

Together

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



***Preventing and ending hunger and homelessness in
the Omaha and surrounding communities.***

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

In 2022, we continued to serve at record levels and in some ways our challenges are becoming more daunting. We are responding to the profound needs and lack of resources for those who live on the margins of our society. This includes people experiencing food insecurity and/or homelessness who are working multiple jobs, underemployed, disabled, those with mental illness, and a growing number of seniors. That said, because of an incredible circle of support throughout the year we were able to help tens of thousands of people in our food insecurity and homelessness programs during 2022, and continued to become a "go-to" resource for within our community.



In addition to the number of people we are serving, we are making critical strategic advances as an organization and community asset:

- After purchasing a space in 2021 dedicated to temporarily housing seniors experiencing homelessness and health issues, we have successfully transitioned 209 residents in 2022 via 707 case management interactions.
- We distributed roughly \$8.4M of Emergency Rent Assistance Funds through our Crisis Engagement Program to help those at risk of becoming homeless.
- We helped transition 77 individuals or families from chronic homelessness to self-sufficiency through our Rapid Re-Housing Program.

I wanted to share a simple note to one of our case workers from someone she helped who had been homeless 10+ years. This person had been in and out of shelters, living in uninhabitable structures, vehicles, and altogether lost with nowhere to turn. His note is simple, but his message to his case worker and all of us is profound.

I remain grateful to our community, stakeholders, and supporters for their commitment to our mission at Together. On behalf of those we serve and our entire organization, thank you!

Mike Hornacek

Mike Hornacek, President & CEO

*Thanks to Horizons Housing
Stability Program and
Theresa Moore helping me
to get my own place to
live. And back on my
feet. Thank you
much for what you have
done for me. You have
been great. Thanks*



NEW EMPLOYEE

Alicia Christensen
Director of Advocacy & Policy

In her role as Together's Director of Advocacy & Policy, Alicia works to advance policies at the local and state level to increase housing stability, safe and affordable housing, food security, and economic security.

LOBBY DAY 2022

Members of the Together family gathered at the capitol to lobby for multiple bills dealing with affordable and equitable housing in the state of Nebraska.



COUNCIL BLUFFS PANTRY'S 1st ANNIVERSARY

One year later, the services being offered at this location have grown to a choice food pantry, pantry home delivery services, a partnership with The Diaper Bank, and more. The work done in this building ultimately allowed an incredible 554,104 pounds of food to support 45,698 individuals over the past year.





