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2023  
Annual  
Report





Metro Food Rescue  
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We are very proud of the impact we had in our community in 2023. We were able to help feed more than 30,000 of our neighbors in need and none of it would be possible without our partners. From our food donors to our partner agencies who distribute the food to our neighbors in need, our impact is only possible by working in collaboration with others.

We live in a country where 40% of our food is wasted while millions of people and one in five children live with food insecurity. There is more than enough food, we just don't get it to the right place at the right time. There are so many reasons for all of our wasted food; from the food manufacturer who received 4,000 lbs of carrots that were too short, to the grocery store that received a truck full of beautiful too ripe tomatoes to the regular excess that we as a society demand leading to excess food at every step in the process. Metro Food Rescue is proud to help get this delicious and nutritious food to our partners and help feed our neighbors in need.

We also want to give a special thank you to all our donors; from our Founder's Circle, to our corporate sponsors, foundation supporters and individual donors **THANK YOU**. We are only able to do this work and grow our impact because of your generosity and support of our mission.

Chad Techner  
Founder/CEO

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## WORKING TOGETHER



### **Small Pantry Support Network**

In partnership with Hospitality House Food Pantry we drop off and pick up food in support of a number of small food pantries throughout the metro Detroit area.



### **The Great Apple Rescue**

In partnership with Yad Ezra, we have rescued from a small orchard of 40 trees that would otherwise go to waste, along with apples from trees in neighbor's yards. In 2023 we rescued more than 1500 pounds of apples.



### **Serving Those That Served**

Through the small pantry support network, Soldier's Angels was able to double the amount of food given to 250 veterans & their families. We also work closely with Volunteers of America to help feed those in their residential program.



### **Thanksgiving Distribution**

Each year we partner with the Springfield Fire Department, sponsored by Ally Financial to distribute 400 full Thanksgiving dinners to the community. This program also supports Groveland Township and the Village of Holly.



### **Events & Catering Rescue**

Often, caterers prepare more food than they can serve. In Partnership with Make Food Not Waste, we work with The Book Cadillac, Oakland University, Lawrence Tech, TED Climate Confrence and others to rescue delicious prepared food.

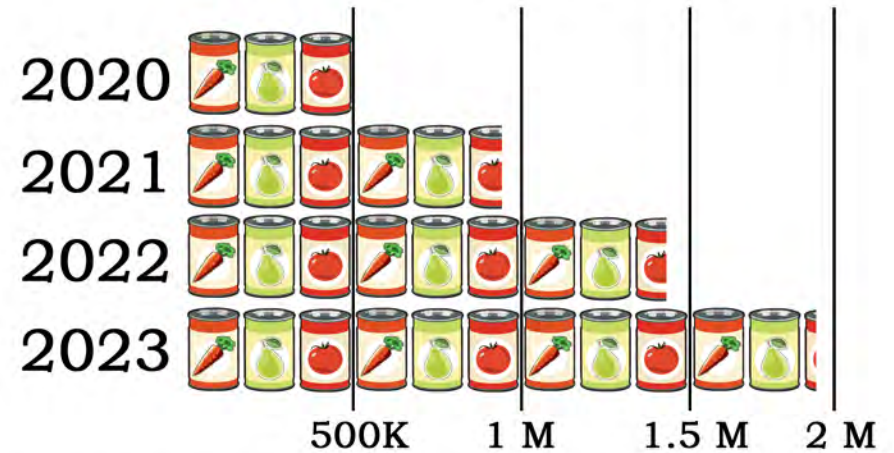


# IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

In 2023 we provided much needed food for

**OVER 30,000**  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED

NUMBER OF MEALS RESCUED



## 55 Rescue Partners

In 2023 we rescued food from 55 partners including, grocery stores, farmers markets, caterers, manufacturers and big box stores.



## 72 Feeding Partners

In 2023 we delivered food free of charge to 72 food pantries and soup kitchens that distribute the food to our neighbors in need.



## 31 Communities Served



## More than 600,000 Loaves of Bread Rescued



# WHAT OUR PARTNERS ARE SAYING

"Metro Food Rescue serves our very own metro community. They find food everywhere and they Rescue people by simply providing food. Being a founder reminds us how new and fresh this organization is and we are going to continue to support them. They are as lean and efficient as any nonprofit we know."



- Neal Zalenko  
President Marjorie &  
Maxwell Jospey Foundation  
Founders Circle Member

"After researching their mission we decided it was a very worthy cause. Rescuing food that would otherwise end up in a dumpster is so important because so many people are food insecure. We also hosted a get-together at our home to inform our friends and family about this amazing organization. We highly support all the Metro Food Rescue stands for."



- Howard & Iris Rosen  
Founders Circle Members

"Our work with Metro Food Rescue has become a critical part of our food pantry. We are so appreciative of their assistance, they have saved us thousands of dollars by delivering bread, produce and pantry items for our clients. They have also been able to take food that we are unable to use and finds other organizations that can use it."



- Daniella HarPaz Mechnikov  
Executive Director

"By partnering we are actively working to minimize food waste in our business while also contributing to help those in need. Not only does this practice benefit the community by providing food to those who need it. It's a win-win situation that not only benefits my business but also has a positive impact on society."



- Jeremy Wolfe  
Owner Monarch Market  
Founders Circle Member

"The service that Metro Food Rescue provides addressing food challenges, food waste and distribution in the community is much needed and appreciated by all! We always love the deliveries from Metro Food Rescue. It's exciting when you can add and a little something extra special to the menu from the donated food."



