

40 Years Of Healing Hunger

## Searching for a Future Free from Hunger

## **Our Mission**

#### To nourish and educate our neighbors in need to heal the hurt of hunger

Operation Food Search provides immediate food assistance to individuals and families, serving 200,000 people every month. We also work to address the underlying causes of hunger that impact the ability to put food on the table. Through programs, partnerships and policy change, we strive to ensure that all bistate-area children and adults have the nutrition, food and skills needed to live healthy lives.



#### **Our Year in Review**

2021 marked the 40th anniversary of Operation Food Search's incorporation as a nonprofit organization, and it was a year of both celebrations and continued challenges. As we began our fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2020), we remained fully immersed in the adversities of the pandemic, along with the rest of the world. Those challenges continue today, beyond what many of us expected. Yet we have found hope and inspiration in doing our work and in the resiliency we see all around us.

The need has increased, but so have the solutions to the problem of hunger. We've seen greater numbers of new donors, created more partnerships and expanded our programs, enabling us to not just face the trials of this ordeal, but to move further upstream to address the underlying causes of food insecurity.

In this report, you'll learn more about our continued adaptation to the demands of the pandemic, our outstanding partners and our generous supporters. Most of all, you'll see how our strategic approach to going beyond meeting the immediate need is designed to ensure that all those who are working hard to put food on the table can do so, today and in the long term.

Forty years ago, the founders of OFS began this quest in search of food for the hungry. They could not have predicted the need that would still exist today. But what they did know remains true four decades later: the solution lies in the community of caring people who are committed to helping others. We are privileged to be a part of that community and to have your partnership in creating a future free from hunger.

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Kristen V. Wild, President & CEC

Alan Schultz, Board Chair

## **Our Leadership**

#### **Senior Leadership Team**



Kristen Wild President & CEO



Carlton Adams Chief Operating Officer



**Julie Mann** Chief Financial Officer



**Trina Ragain** Chief Innovation Officer



Ellen Reed-Fox Chief Development Officer



Jocelyn Fundoukos Director of Communications

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#### **Officers**

Chair: Amanda Ruby Bayer

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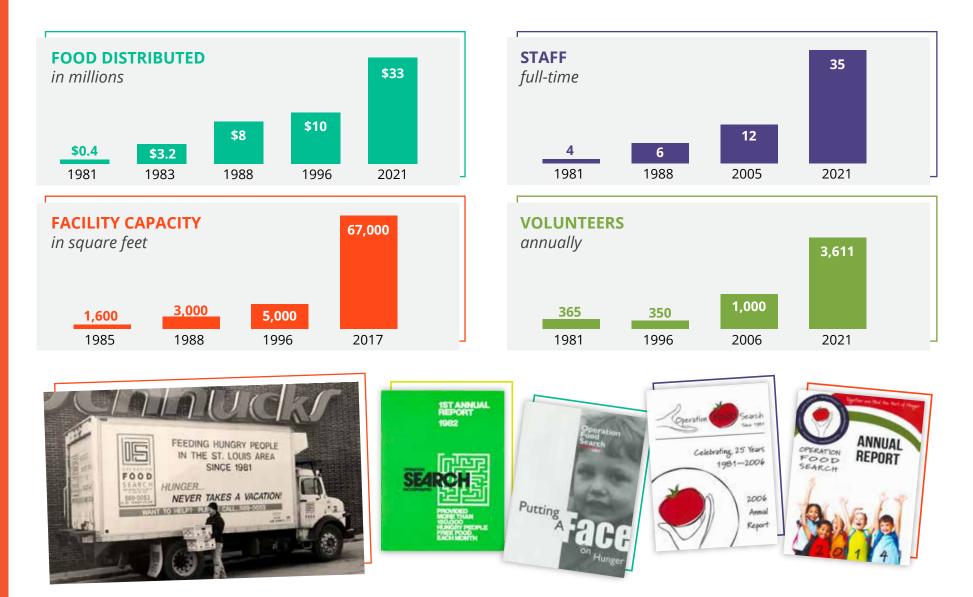
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# **Our History**

#### Four Decades of Work to Increase Food Access

More than 40 years ago, dedicated members of a coalition of individuals of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths initiated an organized search for food to help the hungry. What began as the St. Louis United Hunger Effort became Operation Food Search in 1981. Since then, OFS has worked tirelessly to fill a vital need in the bistate community. Now, OFS is going beyond searching for food: *We are searching for solutions.* 



#### The Path Toward Better Solutions

As we continue our work to heal hunger, we remain true to our origin as a rescue food bank while also addressing the social determinants of health. We provide food and related services to more than 200,000 individuals every month — one-third of whom are children — through a network of 330 community partners in 27 Missouri and Illinois counties. In addition, our community nutrition programs empower individuals and families to eat healthier food on a budget. Our policy and advocacy work strengthens support for safety-net programs and increases opportunities for everyone to put food on the table and live healthier lives.

