



COLLEGE PARK
COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

We have had an amazing year! **Thank you for standing with us as a volunteer, donor, neighbor, through thick and thin this year.** Once again, more people in our community have leaned on us: In 2022, we filled requests from households with a total of 60,994 individuals. Because of your generosity, every Saturday our neighbors have relied on us for bags of groceries and boxes of fresh produce.

Although Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the country, nearly one in four neighbors in College Park live under the poverty line and participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

And 2022 has made food insecurity grow: Inflation rates spread limited resources to a breaking point, and more people need a little extra help.

We hear the stories of how the College Park Community Food Bank is making a difference in people's lives. I spoke with one 77-year-old woman waiting to receive food at one of our weekly distributions. She told me how her husband is in a nursing home and all of her children are grown and have moved away. She comes to our food distributions every week and is grateful for the food she receives. Her story doesn't end there—she also prepares a large dinner every Saturday night for people in her community who are financially struggling. She told me, "My house is usually full on these nights." She uses her meager resources to bless others and reflects, "If each of us were more generous, we could make this world a better place."

I have turned this statement over and over again in my mind and have come to the conclusion that for us to make our community a better place, we must stop looking at hunger and food insecurity as an individual problem. Instead, these are community problems and must be addressed by a community. You are a part of this community when you give and get involved. **Here are three easy ways to partner with us in this mission:**



Support our mission with a monetary donation.



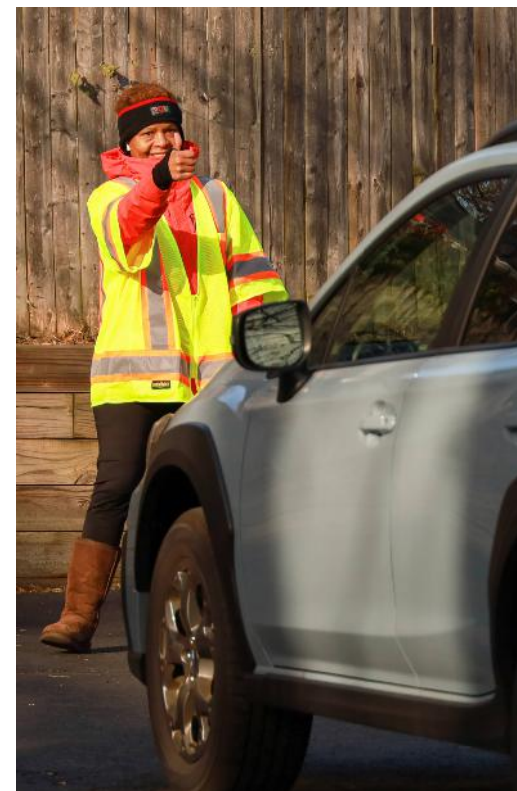
Donate non-perishable and perishable food.



Sign up as a volunteer and serve with us on the Friday night packing crew or the Saturday morning distribution team.

Regardless of how you choose to partner, we encourage you to join us in reducing hunger in College Park and the surrounding areas. And we thank you for being part of our community!

With gratitude,
Mark Garrett
President



Our Mission

We work to reduce hunger in College Park and the surrounding communities by regularly offering healthy food to individuals and families.



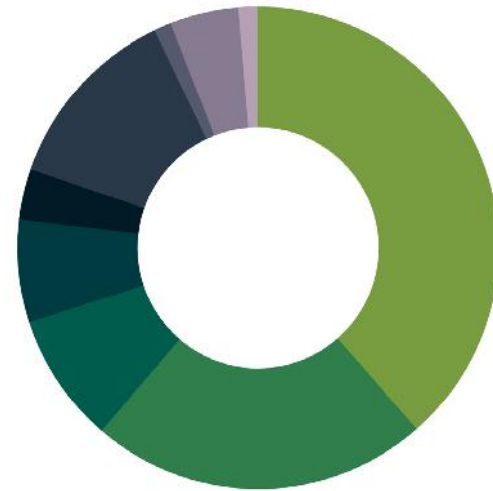


Our Impact

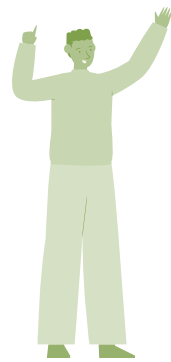
Since the COVID pandemic began, we've been distributing food every week to those in need. **In 2022, we sustained a volume approximately equal to the previous year.**

Communities Served in 2022

- College Park
- Hyattsville
- Beltsville
- Greenbelt
- Riverdale
- Other MD Cities
- Washington, DC
- Cities Not in MD or DC
- Unknown



