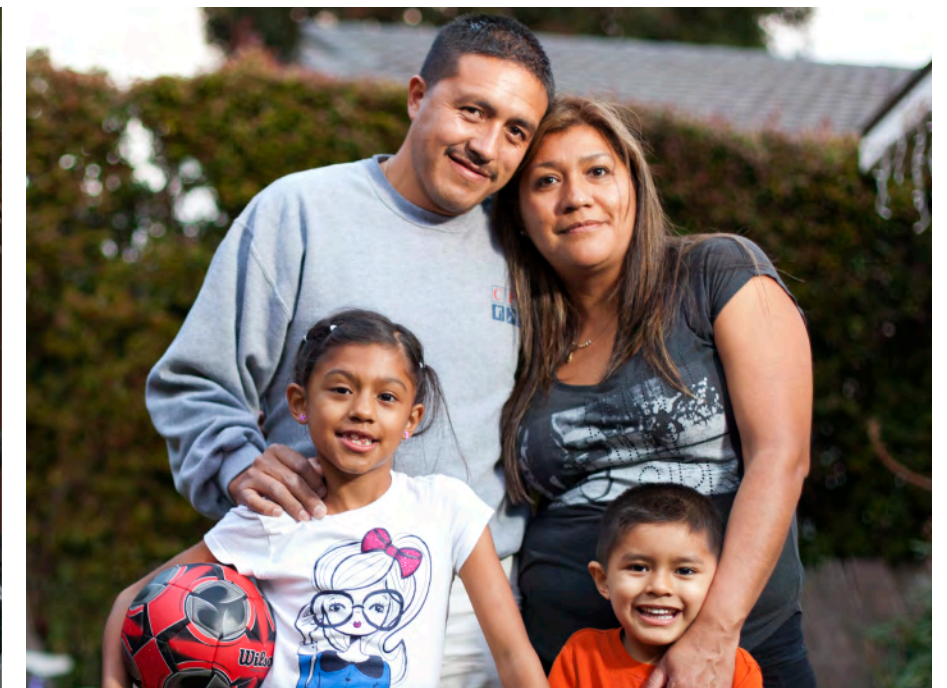


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## Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Annual Report

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



With the vision that no one goes hungry in Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has worked to mobilize resources in the community to alleviate hunger for 42 years.

In 2014 we distributed \$66 million worth of food (the equivalent of 48 million meals) to 280,500 clients each month through 690 partner agencies and more than 1,000 distribution and program sites. We are proud of those accomplishments, but there is more to be done.

National and local studies show that the number of people experiencing food insecurity remains at a record level despite improvements in the economy. Los Angeles County, the most populous county in the U.S., has the largest “meal gap” in the nation, so the Food Bank is continuing to find ways to increase the amount of food that we distribute while also linking people to resources such as the CalFresh Program.

We can only do this work with the support that we receive from the community. We are proud to report that 97 percent of total charitable contributions and other revenues go directly to programs.

For every dollar donated, we are able to provide four nutritious meals. We look forward to our continued partnership with you to fight hunger in Los Angeles County.

Best regards,

Michael Flood

## LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK FACTS

# \$1

provides 4 meals.



# 280,500

individuals are served every month through Food Bank programs.



# 1 in 6

people in L.A. County experiences hunger.



20% of food distributed by the Food Bank is fresh fruits and vegetables.

# 690

agencies partner with the Food Bank to distribute food to hungry people in L.A. County.

# 183,000

total square-feet of the Food Bank's warehouses.

# 25¢

# 25¢

# 25¢

# 10¢

# 10¢

# 1¢

# 1¢

97 cents of every dollar donated goes directly toward program services.

42% of clients served are children or seniors.

# 59 Million

pounds of food was distributed by the Food Bank in 2014.

# 27,000

volunteers donated their time to the Food Bank in 2014.