There is no question that hunger is a very serious problem. But with persistence, dedication, collaboration and creativity, hunger is solvable. And with the help of our partners, volunteers, donors and community members, OFS is finding solutions and helping to create a healthier, more vibrant region.



#### **OFS Service Area**

#### **Missouri Counties**

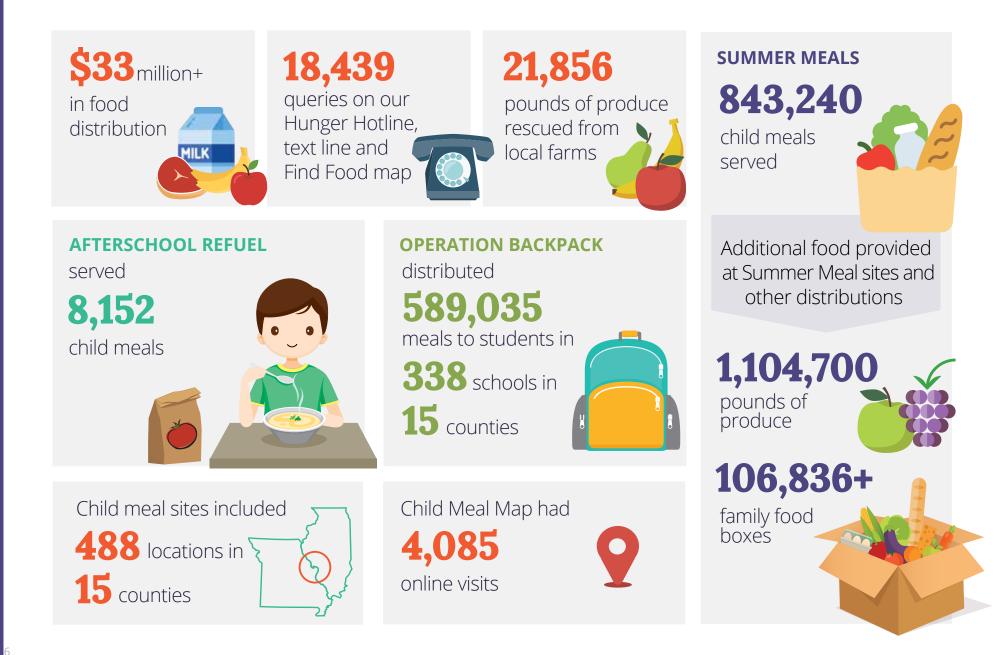
Cape Girardeau	Pike
Crawford	St. Charles
Franklin	St. Francois
Gasconade	St. Louis City
Jefferson	St. Louis County
Lincoln	Warren
Montgomery	Washington