77

Unhoused People
Placed in
Permanent
Housing

57

Short Term
Emergency Housing
Program Participants
Safely Housed



472

Individuals Served through
Street Outreach Services

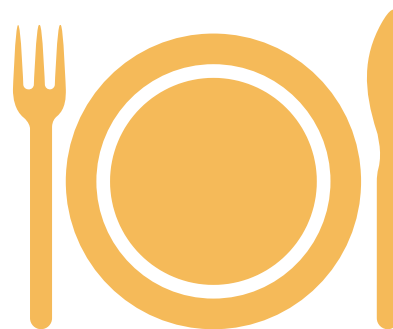
1,114

Individuals Served through
Prevention and Diversion
Services



3,045

Case Management
Appointments



3,166

Households Served by
the Food Pantry



141,216

Individuals Served
through the Food Pantry

3,552,095

Meals Placed at the Tables
of Food Insecure
Households



4,262,515

Pounds of Food Distributed

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY



720
Volunteers

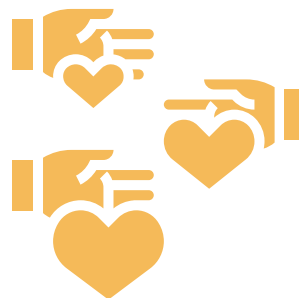


1,424
Volunteer Hours



\$42,648.80
Value of Volunteer Hours

264
New Donors



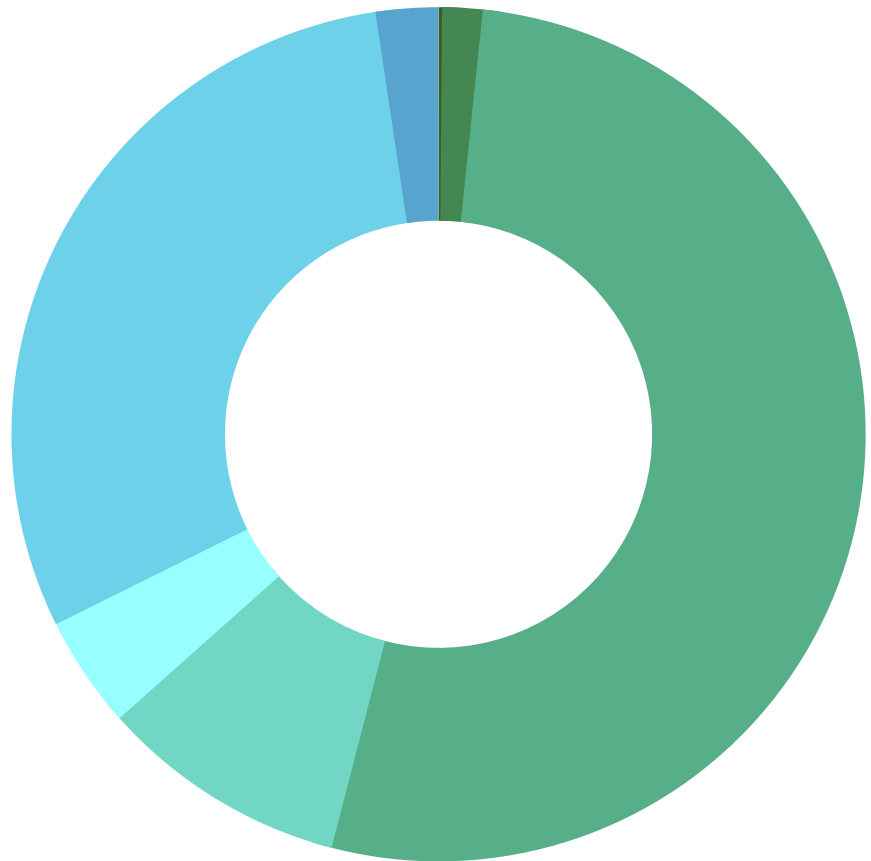
\$371,914
Given by New
Donors

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support; your dedication to our mission allows us to support our community to the best of our ability and brings us closer every day to preventing and ending hunger and homelessness.

REVENUE

Religious Organizations:	\$31,562.12
Private Donors:	\$365,168.90
Corporate Donors:	\$12,551,580.76
Government:	\$2,251,187.69
Foundations:	\$1,015,586.53
In-Kind Donations:	\$7,182,829.30
Other:	\$556,279.96

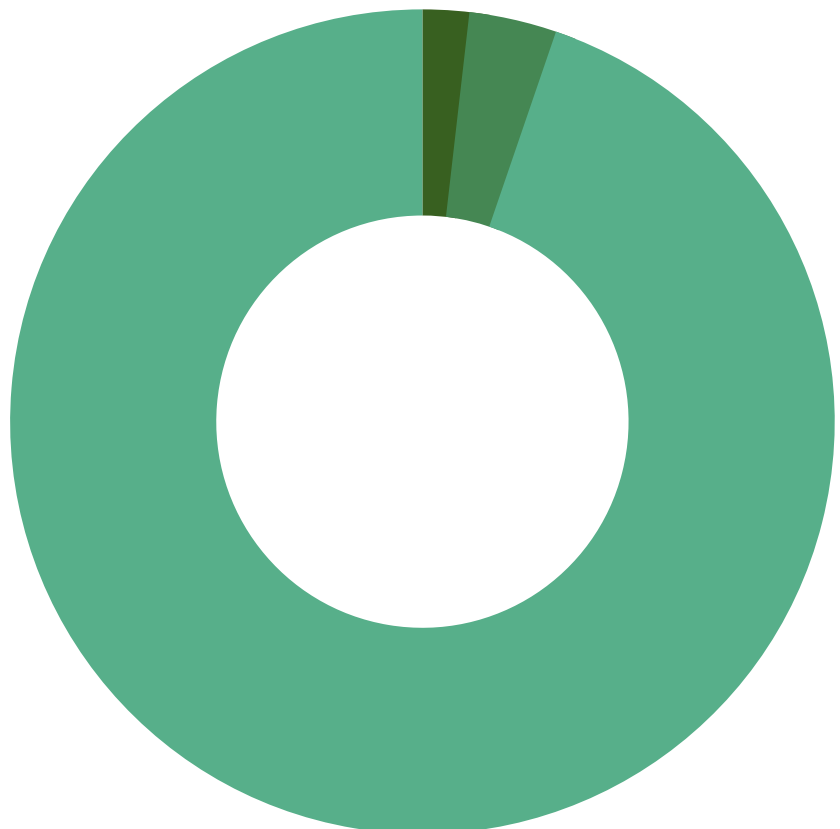
TOTAL: \$23,964,195.26



EXPENSES

Fundraising:	\$411,605.45
Administration:	\$775,260.10
Programs:	\$21,407,060.10

TOTAL: \$22,593,925.65



PROGRAM PARTICIPANT STORY



Shellie and Debbie have been best friends for more than 50 years, and have supported each other through some of the toughest times including the pandemic, the loss of Debbie's business, and now inflation.

The duo — who only live six blocks from each other — visit Together's pantry every few months to hold them over when food is low. Both women say the service has been a lifesaver during these uncertain times. "It's convenient here. They have a great selection of fruits, veggies and meats and a good selection of other staples, too," says Debbie.

Shellie agrees. "There's not a lot of places you can come to when you don't have a lot. It's so nice to come here and get the help you need when you need it."

Since they've started visiting the pantry, the two have noticed the impact inflation has made on the community. "We're seeing more and more people who have never been here. That's a sign of the times. "People can't afford gas or food right now," says Shellie.



For those individuals who find themselves needing help for the first time, these women understand how hard it can be to admit you need help, but Shellie says, it doesn't have to be demeaning.

"The biggest step is walking through the front door. Once you get here, you find it's not so bad. The people are so nice, and no one makes you feel less than."

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