

# IMPACT REPORT



FISH & LOAVES  
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

# 2023

# MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, our mission is "Ensuring No One Goes Hungry," and in 2023, that need was stronger than ever.

We've seen increases in the amount of food distributed and clients served as well as increases in our own costs and the cost of living for our clients. However, with the generous support of volunteers and donors, Fish & Loaves was able to continue serving the Downriver community and beyond.

This report reflects the amazing work our volunteers and community were able to accomplish throughout the year and highlights our major accomplishments. Your donations and contributions are put directly back into the mission.

We are so grateful for all the support we received in 2023, but with client needs and costs continuing to rise, we need you now more than ever.

Our mission cannot be fulfilled without the generous contributions from our volunteers, donors, and community.

Thank you for supporting Fish & Loaves for over 15 years. Our work is not possible without you and your generosity.



Stephanie McNees  
Executive Director, Fish & Loaves



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR MISSION

Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry is a 501(c)3, client-choice food pantry, **"Ensuring No One Goes Hungry"** in the Downriver region and beyond.

## OUR PURPOSE

Fish & Loaves optimizes the client-choice pantry model, affirming the dignity of the families and individuals we serve. Our purpose is to ensure families have access to comprehensive and long-term food assistance.

Fish & Loaves depends on the generosity of our volunteers, partners and donors to continue providing food resources to our community. If you are interested in volunteering, organizing a food drive or making a donation, please visit [www.flcfp.org](http://www.flcfp.org).



# OUR 2023 IMPACT



## 2.8 MILLION

### POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

Fish & Loaves is the largest client-choice pantry in the state of Michigan. Together, with help from our partners and our community, we distributed 2.8 million pounds of food to families in need in Downriver and beyond.

## 91,669

### INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Fish & Loaves serves individuals in need across the Downriver region and beyond. Our organization provides a diverse lineup of programs, including our client-choice pantry, Saturday Fresh Market, TEFAP, FOCUS Hope and more.

## 46,773

### HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

Families in need can count on Fish & Loaves to bridge the gap of food insecurity. As the cost of living remains high, families are struggling to make ends meet. We are dedicated to providing food support.

## 30,302

### FRESH MARKET HOUSEHOLDS

Fish & Loaves volunteers come together for our Saturday Fresh Market program to provide 25 pounds of fresh produce and a gallon of milk to anyone in need. On average, 800 households are served weekly during our drive thru distribution.

## \$327,000

### COST TO STOCK OUR SHELVES

Through our partners at Gleaners, Fish & Loaves is able to purchase food at USDA rates, allowing us to continue feeding as many people as possible. With the cost of food increasing, our average spend was \$0.67 per pound in 2023.

## 2,618

### EMERGENCY FOOD VISITS

No matter where you live, Fish & Loaves is committed to serving those in need. Individuals who live outside our service area can visit Fish & Loaves twice a year and receive a box of shelf-stable items, fresh produce, dairy and frozen meat.



# SATURDAY FRESH MARKET



The Saturday Fresh Market Program, in partnership with Gleaners, began in 2020. The goal of this program is to provide access to healthy and nutritious foods to those who need it most in our community. Every Saturday, volunteers gather at Fish & Loaves to distribute bags of 25 pounds of produce and a gallon of milk in a drive thru distribution.

## OUR 2023 IMPACT



Thank you to our lead volunteers, Denise & Dennis Murray, who lead our Saturday Fresh Market each and every week. This program would not be possible without their dedication and generosity!

**4,320**

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**30,302**

HOUSEHOLDS  
SERVED

**54,757**

INDIVIDUALS  
SERVED

**889,472**

POUNDS OF FOOD  
DISTRIBUTED





# VOLUNTEERS

Our work is only possible because of our volunteers.  
They generously donate their time and talents day in  
and day out to support our mission of  
"Ensuring No One Goes Hungry."

2,100 volunteers      24,000 hours





# COMMUNITY SUPPORT



In 2023, Advantage One Credit Union visited Fish & Loaves to learn about our pantry's needs. This meeting inspired AOCU employee, Lindsay Dennis, to spearhead a grant and collaborate with other credit unions to purchase Fish & Loaves a new van. She later joined our Board of Directors and her team volunteers regularly at Saturday Fresh Market. We cannot do our work without community support!





# OTHER PROGRAMS



## TEFAP

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal commodities program distributed in each municipality. Fish & Loaves is the distribution site for the city of Taylor, providing additional food support to income eligible residents. We served 1,327 Taylor residents in 2023.



## FOCUS Hope

FOCUS Hope is a food program for adults age 60 and above who meet the income criteria. This supplemental food program ensures older adults have access to food. Fish & Loaves served 1,549 individuals through this program in 2023.