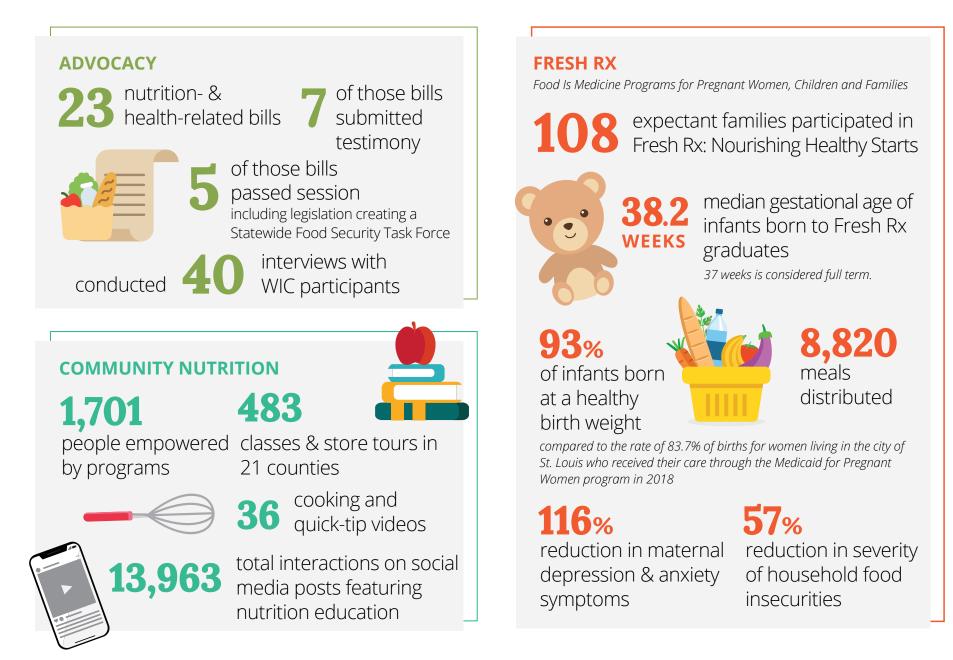
#### **Illinois Counties**

Alexander	Madison
Bond	Marion
Clinton	Monroe
Jackson	St. Clair
Jefferson	Washington
Jersey	Wayne
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## Our Impact FY 2021 in Review (Oct. 1, 2020 - Sept. 30, 2021)





## Our Programs Meet the Immediate Need

All Operation Food Search initiatives support our strategy to alleviate food insecurity and address the underlying causes of hunger. This work aligns under three pillars: **Meet the Immediate Need, Build Nutrition IQ and Champion Change.** 







#### **AfterSchool ReFuel**

To reduce health issues stemming from undernutrition, OFS provides free shelf-stable, grab-and-go meals to children on weekdays during the academic year. Known as AfterSchool ReFuel, the program is available at no cost to children ages 5-18 at 15 area locations. These "super snacks" — which include milk, protein, fruit, vegetable and grain — supply the energy and nutrition the children need to focus on homework and other after-school activities. More than 8,000 child meals were served through the program in FY2021.

#### **Operation Backpack**

Since 2006, Operation Backpack has provided weekly sacks of kid-friendly, shelf-stable food to get students through the weekend, when school meals are unavailable. Participating children are discreetly given these backpacks to take home at the end of the school week, enabling them to return to school Monday with the good nutrition and focus needed for academic success. More than 589,000 meals were provided to 338 schools in 15 counties during this fiscal year.

#### **Summer Meals**

This year marked OFS's 10th year as a sponsor of the Summer Food Service Program. Funded by the USDA, the program ensures that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Kids are more at risk for hunger when school is out, and this program provides a crucial link to nutrition normally provided at schools. Of our 35 meal sites, 16 sites also distributed family food boxes and fresh produce boxes. Due to the pandemic, we extended our Summer Meals program and were able to expand our reach to other family members as well. OFS provided more than 843,000 meals from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021.



#### Gleaning

Gleaning is rescuing fresh food from farms that would otherwise be unharvested or wasted. Produce gathered in the fields or picked up after the harvest is quickly distributed to foodinsecure individuals and families in the region.

The benefits of gleaning include reducing food loss; increasing access to healthy, fresh, local food for food-insecure individuals and families; and creating tax benefits for farms that donate food. Since the start of the gleaning program in 2020, Operation Food Search staff and volunteers have rescued nearly 25,000 pounds of produce from local farms. Partners include Eckert's Family Farms, Liberty Apple Orchard and Three Rivers Community Farm.



#### **Community Food Partner Agencies**

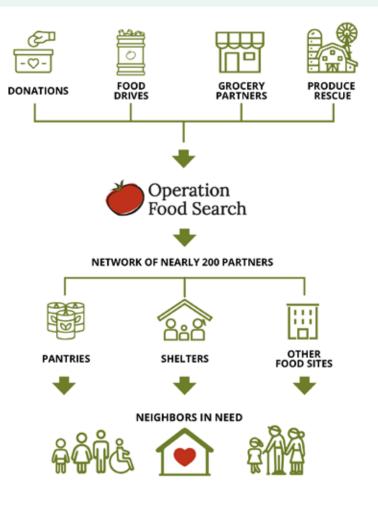
OFS's partner agencies—pantries, churches, shelters and other community food sites—are vital to our ability to get food to the community. As a food bank, Operation Food Search secures funding, rescues and sources food through a variety of ways, and then sorts and distributes food to our agencies. We also support them through training, capacity building, nutrition education resources and more. They then serve the community directly.

