Operation Food Search

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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  Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
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.

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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
- Crawford
- Franklin
- Gasconade
- Jefferson
- Lincoln
- Montgomery

Illinois Counties
- Alexander
- Bond
- Clinton
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Jersey
- Macoupin

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Our Impact


**COMMUNITY NUTRITION ADVOCACY FRESH RX WEEKS**

- **108** weeks
- **8,820** people
- **93%** increase

- **23,488** queries on our Hunger Hotline, text line and Find Food map
- **$33 million+** in food distribution

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**SUMMER MEALS**

- **843,240** child meals served
- **1,104,700** pounds of produce
- **106,836+** family food boxes

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**AFTERSCHOOL REFUEL**

- **8,152** child meals
- **488** locations in **15** counties

**OPERATION BACKPACK**

- **589,035** meals to students in **338** schools in **15** counties
- **4,085** online visits

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**Food Is Medicine Programs**

- **37** weeks is considered full term.
- **7** of those babies were infants born to Fresh Rx graduates, compared to the rate of **83.7%** of births for women living in the city of St. Louis who received their care through the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program in 2018.

**SUMMER MEALS**

- 116% reduction in maternal depression & anxiety symptoms
- 57% reduction in severity of household food insecurity

**Additional food provided at Summer Meal sites and other distributions**

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**Nutrition & health-related bills**

- **4,085** total interactions on social media posts featuring nutrition education classes & store tours in **21** counties
- **36** cooking and quick-tip videos
- **1,701** people empowered by programs

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**SUMMER MEALS**

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- **1,104,700** child meals
- **6,152** locations in **15** counties

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COMMUNITY NUTRITION

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483 classes & store tours in 21 counties

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FRESH RX
Food Is Medicine Programs for Pregnant Women, Children and Families

108 expectant families participated in Fresh Rx: Nourishing Healthy Starts

38.2 WEEKS median gestational age of infants born to Fresh Rx graduates
37 weeks is considered full term.

8,820 meals distributed

93% of infants born at a healthy birth weight compared to the rate of 83.7% of births for women living in the city of St. Louis who received their care through the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program in 2018

116% reduction in maternal depression & anxiety symptoms

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ADVOCACY

23 nutrition- & health-related bills 7 of those bills submitted testimony

5 of those bills passed session including legislation creating a Statewide Food Security Task Force

conducted 40 interviews with WIC participants
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 food-insecure 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 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
Lesse 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 Brilliant 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 SVPD
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
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TEAM
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
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 nutrition-focused 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.
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 one-third 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.

“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
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 healthcare 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.
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.

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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.

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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.

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AIG $2,000
McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer L.C. $1,000
Peoples National Bank $400
TSI Global Companies LLC $400
Our Events
Oct. 1, 2020 - Sept. 30, 2021

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.

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Event Committee

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

*We are grateful for the enduring friendship and support of the late Roger Bailey. He will be greatly missed.
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 Dreschel
Denise Phelabaum Evans
Jill Gaither
Traci Goldstein
Jill Hunt
Susan Kemppainen
Gina Kurre-Rogers
JoAnn Mattingly
Marcia Peters
Kate Stewart
Sheila Welge
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 volunteers devoted 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 our service 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

*More than 4,000 pounds of food donated

**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**
Our Partnerships
Dedicated Partners Empower Our Work

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.

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
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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**TEN-YEAR GROWTH**

- **Total Assets**
  - Nearly 9 times larger in 10 years.
  - $2.4M in 2011
  - $21.2M in 2021

- **Total Revenue**
  - Increased by 61% in 10 years
  - $27,155,074 in 2011
  - $43,597,861 in 2021

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**FISCAL YEAR 2021**

- **Expense Allocation**
  - 97% Program Services
  - 2% Fundraising
  - 1% General and Administrative

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**ASSETS**

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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 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 thousands of individuals in the bi-state region.