# 1973

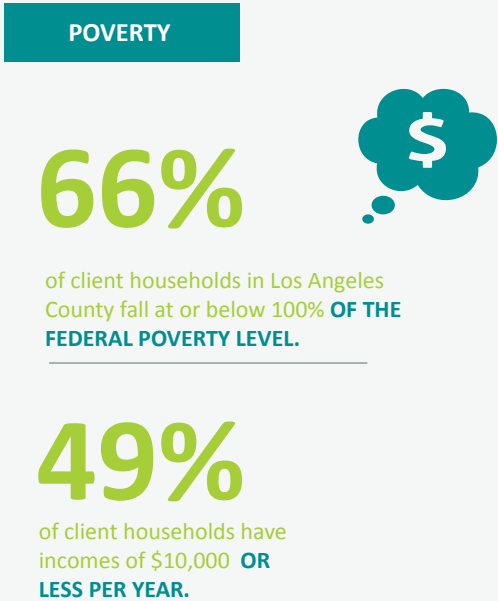
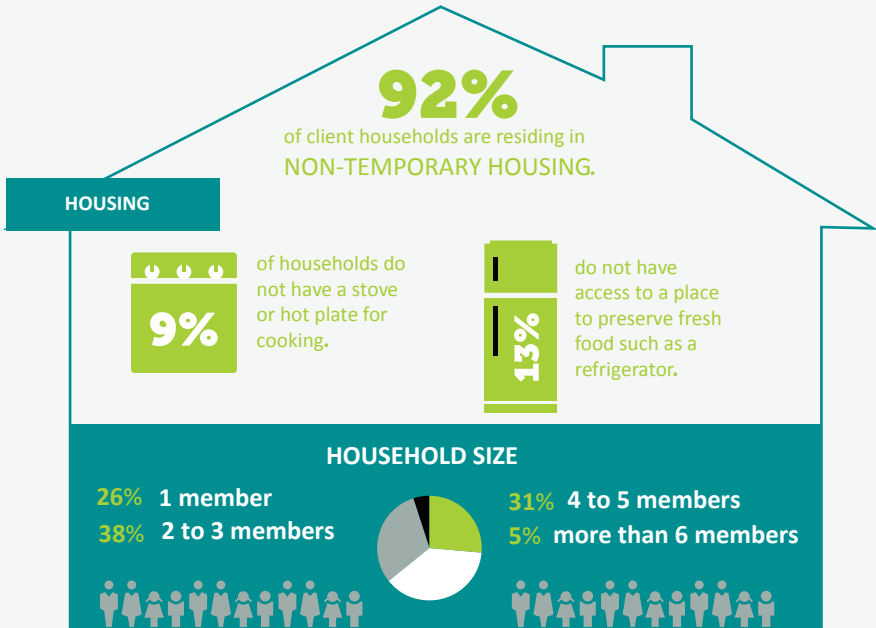
was the year the Food Bank was founded when Tony Collier, a cook in Pasadena, saw food going to waste and decided to give it to those in need. His simple act of kindness continues to give hope and has helped millions.