Our nearly 200 partner agencies are largely run by volunteers who often are older adults in higher-risk categories for COVID-19. This year, they were nothing short of heroic in their determination to help individuals and families struggling with food insecurity. These dedicated partners create 1.5 million human interactions each year. We could not do our work without them! **View a full list of our partner agencies on the next two pages.** 

## Our Programs Meet the Immediate Need

#### More About Our Community Food Partner Agencies

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#### **Our Agencies**

Affton Christian Food Pantry Agape Help House of Pacific Agape House Franklin County Agape Ministry of Warren County Agape SDA Pantry Almost Home Alton Guardian Angel Pantry Anointed Hands Arnold Food Pantry Ascension Food Pantry **Baptist Ministries South Center** Berean Food Pantry Bismarck Church of God Food Pantry Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Church St.) Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Elizabeth Ave.) Bond County Food Pantry **Bostick Temple** Bread for Life Food Pantry CAASTLC Caring & Sharing Caseyville Food Pantry Cathedral of Y Shua Worship Center Catholic Services of St. Clair CCW Food Pantry Centennial's Food Pantry Chapel for the Exceptional (The Waymakers)

Chapel of the Lake Church of the Living God Food Pantry Circle of Concern Circle of Light Associates City Hope Bible Church, Inc. City of Peace Food Pantry City Temple Assembly of God Collinsville Food Pantry Community Care Center, Inc. **Community Helping Ministry Community Hope Center Community Interfaith Food Pantry** Community Outreach of Gerald Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen **CPR Food Pantry** Crisis Food Center Crisis Nursery Dayspring Foursquare Pantry Daystar Community Program Deliverance Church **DeSoto Food Pantry** Diane's House Dunn Road Manor Elmwood Memorial Emergency Food Pantry Elvins Food Pantry Emmanuel Food Pantry Emmaus Homes, Inc. Epworth Drop-In Center F.A.S.T. (Foster Adoption Support Team)

#### **Our Food Partner Agencies** (continued)

Faith Church Earth City Faith Church St. Louis Family Food Pantry Farmington Ministerial Alliance Feed My People - Centralia Feed My People - High Ridge Feed My People - Lemay First United Methodist Church Gethsemane Church Gillespie Care Center Glen Ed Pantry Good Samaritan Ministries Grace Fellowship Grace New Covenant Church Grace U.M.C. Food Pantry Great Things Incorporated Guardian Angel @ Hosea House H.O.P.E. Ministries H.O.P.E. Ministry - Wentzville Halls Ferry Manor Harvester's Food Pantry Helping Hands Food Pantry Helping Hands of Ferguson High Ridge Food Pantry Hillsboro Food Pantry Hilltop Manor Hope Christian Church Food Pantry Hope Church at Mills Mall Hope Ministries of Geff, IL ICNA Relief USA Immaculate Conception of Dardenne Immaculate Conception, SVDP Immaculate Heart of Mary, SVDP Isaiah 58 Ministries

Jackson Park Senior Apartments Jefferson County Rescue Mission **Jewish Family Services** The Joseph Center Keeping the Faith Empowerment Center Labor of Love Ministries Law & Grace Ministry at Faith Baptist Church Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Food Pantry Life Center International COGIC Life Wise STL Love in Action Loving Hearts Outreach McBride Foundation MCCB Transitions Merry Makers New Cote Brilliante COG Millstadt Senior Services Mind of Christ Church Moscow Mills Community Food Pantry Mt. Olive Care Center Nash Prayer Band Church New Jerusalem SDA New Journey Baptist Church Northside SDA O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry O'Fallon Community Food Pantry, Inc. **Operation Food Sharing -**Steelville 1st Assembly Our Lady of Guadalupe, SVDP Our Lady of Perpetual Help, SVDP Our Lady's Inn

Our Lady's Inn - Defiance Ozark Food Pantry PCAC - Southside City Services Peace Pantry Pine Lawn Glen Echo Food Pantry **Powell Terrace Baptist** Benevolence Project Hope **Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry** Riverview C.O.G. Room at the Inn Sacred Heart SVDP Salvation Army Alton Pantry and Shelter Salvation Army Family Haven, CIP Salvation Army O'Fallon Salvation Army St. Charles Second Blessing Second Presbyterian Sister Christine's Pantry Smithton Food Pantry SonLight M.B. Church Sorento Food Pantry Soup-N-Share St. Anthony Food Pantry St. Augustine - Wellston Center St. Augustine SVDP St. Charles Senior Center St. Francis Borgia Food Pantry St. Joachim and Ann Care Service St. John House of Hope St. Joseph M.B. Church St. Louis Adventist Community Services St. Louis Empowerment Center St. Louis Youth Build

