2017 Community Report

Fighting hunger.
Nourishing our community.

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Guided by our values and mission, we are building on Fiscal Year 2017's key accomplishments by focusing on the following:

• Expansion plans for our food access programs to reach more rural communities and food deserts
• Program integration with Big River Farms to support local farmers and local hunger
• Deepening our work on equity with increased attention on racial justice issues, and
• Completing our capital freezer project to support program expansion

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Warm Regards,

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Executive Director

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THE FOOD GROUP’S 2017 HUNGER FIGHTING STATS

Thank you for helping us fight hunger and nourish our community in 2017.

For 42 years The Food Group has worked to provide good foods to those who need it most in our community. We focus on local food access, equity, and nutrition issues related to food and hunger in more than 32 counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Food Group works on both ends of the food system from production to distribution. Working towards building a better local food system for all, we focus on breaking down barriers to growing good food locally and breaking down barriers to getting good food to those who need it most.

fought hunger in 32 counties

partnered with 251 food shelves & hunger relief programs in the community

volunteers donated 31,746 hours = to 15 full-time employees

2,201,929 individuals served through our programs and partners

food distributed was equal to 7,098,923 pounds of food distributed = 5.9 MILLION MEALS to families in need

1,521,651 pounds of fresh produce distributed

Thank you for helping us reach even more individuals in 2017 by providing 15% more meals to our neighbors in need.

Ninety cents of each dollar donated to The Food Group is spent serving Minnesotans in need.
INCOME AND EXPENSES

REVENUE
In-Kind Contributions 4,116,855
Financial Contributions 1,956,165
United Way 843,537
Government Grants 3,669,288
Program Revenue 116,805
Special Events 13,912
Other 386
Total Support & Revenue: $10,867,675

EXPENSES
Program Services 9,580,062
Administrative Support 622,049
Fundraising Support 386,931
Total Expenses: $10,589,042

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS
Cash 860,217
Investments 7,660
Accounts Receivable 144,845
Grants Receivable 346,066
Prepaid Expense 35,329
Inventory 699,507
Total Current Assets: $2,093,624

Property & Equipment – Net 3,437,489
Total Assets: $5,531,113

LIABILITIES
Current & Long-Term 1,841,808
Total Liabilities: $1,841,808

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted 3,496,990
Temporary Restricted 192,315
Total Net Assets: $3,689,305

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: $5,531,113
2017 SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHTS

In 2017, The Food Group received exceptional support from the following generous foundations & businesses:

Allina Health  
OTTO BREMER TRUST  
HUGH J. ANDERSEN FOUNDATION  
Luther  
FINNEGANS BREW CO.  
TARGET.

RICHARD M. SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION  
Sit Investment Associates

HUNGER BASH GALA

The Food Group’s sixth annual Hunger Bash fundraising gala took place on September 8 at McNamara Alumni Center in Minneapolis.

Together with over 375 guests, we raised more than $176,000 to fight hunger in our community. The event continues to grow, allowing us to help more people each year. We would love to see you there in 2018!

Hunger Bash 2017 was presented by Luther Automotive and sponsored by Affiance Financial, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, CarFax, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Michael Foods, MidwestOne Bank, Minnesota Monthly, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Ryder, and Wells Fargo.