### Our Financials

#### FY 2021

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**Oct. 1, 2020 - Sept. 30, 2021**

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Our Donors Make All Our Work Possible

$10,000–$24,999

Anheuser-Busch Foundation
Anonymous (4)
Ascension Health
Robert Bassett and Vicki Pohlman
The Boeing Company
Boy Scouts of America, Greater St. Louis Area Council
Andy and Donna Bresler
Bunge North America Foundation
Dan and Amye Carrigan
J & S Cochran
Deaconess Foundation
Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits
Dierbergs Markets Inc.
Mary Ann East
Edward Jones
Emerson Automation Solutions
Steve and Mary Frank
FRB Federal Credit Union
GiftAMeal
Joseph and Nancy Giljum
Give Back Brands Foundation
Stephen and Rebecca Hager
Jay Henges Charitable Trust
Hussmann Corporation
Interco Charitable Trust
Marie Jacobs
Mary Junck and Ralph Gibson
Mike and Kate Kupstas
Gene Maier and Catherine Ingin-Maier
Andrew and Stephanie Martin
MasterCard International
Sharon Moran
Murphy Company Inc.
Anita and John O’Connell Family
Ralph and Mary Pelikan
Protiviti
Qualified Benefits Consultants Inc. / Ekon Benefits
Rodger and Paula Riney
David and Kyra Robinov
Timothy and Mary Beth
Rodgers
Jeffrey and Sharon Rosenblum
Rabbi Elliot D. and Nancy S. Rosenstock
Erin and Jim Runnels
Stephanie Schnuck
Mary Schoolman
Shirley Sher
Spoehrer Family Charitable Trust
John D. Sprague and Carol W. Kohfeld
Square One Foundation
St. Louis Claim Managers’ Council
St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management
St. Louis Women’s Creative LLC
Stern Brothers & Co. / Pepe and Terry Finn
Stout Industries Charitable Foundation
Norman J. Stupp Foundation - Commerce Bank, Trustee
Trip and Terri Straub
Tjootjim Foundation
Trio Foundation of St. Louis
Jane Tschudy
Raymond and Laurie Van de Riet Jr.
Warehouse of Fixtures
Stephannie White
William A. Straub Inc.

“$82 of this donation is from my daughter, Abby, age 10. She raised the money by cooking baked goods and selling them to neighbors. She called her little business ‘Abby’s Quarantreats’ and wanted all of the money to go to Operation Food Search.”

—St. Louis area mom and OFS supporter
# Our Donors

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

### $5,000–$9,999

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American Family Insurance  
Dreams Foundation  
Anonymous  
Janine and Newell Baker  
Nancy Bales  
Carmen and Martin Blaylock  
Leslie Bloom and Tom Mueller  
Lee Broughton and Chrissy Taylor  
Kathleen and David Brunts  
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP  
David and Susan Burkhart  
Capital City Fruit Co. Inc.  
W. Lee and Katie Capps  
Eric Christner and Kim Dunbar  
William and Trina Cotner  
Charles Cuny and Virginia Vasey  
Linda Dill  
Terry and Barb Donohue  
Edison Family Foundation  
Enterprise Holdings Inc. - IT Department  
ESCO Technologies Foundation  
ESCO Technologies Inc.  
Ryan Eudy  
David and Kathleen Fischhoff  
Francis Coppola Winery LLC  
G & R Farms  
Fritz and Mary M. Gebhard  
Mary Ellen Gipson Fellowship  
Neal Harwood  
Allen and JoAnn Hauge  
Patrick and Gina Howley  
Kay Johnson  
Robert Johnson  
John and Anne Jordan  
Chris and Jessica Kerckhoff  
Martha Reitz Kratzer  
Susan Latorre  
Clemence S. Lieber Foundation Inc.  
Paul and Laverne Lorenzini  
Andrew Maynard  
McCarthy Holdings Inc.  
James Moranville and Jane Hanebrink  
Lynn Morley  
Robert Morley Jr.  
Mosby Building Arts  
Toni Murphy  
National Cart Company  
Object Computing Inc.  
John and Valerie Pacci  
Lisa and Dan Pelikan  
David and Julienne Pernikoff  
James and Robin Pettijohn  
PNC Foundation  
Ruth M. Powell  
RIBUS Inc.  
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Schmidt and Barton Family Fund  
Seeger Toyota  
Janice Seele  
Clay and Janice Semenkovich  
Neal and Linda Shapiro  
Karen C. Smith  
Skip and Elaine Spielberg  
Square Inc.  
Thomas and Karen Stern  
St. Louis Auto Dealers Charitable Foundation  
The St. Louis Trust Company  
Students 4 STL  
Everett and Geneva Sugarbaker Foundation  
Tim and Mary Sullivan  
William S. and Blair Y. Thompson Family Foundation  
George and Kathleen Timpe  
Simon and Mary Tonkin  
Toyota Dealer Match Program  
Tracy Family Foundation  
The Tromblee Foundation  
Anthony and Mary Trupiano  
Vi-Jon  
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church  
John and Sheila Welge  
Wells Fargo Advisors  
Frances White  
Frederick Wiesehan |