St. Michael's Food Pantry SVDP St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Patrick Center St. Patrick's SVDP St. Vincent DePaul Pantry -Farmington Star Bethel Food Pantry State Park Food Pantry Storehouse Food Pantry Sunshine Ministries TFAM Teen Challenge of Mid-America Teen Challenge of St. Louis Tri Food Pantry Trinity Presbyterian Church Universal Church of Jesus Christ University City Senior Center Urban League - City Division Urban League Metro Community Outreach Urban League Patch Center The Wesley House Association West Central Church of Christ Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry Women's Safe House Word of Life Zion Lutheran Food Pantry Zion Temple Food Pantry Zion Travelers Community Involvement Association Zion United Church of Christ

## Our Programs Build Nutrition IQ



#### **Community Nutrition**

The Community Nutrition department operates individual and group-level interventions within community settings, creating changes in knowledge, attitudes, behavior and health outcomes in individuals, families and small, targeted groups.

Nutrition education services, which are a part of this effort, are offered to our Community Food Partner Agencies free of charge. Services include on-site cooking demonstrations, recipe sampling, nutrition lessons and nutrition education materials. All educational services are aligned with the food being distributed by pantries, churches, soup kitchens and shelters.



#### **Operation CHEF**

Operation CHEF (Culinary Habits to Empower Families) is a nutritionfocused cooking course that teaches kids, teens, adults and families at risk of hunger fundamental culinary skills through hands-on lessons. Because low-income individuals and families frequently prepare meals at home, strategies to help them prepare nutritious home-cooked meals are critical in the fight to end childhood hunger.

With nutrition education woven into every recipe, discussion and activity, the program presents good nutrition as fun, accessible and delicious. Our team promotes discussion and sharing in these classes, so participants learn from each other and enjoy a positive experience. "We give your nutrition education information to our volunteers to share with the guests. They have found the information is then spreading by word of mouth throughout the community. One person who does not come to the pantry asked a volunteer for the chicken tetrazzini recipe because the person had heard it was so good!"

*—Bond County Food Pantry* 



#### **Virtual Classes**

OFS uses videos as well as Facebook Live and other virtual platforms to connect directly with individuals and families. From the comfort of their home kitchens, participants practice culinary skills alongside an instructor in an interactive class. Quick-tip videos provide basic and advanced information at the pace of each viewer. These virtual cooking classes — as well as grocery store tours, cooking demonstrations and nutrition presentations — teach participants to cook delicious, nutrient-rich food on a budget in a direct-to-consumer format.



#### Workplace Wellness

Americans working full time spend, on average, more than onethird of the day, five days a week, at their workplaces. Effective workplace-based programs and policies can reduce health risks and improve quality of life. Toward this goal, we collaborate closely with each organization to create a personalized approach to combat their employees' specific health-related disparities.

## Our Programs Champion Change



Our innovative programs treat food as medicine and are designed to improve the overall health of individuals and communities.

#### **Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts**

Food-insecure mothers have greater risk of chronic conditions and complications during pregnancy, and their infants are more likely to be born early and underweight. In addition, the delivery for an underweight newborn costs \$44,000 more, on average, than the delivery for a healthy-weight newborn.

After a successful pilot phase, we're partnering with local health care providers, as well as the Social Policy Institute at Washington University in St. Louis, to conduct a randomized control trial of 750 families over three years to determine the impact of the Fresh Rx program on food security and birth outcomes for Missouri women who are Medicaid beneficiaries.

Following screening for food insecurity by the managed care companies administering the Medicaid program, OFS provides half of the families with a weekly delivery of ingredients to make three nutritious family meals, as well as cooking classes, nutrition resources and supportive services. The other half receive food and nutrition resources only.

Claims data for the two study groups will be compared with data for nonparticipants and the findings provided to policymakers to help them make informed decisions about the value of addressing food insecurity as a reimbursable health-care expense under the Medicaid program.



#### **Fresh Rx: Prescribing Healthy Futures**

This year, OFS began a partnership with the Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes at St. Louis Children's Hospital to conduct a pilot program serving 30 young people with a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes. Participants and their families will receive a weekly meal kit delivery, regular consultations with a registered dietitian and supportive services from a care manager. The goal of the program is to improve management of symptoms, lower hemoglobin A1C levels and decrease episodes of diabetic ketoacidosis.