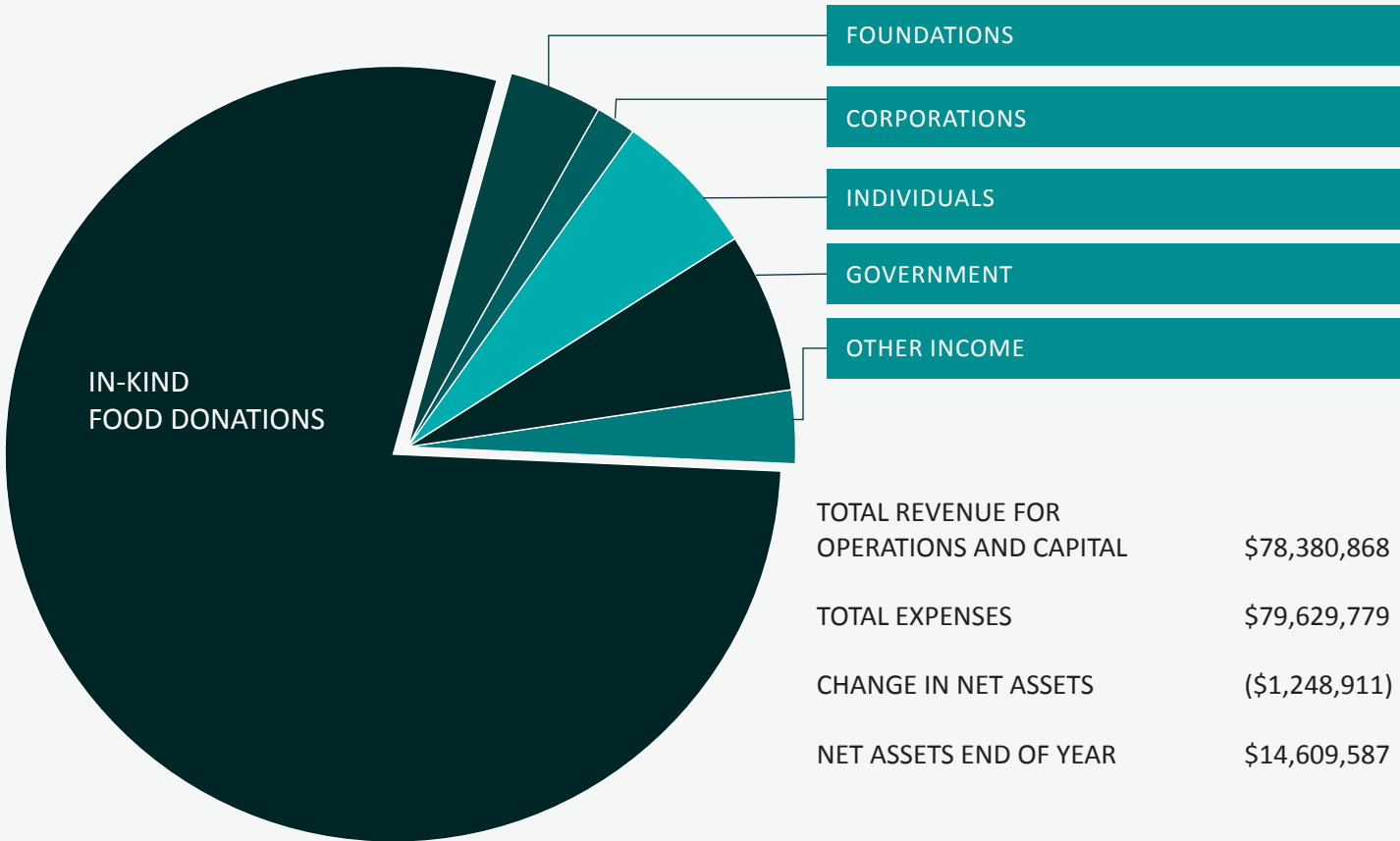
HUNGER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