"You don't know how much this helps. Our family took in a child whose parents both died six months ago, and due to the virus we haven't been able to get any paperwork done. We didn't have a lot of extra money before, but with another mouth to feed it has been really difficult. This food helps so much."

—Recipient of food at St. Louis County Library drive-through distribution
Our Donors Make All Our Work Possible

$2,500–$4,999

AbbVie
Frank Adam Foundation
Timothy Adams
Aero Charter
Steve Akos
Grace Allen
Brad Anderson
George and Brenda Anderson
William and Wendy Anderson
Anonymous
Cathy Barancik
Ted and Susan Barr
Richard and Kathleen Becker
William Becker
Bryan Bell
Juan Bertolino
Beyond Housing
Blackhawk Network
Neal and Susan Bockwoldt
Raymond and Dorothea Botz
Michele Bourdeau
Vance and Genelle Brakefield
Erik Brooks and Josh Udelhofen
Phil and Judy Cagney
William and Janet Campbell
Campbell-Avery Fund
Cigna Matching Gifts
Commerce Bank
Peter and Jane Conrad
Continental Title Company
David and Jean Cowell
Kathryn Cox
Lois Crampton
Lisa Crissman
Curium US LLC
Matthew and Rose Deffenbaugh
Dentsons
James and Nancy Donnell
E & J Gallo Winery
Eckert’s Country Store
Employees Community Fund of Boeing
Equifax Workforce Solutions
ERB Equipment Company
Erler Charitable Fund
Ernst & Young LLP
Anna Etzkorn
Craig Evans and Denise Phelabaum Evans
Bernard and Marjorie Feldman
First Bank
Nancy Friedland
Randell and Maureen Gelzer
Kenneth and Kathleen Graesser
Great Southern Bank
Nancy Grove
August Hattrich
Gregory Heille
Florence Heiman Charitable Trust
HERA Charitable Fund
Harlan Hodges
Julie Hupperts
Jägermeister
Nanette Johnson
Kansas City Toyota Dealers Association
David Katz
Karl and Karen Kloster
Robert and Caralmae Knickmeyer
Louis H. Kohler Foundation
Christine and Jon Krueger
Ladue Garden Club
Mont and Karen Levy
Robert J. Lieber Charitable Trust
Lions Club International
Paul and Connie Lombard
William Loyd and Nancy Rogers
Bonnie Manion
James and Katherine Martin
Joanna May
Philip and Jeanne McDermott
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Robert and Mary Morgan
Elaine Moss
Jeff Mueller
Joan Mueth
NUSO
Kenneth Obrecht
Elizabeth Ortinau
Mary Porbeck
Emily Pulitzer
Paul Rancuret
Willis and Rosemarie Ranney
John and Olivia Rasp
Jeffrey and Ann Rayfield
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Reitz & Jens Inc.
Michael Renfro
Rachel Roberts
Henry Robertson
Roeslein and Associates Inc.
Michael and Judy Ruffus
Jennifer Sakurai
John and Betsy Samet

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