#### **Policy & Advocacy**

OFS advocates for policies that address the underlying causes of hunger and strengthen individuals and families in Missouri. Our goal is to create a robust and equitable health and food safety net system that increases opportunities for all Missourians to put food on the table and live healthier lives. The 2021 Missouri legislative session brought several victories for food and nutrition policy. Our team supported five bills that passed session, including legislation creating a Statewide Food Security Task Force.

Our advocacy work includes training and support for Momvocates, champions for health and nutrition safety net programs who began their work in 2021 with storytelling training. The goal is to use their voices to increase understanding of food insecurity and advocate for policies that improve health and food access.



#### **School Breakfast**

When children eat breakfast, they perform better on tests, experience improved memory and concentration, achieve stronger attendance records and visit the school nurse less often.

With support from the Food Research and Action Center, OFS is working to increase breakfast participation across the state and to showcase innovative approaches and best practices. For example, Breakfast After the Bell models improve traditional school breakfast by changing the location and time. Rather than being offered in the cafeteria before school starts, breakfast is moved into classrooms, where students are more likely to have the opportunity to eat, or onto convenient kiosks where students can easily access grab-and-go meals. OFS provides resources, information and technical assistance to ensure every student has the chance to eat a nutritious breakfast at school each morning. Learn more at MoSchoolBreakfast.org.



#### **WIC Innovation**

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federal public health program that provides food assistance, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and health-care referrals for pregnant women, new mothers and infants, and children up to age 5. Research shows that access to nutrition during pregnancy and in the first few years of life has long-term impacts on health. OFS is working to increase participation among eligible Missourians by conducting a multiyear research study designed to identify pain points from each stakeholder that impede WIC satisfaction and utilization. We are learning from WIC participants, retailers and providers to develop innovative solutions and create a program that works better for everyone involved.

## Our Events Oct. 1, 2020 - Sept. 30, 2021

#### **Friends Board Events**

The OFS Friends Board organized two virtual events in place of its annual Party for Packs. These dynamic, delicious and interactive evenings were attended by nearly 200 people and raised a total of over \$51,000 combined. Proceeds benefited OFS's Operation Backpack program, which distributes sacks of kid-friendly, shelf-stable food each week to get students through the weekend, when school meals are unavailable.

#### **Event Committee**

Shelby Akos	Rica Hendrix
Clayton Bax	Katie Holtgrave
Sean Berry	Katie Mueller
Alyssa Burks	Alex Rich
Tess Coyman	Amanda Ruby
Kelly Cubellis	Chris Sawicki
Barrett Feltmeier	Austin Schultz
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Brittany Forrest	Mitch Slattery
Madeleine Garbo	Mark Taylor
Suzanne Hart	Scott Whitehill
Katie Hebson	



#### Pasta for Packs Oct. 12, 2020

Our virtual cooking event with James Beard Award-winning chef Gerard Craft was a huge success. Chef Craft guided beginners and foodies alike through the preparation of a salad and fresh pasta dish with meal kits curated by his Clayton restaurant, Pastaria. This fun, interactive evening was a dynamic and delicious event for all ages, and more than \$21,000 was raised to support Operation Backpack.

#### **Sponsors**

Ernst & Young \$2,500 UMB Bank \$2,500 McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer L.C. \$1,000 Edward Jones \$500 Peoples National Bank \$400 Ralph & Lee Anne Quatrano \$400



#### Operation BBQ May 13, 2021

In this virtual cooking event with Sugarfire Smoke House's award-winning Executive Chef Matt Glickert, at-home participants were guided through the preparation of a full meal, including kabobs, lemon herb coleslaw and potato salad. Attendees preordered kits of ingredients paired with 4 Hands Brewing's City Wide beer. This event raised more than \$30,000 for Operation Backpack.

#### **Sponsors**

Ernst & Young \$2,500 AIG \$2,000 McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer L.C. \$1,000 Peoples National Bank \$400 TSI Global Companies LLC \$400



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#### Swing to Heal Hunger Golf Tournament Oct. 5, 2020

OFS welcomed 115 golfers to WingHaven Country Club for our 27th annual Swing to Heal Hunger golf tournament. The outing raised more than \$77,000 to support OFS's work.

Lunch was donated by Russo's, and dinner was prepared by students in St. Louis Community College's hospitality studies program.

