




COLLEGE PARK
COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

What a year it was! With your help, we continued to fulfill our mission to reduce hunger in College Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. Your donations, volunteerism, and neighborliness have made a real difference. In 2023 we filled 17,593 household requests for food, more than any previous year, impacting a record 69,285 individuals. This was only possible because of your support – you are a critical part of the “we”.

Unfortunately, the difficult times continue for many families. The [2023 Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Report](#) reveals that 45% of Prince George’s County residents are food insecure. This statistic shows how dire the need is and is consistent with what we observe every Saturday morning when we distribute food. There is always a long line of visitors waiting for us to open. Many of them come every week. They are old and young, students and retirees, long-time residents and new to the area, foreign-language speakers and English speakers. Some are underemployed, some live in multigenerational houses, and some live alone. One visitor described her efforts to help her own neighbors with the food she receives from the Food Bank. Without fail, they all express gratitude for our help.


The College Park Community Food Bank is committed to filling the pantries of our neighbors for as long as there is a need. Consider your role in our community! Here are four easy ways to help:




Support our mission with a monetary donation.




Donate non-perishable and perishable food.

Volunteer and serve with us on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings.

Support us behind the scenes with your special skills.



Thanks to this community, we have made a vital impact in the lives of our food-insecure neighbors. In 2024 we will continue to pursue our mission to reduce hunger in College Park and the surrounding areas ... and we’re counting on your continued support. Thank you for being part of our community!

With gratitude,
Lisa Bartusek
President



Our Mission

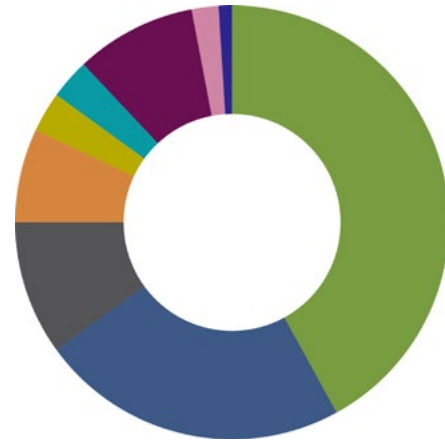
We work to reduce hunger in College Park and the surrounding communities by regularly offering healthy food to individuals and families.



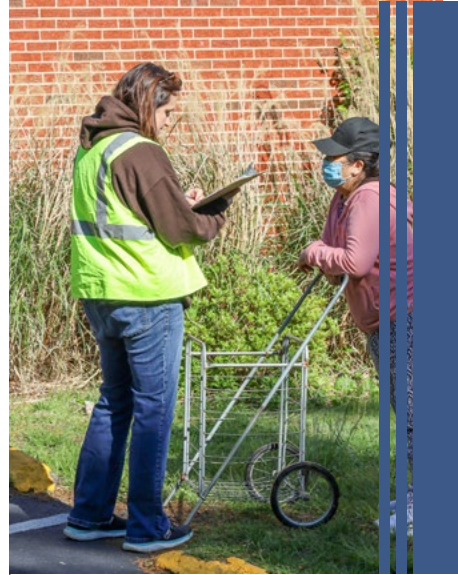
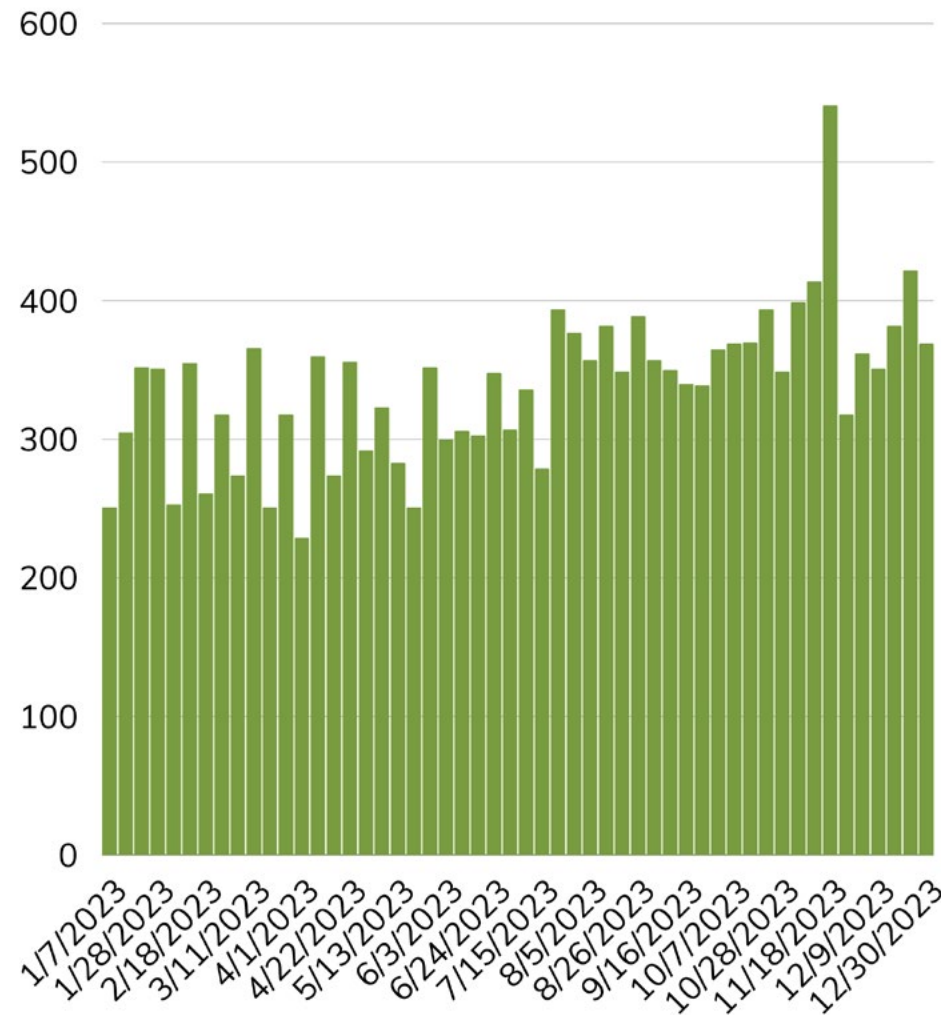
Our Impact