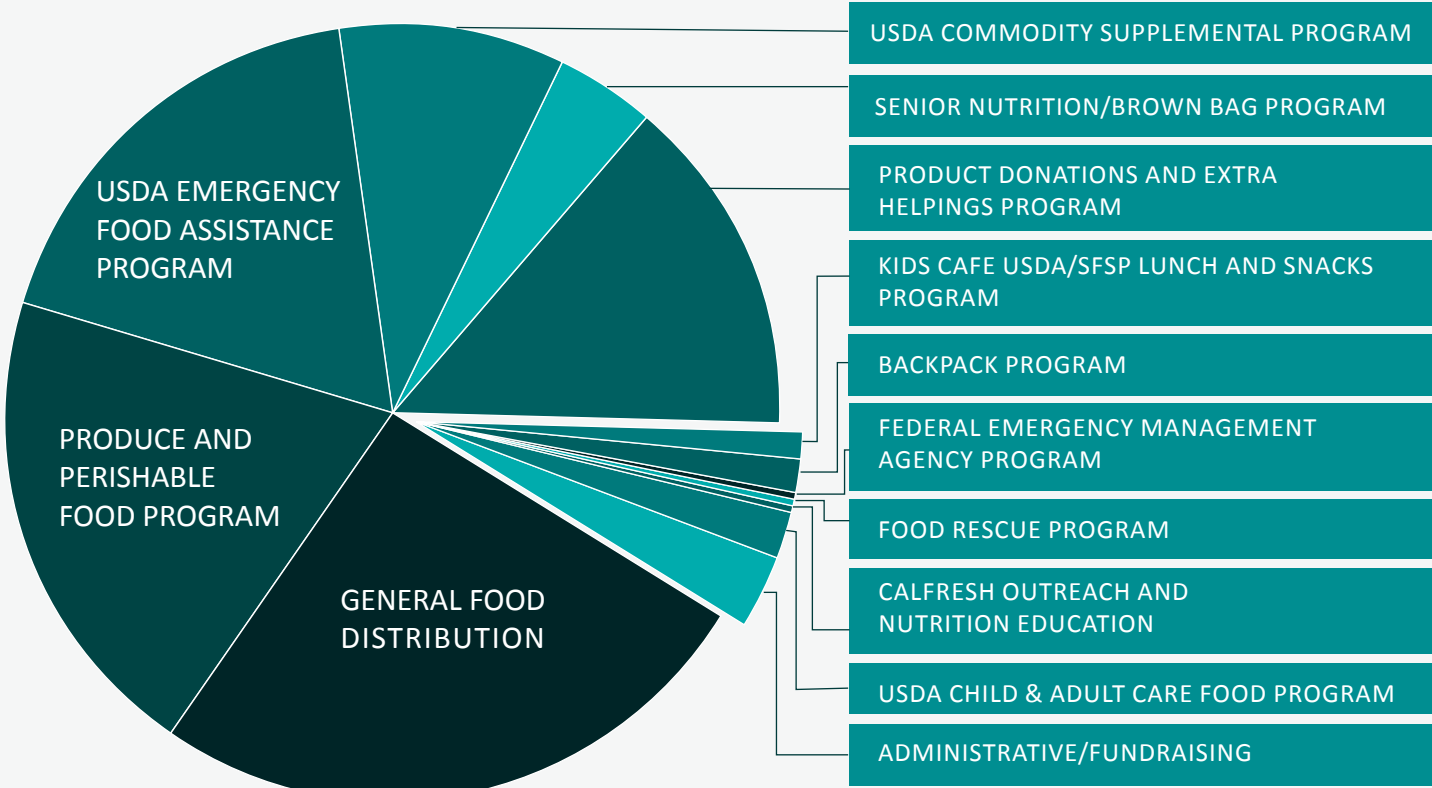
1 in 6 people  
16% of the county's population is affected by hunger.



REVENUE



EXPENSES





# PROGRAMS

## PARTNER AGENCY NETWORK

The Food Bank serves 690 agencies, which in turn serve people seeking food assistance in their community. Many agencies operate more than one location and there are more than 1,000 distribution sites throughout L.A. County. The majority of agencies are food pantries that distribute groceries to families and individuals. More than half of them provide other services to clients in addition to food assistance.

## FRESH PRODUCE PROGRAMS

Ten years ago, the Food Bank set a goal to increase the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables acquired and distributed. In 2014, we distributed 11 million pounds of fresh produce to our agency network and through Food Bank programs.

Acquiring, handling and distributing fresh produce adds complexity to our work and the Food Bank has developed a number of programs, including Agency Drive Thru and Rapid Food Distribution, in order to distribute produce quickly.

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Launched in 2012, the Mobile Food Pantry has become an important resource for the community.