15,861
households served



60,994
individuals served

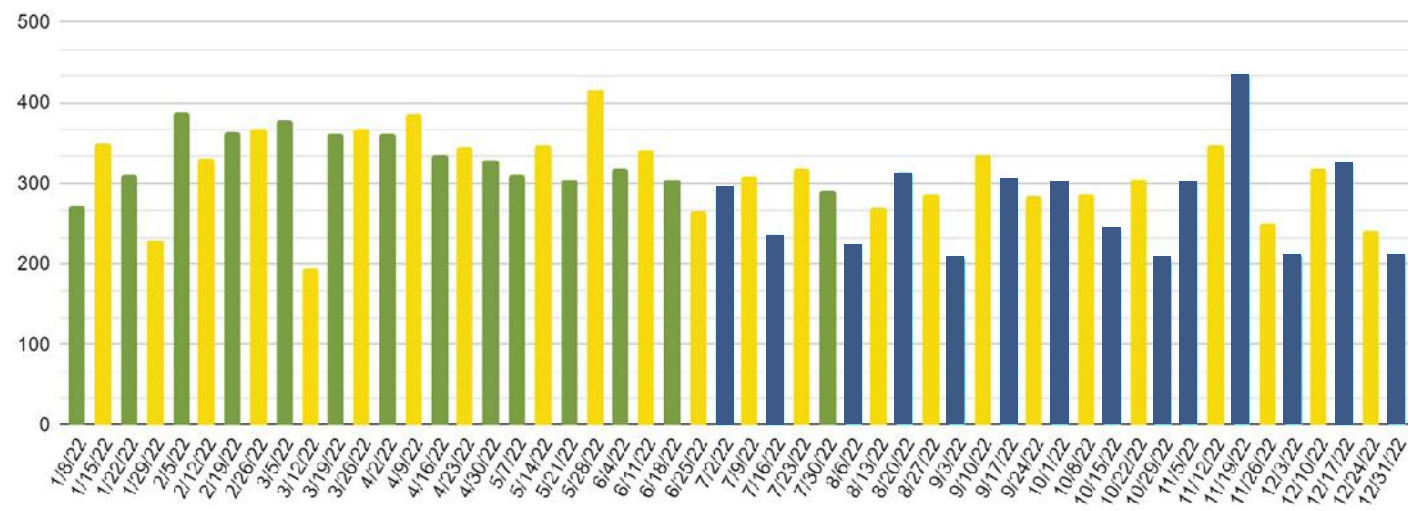


12,346
grocery bags distributed



9,550
produce boxes distributed

2022 Weekly Household Requests for Food



Blue = non-perishable grocery distribution, yellow = produce distribution, green = non-perishable grocery and produce distribution

Our Initiatives

We stay busy! Everything we do focuses on reducing hunger and increasing food security.



Seedlings donation drive and giveaway

In May we gave away 77 donated garden seedlings to visitors, including basil, eggplant, kale, lettuce, long bean, pole bean, oregano, and tomato.



Back to school giveaway

With the help of local Lions Clubs, in August we gave families school supplies to help 238 students returning to school.



Extra produce giveaways

In addition to purchased produce, we distribute produce donated from local gardeners and organizations.



Thanksgiving food distribution

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving we distributed turkeys, chickens, stuffing, and other food to a record 435 families.



Holiday distribution

On the Saturday before Christmas, we distributed chickens and other food to 326 families.



Special year-end distributions

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fell on Saturdays, but we know that hunger doesn't take a holiday. So we offered food distributions on both those days.



Our Events

Events throughout the year engage the community in different ways and provide us with the resources needed to reduce hunger.



MLK Day of Service

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, volunteers spruced up our pantry with a thorough cleaning and the installation of a new coat rack.



Fourth of July parade

We participated in College Park's 2022 Fourth of July Parade, distributing tangerines and information about our work.



Good Neighbor Day donation and food drive

The University of Maryland Office of Community Engagement kindly sponsored a donation and food drive in conjunction with the 2022 **Good Neighbor Day**, raising **\$7,039** for us.



Turkey donation drive

For the third straight year, our turkey donation drive allowed the community to provide poultry for visitors' Thanksgivings. **We set a record, with 207 turkeys!**

Annual fundraising drive

In the spring, we raised

\$8,496

from 56 individuals.



University of Maryland School of Music benefit recital

The University of Maryland School of Music held a September recital benefiting us, **raising nearly \$900**. Performers included the Terrapin Brass, the Thalea String Quartet, and the IGNIS Woodwind Quartet.

Giving Tuesday donation drive

We raised

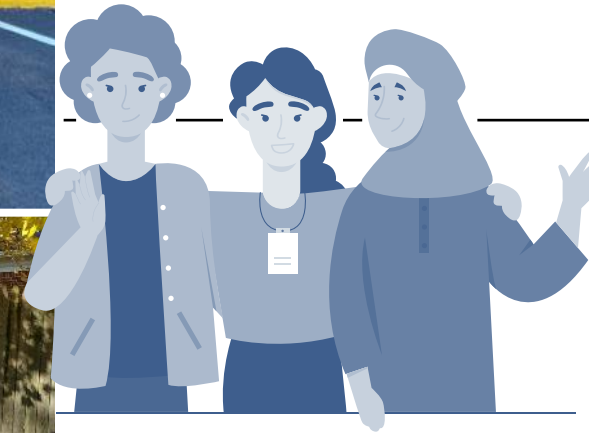
\$1,403

from 20 individuals, to help fund our holiday food distribution.