#### **Sponsors**

Title (\$20,000) Ascension

**Champion (\$10,000)** Seeger Toyota

Eagle (\$5,000) Becker Iron & Metal

#### Birdie (\$2,500)

Core Telecom Straub's Market Toyota Financial Services Quiet Village Landscaping

#### **Major In-Kind**

Molson Coors Russo's Catering St. Louis Community College Invitational (\$1,700) CJC Transport Dema Terry and Barb Donahue Gabriel Group Greensfelder SoTel System Inc. Vistage

#### Hole (\$500)

Gadellnet Great Southern Bank Kurt and Julie Hoff Jan-Pro Mike and Kate Kupstas Vogel Heating



Roger Bailey\* Clayton Bax Alejandra Berra Jim Goebel Art Kerckhoff Brian Nale Andy Seeger Steve Spratt

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#### Feast for Change Inaugural Event: Sept. 11, 2021

Our inaugural Feast for Change farm-to-fork experience marked our 40th anniversary and raised over \$90,000 in support of our future work. The evening highlighted significant moments in OFS's history, starting with our founding in 1981 as a food rescue organization.

The evening paid special tribute to Mike and Kate Kupstas, the inaugural Champion for Change Award honorees. Mike, CEO of Lion's Choice, served on the OFS board from 2003 to 2018 and has been instrumental in helping OFS grow through business connections, food donations and leadership development. Kate is a longtime supporter and leader of a group of Operation Backpack volunteers.

#### Sponsors

**Urban Farm (\$10,000)** Mike and Kate Kupstas

#### Farmer's Market (\$5,000)

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP Warehouse of Fixtures

#### Community Garden (\$2,500)

Ascension Fifth Third Bank Louis H. Kohler Foundation Elaine Moss National Cart Company Ole Tyme Produce PNC Bank Post Holdings Inc. Tech Electronics Volpi

#### Bee Keepers (\$1,000)

Amy Amelung Chris Burridge Craig Evans and Denise Phelabaum Evans Luxco Musick Construction Peoples National Bank Skip and Elaine Spielberg

Major In-Kind Rockwell Beer Company Unshackled

#### Event Committee

- Amy Boltzman
- Claire Conroy
- Katy Dreschsel
- Denise Phelabaum Evans
- Jill Gaither
- Traci Goldstein
- Jill Hunt
- Susan Kemppainen Gina Kurre-Rogers JoAnn Mattingly Marcia Peters
- Kate Stewart
- Sheila Welge

## **Our Volunteers** Volunteers Are Critical to Our Mission

Halfway through the fiscal year, we were able to welcome a limited number of volunteers back to the warehouse to help sort food, pack family meal kits and prepare backpacks for distribution.

In addition, our volunteers worked tirelessly to provide food and essential supplies to others by helping at gleaning events, Shop Out Hunger, Summer Meal distributions and much more!

# **3,611** volunteersdevoted **76,743** hours,saving OFS **\$2.19 million**during the fiscal year.

#### **Volunteer Groups**

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP Enterprise Holdings Inc. GiftAMeal The Home Loan Expert Humana **KARES** Camp Leigh Consulting Marsh & McLennan Agency Maryville University Musick Construction Novus International **Olin Corporation** Panera Safety National Saint Louis University School of Medicine Schnuck Markets

Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School Washington University School of Law World Wide Technology



## Our Community Food Drives

# Food and Fund Drives raised more than \$1 million in food and monetary donations.

These volunteer-led efforts are crucial to our ability to get food to individuals and families in ourservice area.

#### Leadership Food Drives\*

Edward Jones
The Harvard Club of St. Louis
Ladue School District
Missouri Democratic Party
Randall's Wine & Spirits
Six Flags St. Louis
St. Charles County Ambulance District
St. Louis B-Works Cranksgiving Event
Whitfield School
Woodard Cleaning & Restoration

Leadership Fund Drives\*\* 105.7 The Point Bayer The Dave Glover Show 97.1 FM ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac Enterprise Holdings Inc. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis GM Financial Masonmade Stone Design + Supply McCarthy Holdings, Inc. Millipore Sigma Mosby Building Arts Object Computing Inc. RGA Reinsurance Company True Refrigeration Washington University School of Medicine \*\*More than \$5,000 donated





\*More than 4,000 pounds of food donated

## Our Partnerships Dedicated Partners Empower Our Work

**Partners** 

Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS) Bayer YMCA Becker Iron and Metal **Beyond Housing** Boggs, Avellino, Lach & Boggs LLC Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLC Center for Youth on the Rise Christian Hospital City of Ferguson Parks and Recreation City of Wellston Eckert's Family Farms Equity Homes First Things First Foundation Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Greater Grace Church Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America

Home Sweet Home International Institute The Kaufman Fund Liberty Apple Orchard Lion's Choice The Little Bit Foundation Mehlville School District My Diversity Circle NAACP OB Care Center at SSM Health DePaul Hospital People's Health Centers Phoenix Solutions Share Our Strength Share the Harvest Social Policy Institute at Washington University in St. Louis

OFS collaborates with a broad range of organizations and entities to fulfill our mission. We are grateful for the resources, expertise and support they provide.