- Monique Turner  
Kitchen Manager

"Metro Food Rescue is one of our favorite partners and one that we recommend all of the time to potential food donors. The team is caring, flexible, and thorough. We know we can count on them to respond right away and to make the rescue work not only for food donors but also for people like us who rely on regular food donations to serve the community."



- Danelle Todd  
Executive Director



The mission of Metro Food Rescue is quite simple: **WASTE LESS. FEED MORE.**  
 We rescue food and deliver it to a network of food pantries, helping to feed individuals and families in need.

**Founder's Circle (5 Year Commitments)**

**Diamond (\$10,000+/yr)**

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

**Gold (\$5,000-\$9,999/yr)**

Mindi Fynke  
 Nathan Leader  
 Richard & Valerie Leebove  
 Ilene & David Techner  
 Jeremy Wolfe Family Foundation  
 Uniprop

**Silver (\$2,000-\$4,999/yr)**

Ruby Duffield  
 Shelley & Mickey Eizelman  
 Mark Niehaus  
 Marjorie & Maxwell Jospey Foundation  
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 Iris & Howard Rosen  
 Miry & Dan Serlin  
 Alden Toevs & Judi Wolf

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

**\$20,000 - \$50,000**

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**\$500 - \$999**

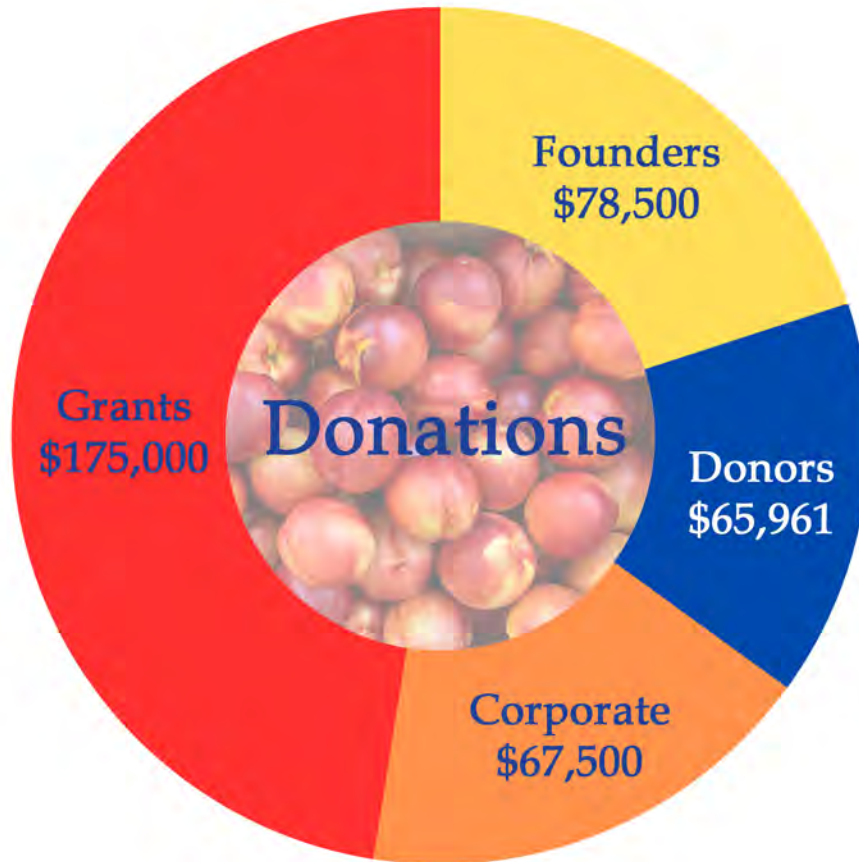
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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Total 2023 Impact - \$4,428,359**

2,104,895 Pounds rescued x \$1.92/lb + Budget of \$386,961



## Revenue

Donations - Individual	\$65,961.00
Donations - Corporate	\$67,500.00
Donations - Founders Circle	\$78,500.00
Grants	\$175,000.00

## Total Revenue

**\$386,961.00**

## Expenses

Insurance - General	\$1,000.00
Insurance - Auto	\$7,683.00
Insurance - Workers Comp	\$2,315.75
Salaries & Wages (Including Payroll Taxes)	\$183,637.68
Auto Expenses - Gas & Oil	\$21,176.51
Auto Expenses - Maintenance	\$18,607.23
Contract Services - Grant Writing	\$10,767.50
Contract Services - Bookkeeping/Accountant	\$9,695.00
Misc Expense - Postage, Bank Fees, Web hosting	\$3,494.38
Logo Wraps for Trucks & Van	\$2,195.37
Software	\$3,898.23
Travel/Conferences	\$1,475.37
PR	\$3,351.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$269,297.02</b>
Thanksgiving Distribution	\$6,181.09
Meal Kits/Soup Kits	\$5,388.84
Reimbursed Expenses	\$11,569.93
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$280,866.95</b>
<b>Net Reserves</b>	<b>\$106,094.05</b>
New Truck/Van	\$81,460.00
Cash Reserves	\$24,634.05

Complete financial information available at [www.metrofoodrescue.com/](http://www.metrofoodrescue.com/)



# IN THE NEWS



July 2023  
Moosejaw Meal Kit Event



May 2023  
National Food Waste Story



November 2023  
SDM2 Collaboration



December 2023  
Faygo Holiday Commercial



March 2023  
Vibe Truck Sponsor Event



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!

## Board of Directors

Howard Dembs  
Board Chair/Secretary  
Howard M. Schwartz  
Treasurer  
Mindi Fynke  
Trustee  
Rabbi Joseph Krakoff  
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