Our Volunteers

Our volunteers make things happen! Their hands, feet, and good spirits embody our community's service to those in need.



636 volunteers

1,916 volunteer slots filled

3,597 volunteer hours worked in 2022

Volunteer Groups

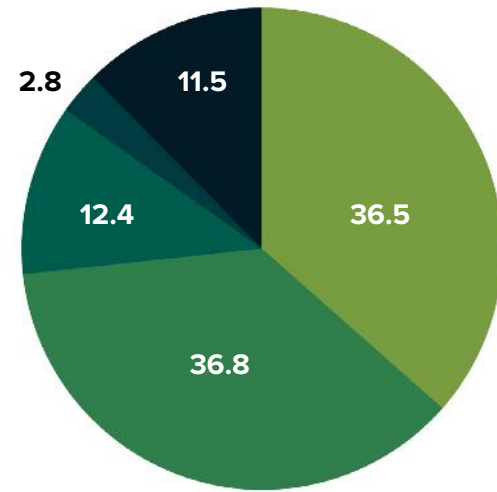
- AFS Capital Area SP team
- American Medical Student Association, U of Maryland
- Alpha Phi Sorority, U of Maryland
- Alpha Phi Omega, U of Maryland
- Beta Phi Omega Alum Chapter Iota Phi Theta Fraternity
- Beta Phi Omega Alumni Association
- CIVICUS, U of Maryland
- Campus Curlz, Bowie State U
- Chi Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- Circle K International, U of Maryland
- Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions
- Delta Epsilon Psi, U of Maryland
- Delta Sigma Phi, U of Maryland
- Engineering Honor Society, U of Maryland
- Epsilon Psi chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, U of Maryland
- Kappa Omega Alpha, U of Maryland
- Kappa Phi Lambda, U of Maryland
- The Lady Chapter
- Lions Club
- Living Water Adventist Church
- Michael Morales Birthday Party
- Representation And Research Ethics (RARE), U of Maryland
- Roman Space Telescope Team, NASA
- Sailor 360
- Sigma Gamma Rho, Bowie State U
- Starbucks, Beltsville
- Student Dietetic Association, U of Maryland
- Sigma Gamma Rho, Bowie State U
- Theta Tau, U of Maryland
- U of Maryland Black Alumni
- U of Maryland Pre-Health Students



Our Donors

We are supported by an amazing combination of individual, business, religious, community, and government organizations donating funds and donating food.

■ Individual
 ■ Foundations & Corporations
 ■ Government
 ■ Social
 ■ Church



Groups that donated food

- Advance Dental Care, Inc
- Alpha Xi Delta, U of Maryland
- Bioengineering Graduate Student Society, U of Maryland
- Canteen
- Capital Area Food Bank
- Capital Rivers Church of Christ
- Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center, Frederick Maryland Chapter
- City of College Park
- CIVICUS, U of Maryland
- DC Mutual Aid Group
- DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland
- Filipino Cultural Association, U of Maryland
- Good Neighbor Day
- Hungry Harvest
- IKEA College Park
- Lions Club
- Making Moves Dance Collective
- Maryland Music Business Society
- Monument Village Apartments
- North College Park Community Association
- SelecTech, LLC
- Sigma Alpha Mu, U of Maryland
- Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Theta, U of Maryland
- Sigma Psi Zeta, U of Maryland
- Sigma Tau Gamma, Eta Lambda Chapter, U of Maryland
- Starbucks of College Park
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland Student Services
- University of Maryland Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Vigilante Coffee



Our Organization

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Founded in 2008 as a ministry of the College Park Church of the Nazarene, since May 2021 we've been an independent nonprofit recognized by the State of Maryland. We continue our close relationship with the church, which provides us pantry space and other facilities for distribution. **In 2022 we received 501(c)3 status and began receiving tax-deductible donations directly.**



To learn more about us scan this QR code.
Check out the video on that page!

Groups that donated funds

- Alpha Xi Delta
- American Podiatric Medical Association
- Benevity
- Calvert Road Disc Club
- Chipotle
- City of College Park
- City of Greenbelt
- Clark Construction Group
- Giant Food
- Greenbelt Community Church
- Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Hollywood Farmers Market
- Living Water Adventist Church
- Mills Family Foundation
- Network for Good
- Odds Are Bluegrass Trio
- Order of the Eastern Star Ruth Chapter 7
- PGCAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- State of Maryland
- Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church
- US Charitable Gift Trust
- University of Maryland Office of Community Engagement
- Washington DC Center of Self-Realization Fellowship



Board of directors, 2022-2023

- Mark Garrett, **president**
- Lisa Bartusek, **vice president**
- Julia Gage, **secretary**
- Todd Reitzel, **treasurer**
- Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe, **board member**
- Irazema Fuentes-Bueno, **board member**



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