Communities Served in 2023

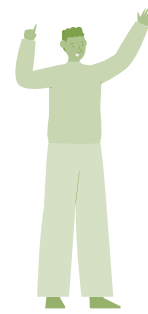
- College Park
- Hyattsville
- Beltsville
- Greenbelt
- Lanham
- Riverdale
- Other MD Cities
- Outside of MD
- Unknown



2023 Weekly Household Requests for Food



17,593
households
served



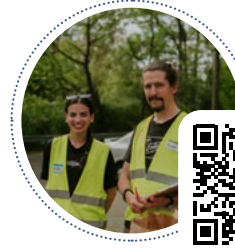
69,285
individuals
served



21,572
packages
distributed

Our Initiatives

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



15 ways to reduce hunger

In January we kicked off our 15th anniversary with a challenge to our community to support our mission to reduce hunger fifteen different ways.



Produce packaging

In February we switched to buying bulk produce rather than pre-assembled boxes to keep costs flat and launched Friday produce packaging opportunities for volunteers.



Foodraising Committee

In March we launched our Foodraising Committee to ensure the nutritional value of our distributed food, investigate sources for fresh produce donations, champion food drives, and monitor food costs.



Seedlings distribution

In May we gave away more than 200 donated seedlings, including Chinese long beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, as well as herbs such as basil, sage, and mint.



Local farm partners and gleaning

During the growing season we engaged with local farmers who donated produce or allowed gleaning, to bolster our volume of fresh, healthy food for distribution.



Hybrid bags distribution

In September we changed our distribution schedule to provide both fresh produce and nonperishables every week, rather than one or the other, to better address our visitors' nutritional needs.



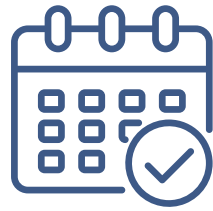
Thanksgiving distribution

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, we distributed turkeys, chickens, stuffing, and other seasonal food to a record 541 families.



Holiday distribution

On the Saturday before Christmas, we distributed chickens and other seasonal food to 422 families.



Our Events

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



Celebrating College Park parade

In May we participated in the College Park parade. Volunteers distributed citrus fruit and Food Bank information to spectators.



School supply giveaway

In August we gave away 230 bags of school supplies to families with school-aged children to provide relief to tight family budgets!



College Park Day

In October we talked with individuals about our mission, operations, and ways to support our efforts. We also gave out citrus fruit!



Turkey donation drive

For the fourth straight year, our turkey donation drive allowed the community to provide poultry for visitors' Thanksgivings. Community members donated 138 turkeys and chickens!

Annual fundraising drive

In the spring, we raised

\$6,700.17

from 31 individual donors.



University of Maryland School of Music benefit recital

In September we raised nearly \$900 from a benefit recital that the University of Maryland School of Music held on our behalf! Student musicians played a wide range of musical instruments and genres, and many community members attended.

