

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK
ANNUAL REPORT

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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL



Fighting Hunger. Giving Hope.

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To mobilize resources to fight hunger in our community.

VISION

No one goes hungry in Los Angeles County.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am proud to share the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank's accomplishments in its 40th year serving the hungry in our community. In 2013 we distributed 60 million pounds of food, which is the equivalent of 50 million meals.

Working to feed the hungry in the most populated county in the United States is a huge undertaking that we do not take lightly. We partner with 670 agencies throughout the county and also have expanded our children's and senior's programs. We focus on the most nutritious food available for all of our food distribution programs. CalFresh outreach, nutrition education and advocacy have also become important initiatives over the past several years.

We continue our commitment to direct 97 percent of charitable contributions and other revenues to programs. Our efficiency and effectiveness led the LA Business Journal to name the Food Bank as the "Nonprofit Organization of the Year" among large local organizations in 2013. As highlighted in the following pages, we are required to reflect the value of the food that we receive on our financial statements, and the change in net assets in 2013 is partially due to more food being distributed than received for the year.

Donor support is greatly leveraged by the 33,000 volunteers who help us to distribute donated food. For every dollar donated, we are able to provide the equivalent of four nutritious meals.

Moving forward we will continue to work toward our vision that no one goes hungry in Los Angeles County with the help of our supporters. We look forward to joining forces with you to fight hunger in our community.

Michael Flood
PRESIDENT/CEO

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Facts

\$1

Provides 4 meals.



1,000,000 

People served through Food Bank programs annually.

825

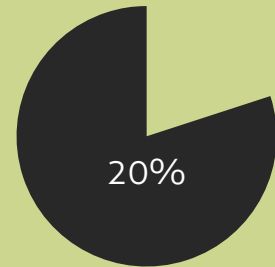
Children receive food for the weekend every Friday as part of our Backpack Program and one school site also receives 400 bags of produce for its students.

670

Number of agencies that partner with the Food Bank to distribute food to hungry people in L.A. County.

1 in 6

People in L.A. County experiences hunger.



Percentage of food that the Food Bank distributes that is produce.

183,000

Total square-feet of the Food Bank's warehouses.

33,000

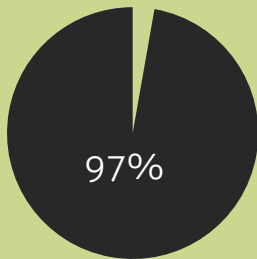
Volunteers donate their time to the Food Bank annually.

23,000

Number of seniors who receive food kits from the Supplemental Food Program each month.

400,000

Number of children the Food Bank serves each year.



Percentage of cash and in-kind revenues that goes directly toward program services.

60 Million

Pounds of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2013.

2,400

Number of children served meals at 35 sites daily after school.

1973

Year the Food Bank began after Tony Collier, a cook in Pasadena, saw food going to waste and decided to give it to those in need. His simple act was how the Food Bank got started.

Teacher Resource Bank

A place where teachers at qualifying schools can pick out supplies they need. We partner with Target and other companies to provide teachers with paper, books, pencils and other much-needed items.