The Mobile Food Pantry serves low-income families in underserved areas throughout Los Angeles County. We have 17 Mobile Food Pantry distribution sites, which serve a monthly average of 13,500 unduplicated clients. A refrigerated truck delivers a combination of produce and perishable goods sourced from the USDA and donated foods.

## EXTRA HELPINGS

The Extra Helpings Program routes perishable and other donated food from grocery stores and other local sources directly to Food Bank partner agencies.

Through this program, more than 7 million pounds of food was picked up by agencies and distributed to people in need in 2014.



# PROGRAMS

## EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EFAP)

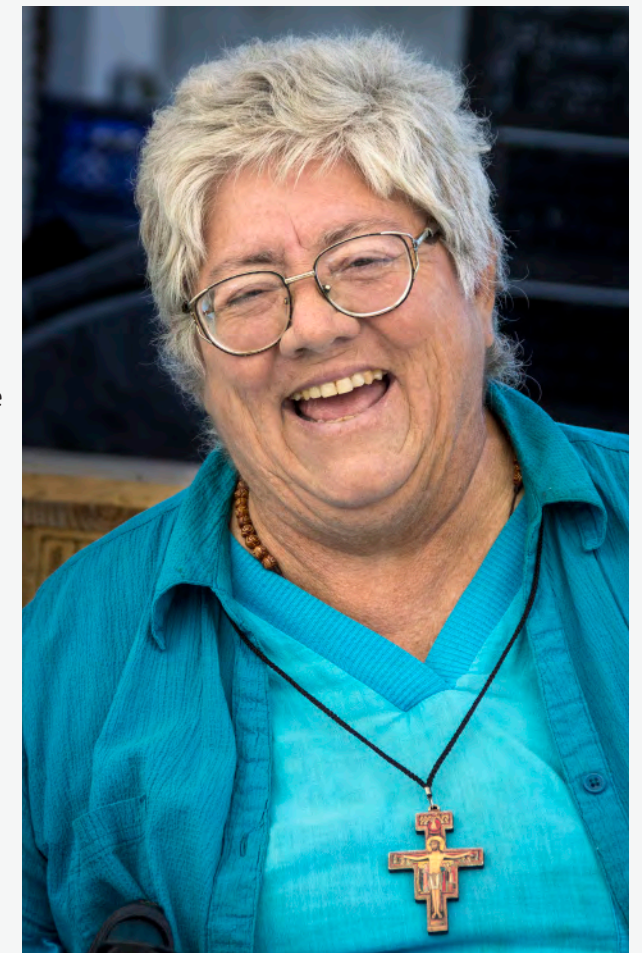
This program provides agencies with food from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Food pantries provide bags of food to families who qualify based on USDA income guidelines, while soup kitchens provide hot meals.

## CHILDREN'S NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Children learn better when they receive proper nutrition. At 42 sites, 2,600 children receive healthy meals after school. During summer months, the Food Bank expands the program to provide nutritious lunches to more than 6,000 children at more than 100 sites. Our Backpack program ensures children do not go hungry on the days they are not in school. Each Friday during the school year, children receive a bag of fresh produce and enough food for six meals. The Food Bank also operates school-based distributions of fresh produce and other foods.

## SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The number of hungry seniors is continually increasing. Faced with the need to choose between paying for rent, medicine or food, seniors often skip meals. Our programs provide monthly food kits through the USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program to more than 23,000 seniors monthly. An additional 1,000 low-income seniors receive



bags of produce and groceries through our Brown Bag program weekly.

## CALFRESH OUTREACH

The Food Bank's CalFresh Outreach Team helps individuals and families determine their eligibility and assists them with the CalFresh application process. The Outreach Team travels to Food Bank agency sites and other locations to identify people eligible for this program.

## NUTRITION EDUCATION

The Food Bank educates children, their families and seniors who participate in our programs about the importance of healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices. We also utilize a food grading system that helps direct our efforts toward acquiring the most nutritious foods available.