Giving Tuesday donation drive

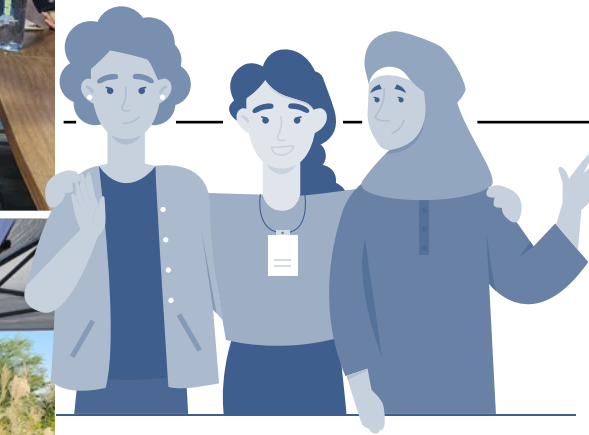
We raised **\$4,784.30**

from 22 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.



720 volunteers

2,425 volunteer slots filled

4,706 volunteer hours worked in 2023

Volunteer Groups

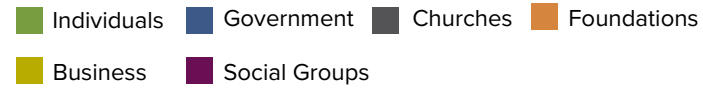
- Beta Phi Omega Alumni Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
- Bowie State University
- Bowie State University Descendants of Africa
- College Park Church of the Nazarene
- College Park Lions Club
- IKEA College Park
- Kappa Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Michael Morales birthday party
- Mt. Rainier-Brentwood Lions Club
- Our Lady of Vietnam
- Pallotti Baseball Team
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Roman Space Telescope group
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church youth group
- The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
- U Maryland Caribbean Student Association
- U Maryland Circle K International
- U Maryland CIVICUS
- U Maryland Club Lacrosse
- U Maryland Epsilon Eta
- U Maryland Honors Humanities Program
- U Maryland International Economics & Finance Society
- U Maryland Kappa Omega Alpha
- U Maryland Men's Basketball team
- U Maryland Omega Psi Phi, Chi Delta Chapter
- U Maryland Tau Beta Pi, Beta Chapter
- U Maryland Theta Tau
- U Maryland Women's Soccer
- U Maryland Zeta Beta Tau
- Wallace Presbyterian Church youth group



Our Donors

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

2023 Funding



Groups who donated food:

- Beltsville Adventist Church
- Blue Berwyn Farm
- The Bozzuto Group
- C3M Power Systems
- Chesapeake Math and IT North High School's National Honor Society
- City of College Park
- Clagett Farm
- College Park Lions Club
- College Park Moose Lodge
- Community Connect Calvert Hills
- Do Something Club
- Ebenezer Church of God
- Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital
- Girl Scouts Service Unit 22-5
- Home Depot, College Park
- Immuta
- Intelixbio LLC
- Martin Luther King Jr Middle School
- My Organic Market, College Park
- Mt. Rainier-Brentwood Lions Club
- North College Park Community Association
- Plot Against Hunger
- REID Temple AME Church
- Riderwood Lions Club
- SelecTech, LLC
- Terp Farm
- The StoreHouse
- U Maryland Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity
- U Maryland Alpha Phi Omega
- U Maryland Club Sports
- U Maryland Dining Services
- U Maryland Health Policy and Management Student Association
- U Maryland Research Farm
- U Maryland START
- University Park Lions Club
- US Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Library
- Whitt's Produce

Groups who donated funds:

- Aldi
- Ameriprise Financial
- Benevity
- Blackbaud Giving Fund
- Boettinger Family Trust
- Capital Area Food Bank 🍎
- Calvert Road Disc Golf Association
- Charities Aid Foundation America
- City of College Park 🍎
- City of Greenbelt 🍎
- Clark Construction Group
- College Park Church of the Nazarene
- Geico Philanthropic Foundation
- Huff Family Memorial Fund
- ICF Business Consulting
- Living Water Adventist Church 🍎
- Neilom Foundation
- Starbucks
- University of Maryland College Park Foundation
- US Charitable Gift Trust
- Vanguard
- Wallace Presbyterian Church 🍎
- Whole Foods

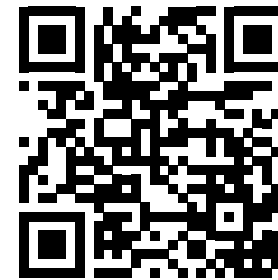
🍎 Denotes Sustaining Donors



Our Organization



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!



Board of directors, 2023-2024

- Lisa Bartusek, **president**
- Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe, **vice president**
- Julia Gage, **secretary**
- Todd Reitzel, **treasurer**
- Anita Cardwell, **board member**
- T.J. Hool, **board member**
- Andrea Stewartson, **board member**



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