Growers



Manufacturers and Distributors



Retailers



Government Food & Funds



Food Drives



Monetary Donations



Food Bank



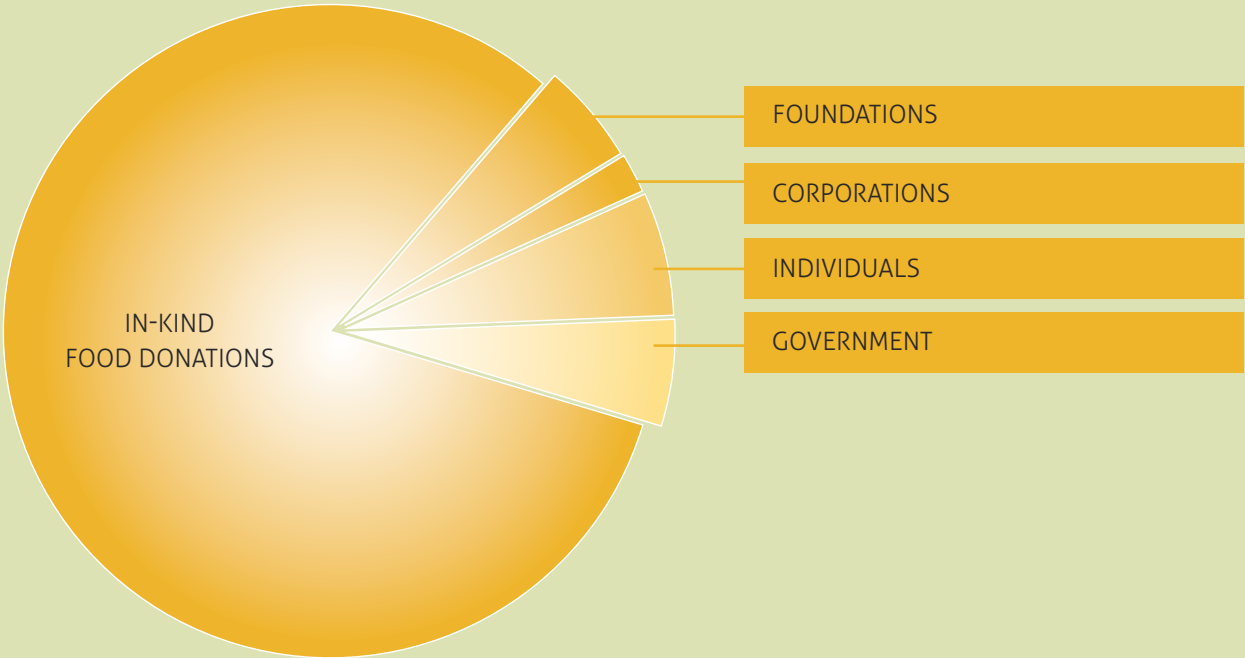
Partnering Agencies



Clients

Financial Overview

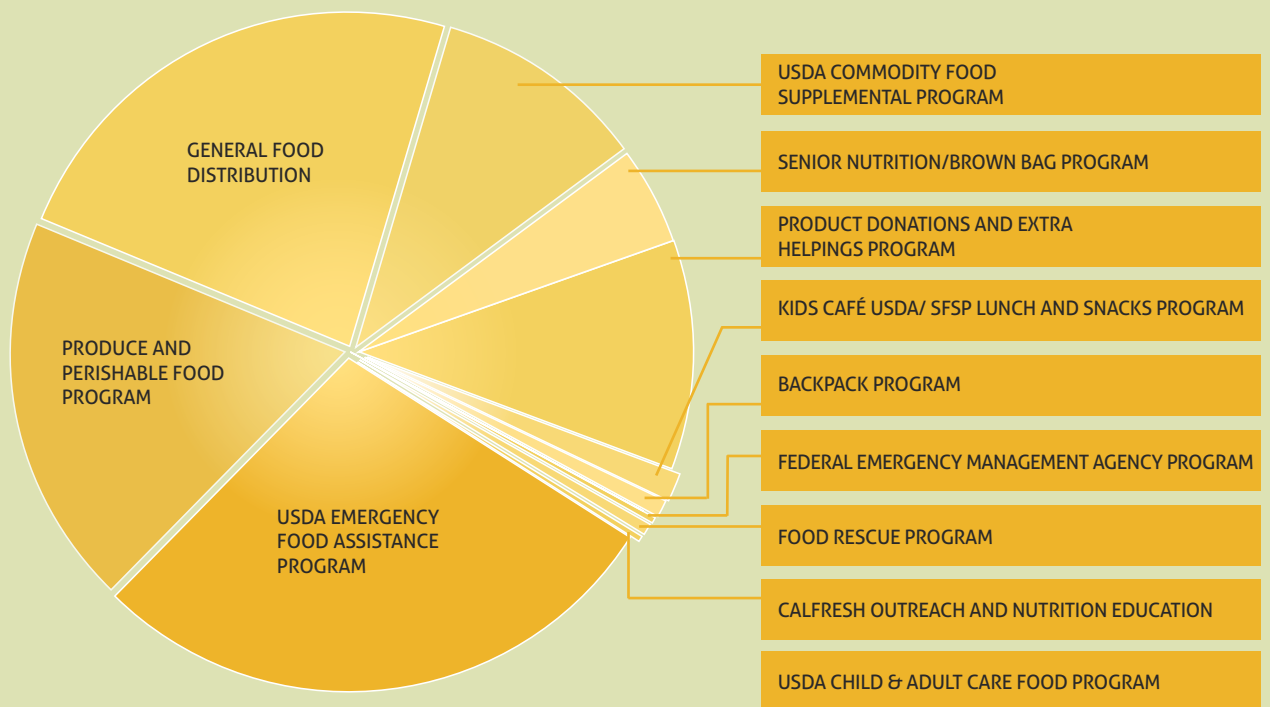
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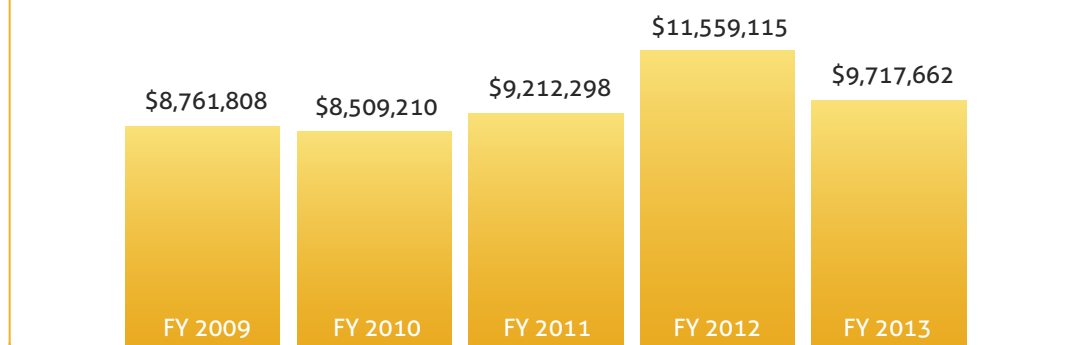
TOTAL REVENUE FOR OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL	\$78,002,017
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$78,901,113
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$899,096)
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$15,858,498



