, and our generous donors who trust us to carry out our mission.

While we feel that we have done an incredible job in keeping up with the demand, this year has also been one of hardships. We have had to spend late nights loading trucks with frozen foods from a broken freezer, starting up the trucks to go out for morning pickups to realize that catalytic converters were stolen, and we have had to spend more money than ever to purchase food because we weren't going to have enough to make it through the next distribution.

Despite these challenges, this year has been an exciting one. We have begun a new program with Lake Stevens ECEAP families, where we get the opportunity to provide families with all the ingredients to make culturally relevant meals as a family. We have finished Phase One of our new building and have broken ground on the vertical build. Soon, we will have a place where we can offer more than just food to our community.



VOLUNTEERS

With only two full time staff and one part time staff, over 90% of the work performed by the Lake Stevens Community Food Bank is carried out by our dedicated team of volunteers. They carry out sorting incoming food, both perishable and non-perishables, they pick up the food from the local grocery stores, they pack boxes for distribution, and they help put the food into the hands of those who need it. They are also our biggest ambassadors.

There is also our team of Board of Directors who believe in the work we do so much that they help keep the operation running behind the scenes with fundraising, events, marketing and so much more.

We love our volunteers and are so grateful that they have chosen to help our community through us!

IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

WE HAD....

254 volunteers

DONATE....

12,595 hours of time

THIS IS EQUAL TO....

Over 6
FTEs

VALUED AT...

\$210,210.55

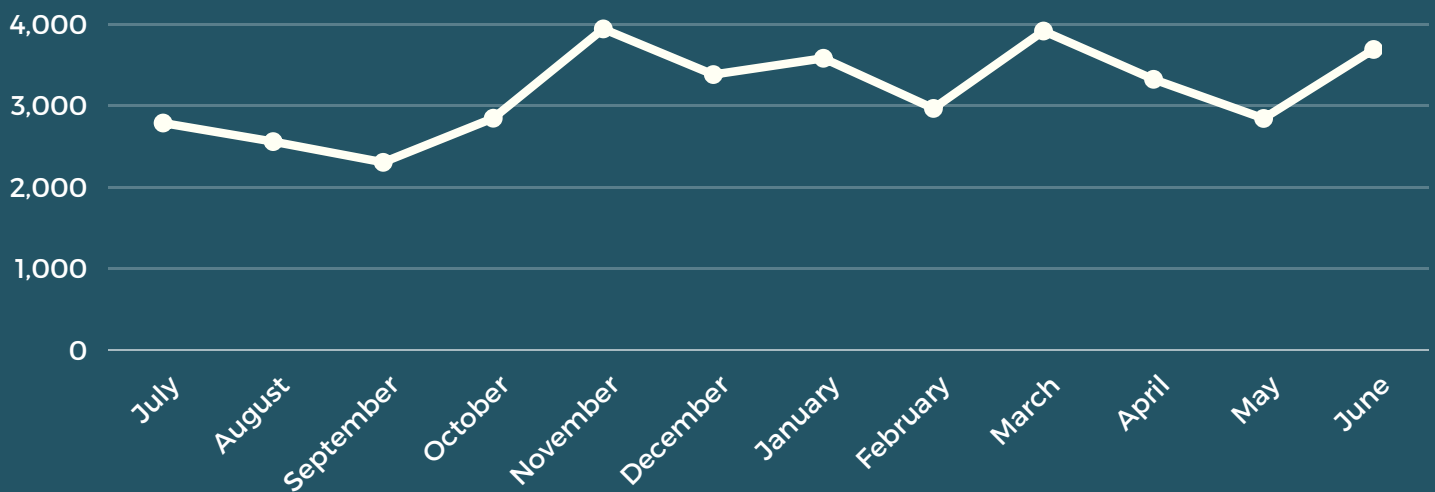
OUR IMPACT

Lake Stevens Community Food Bank is a zero-barrier food bank. While we ask for some demographical information, we do not require anyone seeking assistance to provide us with any information they are not comfortable with. We are a food bank, yet we offer more than just food to those who come through. We also provide personal hygiene items, diapers and wipes for babies and adults, formula, household essentials and pet food for our furry friends.

