



## Dallas Food Bank 2022 Annual Report

The year 2022 was a time to reset at the Dallas Food Bank. Having come through COVID-19 without having to close the food bank for even a single distribution day, the food bank has turned back the clock to resume in-person, shopping-style service for our families. This was a new experience for as many as 600 families that visited us during the pandemic. It was also a new experience for most of our volunteers.



The pool of volunteers changed dramatically over the pandemic years, so lots of training was required to ensure that volunteers were prepared to handle the personal shopping style of food distribution and to have direct contact with the families that we serve. Volunteers attended in-person training that for many meant meeting other volunteers for the first time. During COVID, there had been no contact between volunteers from other days and/or shifts.

Dallas Food Bank served 1,318 unique families comprised of 4,347 individuals. This represented a 31% increase in the number of individuals served in 2021. To aid recovery from the impacts of the pandemic, families were allowed to shop at the food bank twice a month, resulting in 4,468 shopping opportunities in 2022.

Dallas Food Bank depends on monetary and in-kind donations to serve our community. However, from 2021 to 2022, we saw a 23% decline in monetary giving. As well, there was a 2.3% decrease in food donated to the food bank. The Food Bank Board of Directors authorized purchases of protein and vegetables, along with personal hygiene items, to ensure our families had access to these basic items.

In 2022, the food bank spent \$22,706 at local stores to provide 22,381 pounds of additional items for distribution. This was an increase of \$7,840 from 2021 when the food bank spent \$14,866. The protein items included peanut butter, chili with meat, milk, eggs, tuna and canned meats. Canned corn and green beans are considered a staple at the food bank and are regularly purchased. The food bank also provided toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, and bath soap to families, who are not allowed to use their government food assistance to purchase needed personal products.

In 2022, about 428,000 pounds of food were distributed to our food-insecure neighbors.