EXPENSES



FUNDS RAISED



THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK IS TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE THE MOST NUTRITIOUS FOOD AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE AT RISK OF HUNGER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY – 4,000 SQUARE MILES WITH THE LARGEST POPULATION OF ANY COUNTY IN THE NATION. WE DISTRIBUTE FOOD THROUGH A NETWORK OF 670 PARTNER AGENCIES, WHICH INCLUDES FOOD PANTRIES, SHELTERS, SOUP KITCHENS AND YOUTH AND SENIOR CENTERS.



PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

At 35 sites, 2,400 children receive healthy meals after school. When school is not in session, the Food Bank expands its program to provide lunch weekdays to 6,400 children at 80 sites.

Our Backpack Program ensures children don't go hungry on the days they are not in school. Every Friday during the school year, children receive a bag of fresh produce and enough food for six meals. We distribute food for nearly 2,000 children at seven elementary schools monthly through our Meals for Minds Program and deliver 600 bags of produce to one school site bi-weekly.

SENIORS

The number of hungry seniors is continually increasing. Faced with the decision of choosing to pay for rent, medicine or food, seniors often do not eat. Our programs provide monthly food kits through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program to more than 23,000 seniors. An additional 1,000 low-income seniors receive weekly bags of produce and groceries through our Brown Bag Program.

CALFRESH OUTREACH

The Food Bank CalFresh Outreach team helps low-income, food-insecure individuals and families determine their eligibility and assists them with accessing the public CalFresh program.

NUTRITION EDUCATION

The Food Bank aims to educate and inform children, their families and seniors who participate in our programs about the importance of healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices.

TEACHER RESOURCE BANK

The Teacher Resource Bank (an affiliate of the Kids in Need Foundation) at the Food Bank is a place where teachers who work at qualifying schools can obtain supplies that they need for their classrooms. We have partnered with organizations that are donating paper, pencils, books and additional supplies that teachers might otherwise go without or purchase on their own.

PRODUCE AND PERISHABLE FOOD PROGRAM

Because fresh produce requires quick turnaround, the Food Bank has instituted an Agency Drive Thru Program that gets perishable food to agencies quickly and effectively. One day each week is designated as a day to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables that are boxed and ready. In 2013, nearly 20 percent of what the Food Bank distributed was fresh produce, primarily through this program.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides agencies with food from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Food pantries and other sites then provide bags of food to families based on income guidelines. Soup kitchens that offer hot meals are also eligible.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Launched in 2012, the Mobile Food Pantry has become an important resource for the community. The Mobile Food Pantry serves low-income families in underserved areas throughout Los Angeles County. We have 13 Mobile Food Pantry distributions that serve 250-300 households. Food on the refrigerated truck is a combination of USDA commodities, donated foods, produce and perishables.

EXTRA HELPINGS

This growing program routes significant quantities of prepared and perishable food from caterers, restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries and other food service establishments directly to Food Bank partner agencies. Through this program, 5.3 million pounds of food was distributed in 2013.



HOW DOES IT WORK?



WHAT YOU CAN DO

DONATE Every \$1 donated equals four meals. Financial contributions help the Food Bank run the programs needed to serve the hungry in L.A. County.

PARTICIPATE It takes a lot of hands to move 1 million pounds of food every week. Last year we had help from 33,000 volunteers!

COORDINATE Organize a virtual food drive. You will help the Food Bank save time and resources incurred with a traditional food drive. Contributions will be used to purchase the most-needed items, including fruits and vegetables.

ADVOCATE You can support the Food Bank and its mission to mobilize resources to fight hunger in our community. "Like" the Food Bank on Facebook, "Follow" us on Twitter and encourage others to support the Food Bank in its efforts to feed the hungry in L.A. County.

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