> SoTel Systems Inc. SSM Health DePaul Hospital SSM Healthcare St. Louis Area Diaper Bank St. Louis Area Foodbank St. Charles City-County Library St. Louis Children's Hospital St. Louis County Division of Youth Services St. Louis County Library St. Louis Public Library Sunset Transportation That's So Good LLC Three Rivers Community Farm United for Children University of Missouri Extension Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis Warehouse of Fixtures







## **Our Partnerships**

Innovative Collaborations

"Repurpose for a Purpose is one of the most incredible projects I have worked on in my career. Instead of this furniture ending up in a landfill, it was repurposed to help feed those in need!"

-Bonnie S. Wedel, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP



#### **Repurpose for a Purpose**

Through this program, businesses can dispose of assets and materials while generating revenue to support OFS's hunger relief work. The program began in 2008, when OFS board member Skip Spielberg collaborated with Bonnie Wedel, facilities manager at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, to arrange for out-of-use furniture to be repurposed in order to benefit OFS.

#### **How It Works**

OFS connects businesses to our trusted partners, who are committed to philanthropy and social responsibility. They help businesses dispose of unwanted equipment and furniture, creating a donation that literally puts food on the table for food-insecure families in the region.



#### **Healthy Eating Resources**

This video library was created through a partnership between SSM Health DePaul Hospital and Operation Food Search. The series shares information about healthy food choices with people who may be food insecure, are working to make healthy choices on a budget, or are interested in improving health through diet.

The eighteen videos cover topics such as Meal Planning Basics, Hidden Vegetables and Shopping for Produce. They can be viewed on our website at OperationFoodSearch.org/healthy-eating-resources.

## Our Financials FY 2021



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	2021
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Investments Receivables and promises to give Inventory Prepaid expenses	\$ 2,682,556 3,739,260 1,046,056 1,644,345 44.540
Total current assets	9,156,757
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	5,113,525
Unconditional promises to give, net of discounts	73,639
Grants receivable, net of discounts	173,149
Endowment	6,675,106
Total assets	\$ 21,192,176

Current liabilities:	2021		
Accrued expenses	\$	333,518	
Net assets: Without donor restrictions With donor restrictions		16,751,654 4,107,004	
Total net assets		20,858,658	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	21,192,176	

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## Our Financials FY 2021

	OVERVIEW		
		2021	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and other revenue:			
Support:		t 1007100	t 0.010.000
Cash and investment contributions	\$ 6,915,790	\$ 1,097,139	\$ 8,012,929
State support Grant revenue	2,427,146	- 718,646	2,427,146
Special events (net after \$62,009 of expenses)	3,966,543 172,260	-	4,685,189 172,260
Subtotal	13,481,739	1,815,785	15,297,524
Other non-cash contributions	27,285,781		27,285,78
Total support Other revenue (loss):	40,767,520	1,815,785	42,583,30
Investment income	628,029	264,685	892,71
Rental income	2,430	-	2,430
Other income	119,412	-	119,412
Total support and other revenue	\$ 41,517,391	\$ 2,080,470	\$ 43,597,86 <sup>2</sup>
Net assets released from restrictions	1,110,583	(1,110,583)	-
Functional expenses:			
Program services	36,972,408	-	36,972,40
Management and general	334,645	-	334,64
Fundraising	809,354	-	809,354
Total functional expenses	38,116,407	-	38,116,40
Changes in net assets	4,511,567	969,887	5,481,454
Net assets, beginning of the year	12,240,087	3,137,117	15,377,204
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 16,751,654	\$ 4,107,004	\$ 20,858,658

The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic continued to impact the Organization. Stimulus bills provided extra support that helped fund additional food needed in the community. However, supply chain issues continued, food donations were disrupted and the demand for food assistance remained high. The Organization continued to adapt to limit transmission of the disease by following food distribution models that included more drive-through and grab-and-go options, adjusting warehouse procedures to include additional safety measures, continuing to provide numerous virtual and online resources for community nutrition, food access and other assistance, and partnering with additional organizations to provide leadership and support for hundreds of individuals in the bi-state region.

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