## Diapers

Bottoms Up Diaper Bank, founded in 2015, partners with Fish & Loaves to distribute diapers to families with babies and small children. In 2023, we distributed over 2,600 packages of diapers, and Bottoms Up Diaper Bank bundled their one millionth diaper!



## Toy Shelf

Every year, volunteers at Fish & Loaves collect toys to give away during the holidays. In 2023, the pantry distributed toys to 1,445 children. Thank you to Fish & Loaves Volunteers, residents of Bridgewater Neighborhood, UAW, Bottoms Up, St. Fabien School, and Dunleavy's Bar for making this year's toy shelf possible!



## Holiday Meals

Beacon Baptist, UAW and MASCO provide holiday meals for our clients every Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, distributing more than 750 meals in 2023. Thank you for supporting our clients during the holiday season!



# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



Fish & Loaves depends on long-term support from organizations and companies who fight to end hunger. Thank you for partnering with us on our mission of "Ensuring No One Goes Hungry."



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

**\$50,000+**

The Ford Fund  
Masco Corporation



**MASCO**

**\$15,000+**

Advantage One Credit Union  
DTE Energy Foundation



**DTE Energy  
Foundation**

**\$10,000+**

United Way for Southeastern Michigan  
Zeal Credit Union  
Meijer - Taylor Location



**ZEAL**

**\$5,000+**

Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church  
Daily Church  
Load One  
Advia Credit Union  
Community Choice Credit Union  
Meijer - Southgate Location





# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## \$2,000+

Rotary Foundation  
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Gilead Baptist Church of Taylor  
PalletCo  
Ronald Brausch and Patricia Selby  
Timothy Rotz  
William and Mary O'Neil

## \$1,000+

Denise & Dennis Murray  
Beacon Baptist Church  
St. George Ladies Philoptochos  
Allen Park Church of the Nazarene  
Christina and Eric Scholz  
Frank and Jacqueline Carson  
Donna Terry  
Fabcon Companies  
Trenton Church of Christ  
Kroger - Community Rewards  
Harvest Worship Center  
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Democratic Club of Taylor  
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Dino Benedict  
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Lee Cagle  
Len and Theresa Tedesco  
Mayor Tim and Amy Woolley  
UAW Region 1-A CAP  
William Forrest III  
Community Focus Credit Union  
Meagan Grims and Richard Guardiola

# THANK YOU TO OUR 5050 PARTNERS

Allen Park Church of Nazarene  
Beacon Baptist Church  
Bethesda Baptist Church  
Beverly Thomas  
Daily Church  
Don Gemus  
Downriver New Covenant Church  
Evangel Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church of Romulus  
First Presbyterian Church  
Gateway Church of Christ  
Gilead Baptist Church of Taylor  
Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church  
Harvest Worship Center Church of God Prophecy  
Kirby Free Will Baptist Church  
New Hope Assembly of God  
New Wine Community Church  
Northline Church  
One Eight Church  
Our Redeemer Evangelical Church  
Parkside Church of Christ  
Marjie & Charlie Barnard  
Matthew Perry  
Southminster Presbyterian Church  
St. Constance Church  
St. John's Lutheran Church and School  
St. Kenneth Catholic Church  
St. Paul United Church of Christ  
St. Stephen's Byzantine Catholic Church  
Trenton Church of Christ  
Unity Lutheran Church  
Victory Baptist Church  
Wick Road Baptist Church  
Zion Baptist Church





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF



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Susan Aspden, Grant Coordinator  
Marjie Barnard, Bookkeeper

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Volunteer

Fish & Loaves depends on the donated time and talents of our volunteers. Individuals, families, companies, and organizations can sign up to volunteer.

Visit [www.flcfp.org](http://www.flcfp.org) to register or contact:

[bcooper@flcfp.org](mailto:bcooper@flcfp.org)

734-992-6285



## Make a Donation

Fish & Loaves spent \$327,000 on food in 2023. As the cost of food rises, so does our cost to feed those in need. By becoming a monthly donor, sponsoring one of our events, or making a donation, you are helping to continue our mission of "Ensuring No One Goes Hungry."

Visit [www.flcfp.org](http://www.flcfp.org) to donate online or mail a check to 25670 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

To sponsor an event or become a pantry partner, contact:

[smcnees@flcfp.org](mailto:smcnees@flcfp.org)

734-992-6284



## Organize a Food Drive

Food donations are crucial to our pantry, helping alleviate food costs for our organization and providing a variety of options to those in need. To organize a food drive, visit our website to see current pantry needs and drop off donations during our open hours.

Questions? Contact:

[bcooper@flcfp.org](mailto:bcooper@flcfp.org)

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# WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF FISH & LOAVES!