We also have weekly deliveries to disabled and homebound individuals, and weekly drop-offs to two low-income senior housing facilities.

We humbly served more food and essentials to our friends, neighbors and community members than ever before.

PEOPLE SERVED BY MONTH



WE SERVED

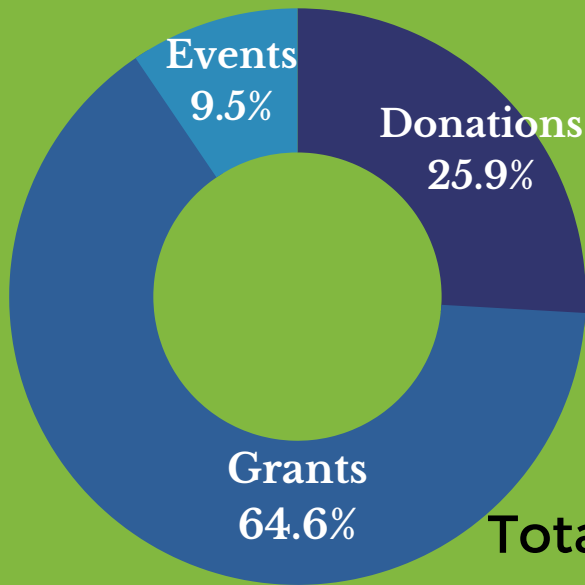
42,036
INDIVIDUALS

605,795
POUNDS

224
DAYS

EQUALING \$1,102,546.9 IN VALUE

FINANCIALS



Operating Revenue

Donations - \$227,844.91

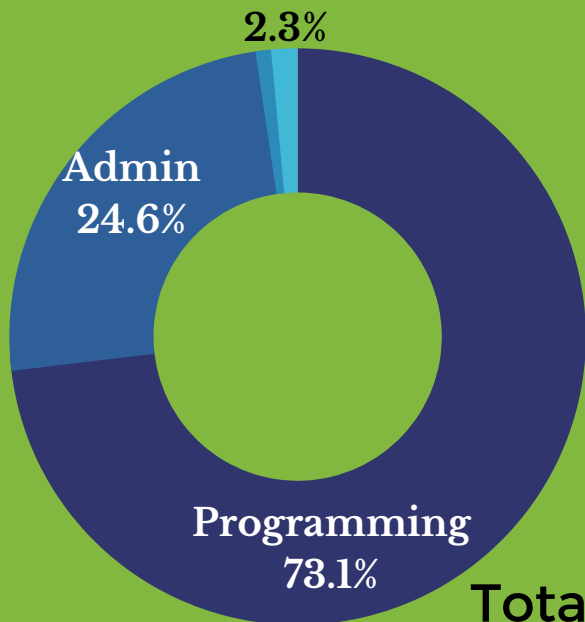
Grants - \$568,222.61

Events - \$83,493.83

Other income - \$2,365.72

Total Operating Revenue - \$881,927.07

Marketing and Fundraising



Operating Expenses

Programming - \$169,270.16

Administrative - \$56,860.77

Marketing - \$3,419.00

Fundraising - \$2,002.57

New Building Costs - \$270,006.8

Total Operating Expenses - \$501,559.30

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Lake Stevens Community Food Bank is all about nourishing our community. This would not be possible without people who wholeheartedly believe in our mission. If you have a heart for giving, please consider joining us to help us further our work in the community.

Board of Directors

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Doug Warren
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Staff

Anthony Hawley, Executive Director
Georgia Christy, Administrative Director of Operations
Tammy McMurray, Operations Manager

And the large team of hardworking, dedicated volunteers!